



*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

1 John 4:7

**Mission:** Supporting and empowering the Reformed community in providing Christ-centred, holistic care to our aged and infirm through a Christian care-home.

## Executive Director's Report

Melanie Harthoorn

Have you ever planted seeds and checked on them an hour later, even though you know it takes time for growth? Our excitement can often lead to impatience as we want immediate results. When the Board of BeLoved Care first convened two years ago, we envisioned a supportive care home to be established within three to five years. If you're like us, you wish this care home had already been built, especially given the urgent need we see

within our families and churches. It's easy to feel impatient when progress takes longer than expected. While we may not be as far along as we initially hoped, we trust that this first newsletter (of many to come, LORD willing) will illustrate the steps God has guided us through so far. “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps” (Proverbs 16:9). We are grateful that God's timing is perfect and His wisdom far exceeds our own.



### Support Statement

*“It is abundantly clear that the work of the board is guided by scripture, to promote action in accordance with the Word, and to promote the dignity of human life at all stages.”*

Lethbridge United Reformed Church

## Looking Back



Although we may lament the seemingly slow pace, when I look back on the minutes of our meetings I can clearly see that God has allowed us to accomplish much. Here's a snapshot of our undertakings since inception:

- Established the organization's vision, mission, and values statements
- Became incorporated as a not-for-profit
- Created our website, [belovedcare.ca](http://belovedcare.ca)
- Toured care home facilities and developed a conceptual plan
- Presented to several local Reformed Church Councils about the mission of BeLoved Care
- Opened bank accounts
- Obtained our charitable status (this was a big step!)
- Signed up for a CanadaHelps account to receive online donations
- Received our first donations!
- Began engaging with Alberta Health representatives
- Surveyed various land options, made an offer to purchase 3.2 acres from Coaldale Christian School



## Looking at the Present

The Board of BeLoved Care realized the value of establishing a care home adjacent to a Christian School because of the many possibilities for mutual benefit, and we are excited to announce that the membership of the Coaldale Christian School voted in favor of selling a portion of the land parcel situated east of the school.

Although it is a conditional offer (based on re-zoning, subdivision, and permit approval), both the School Board and the Town of Coaldale do not foresee any difficulties removing these conditions. Additionally, a geotechnical engineering report was undertaken which was very favorable for building on the land. Therefore, BeLoved Care will now begin

working with an architect to finalize the design. Once this has been accomplished, we will determine the cost and begin actively fundraising. “For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to build it?” (Luke 14:28).

We praise God for directing our path, and we thank and praise him for all the help we’ve received from many of you thus far. From accounting, to virtual assistance, to financial aid, to engineering services, God has blessed many of you with rich talents, and we thank you for your willingness to assist this endeavor.

### Support Statement

*“We are supportive of the board’s stated objectives in assisting Reformed Christian families in the care of the elderly in our midst in a Christ-centred environment, in obedience to God’s command.”*

Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church

### Support Statement

*“In our culture the value of human life is under attack. There are many among us who have complex care needs and we believe they would greatly benefit from such a facility.”*

Granum Christian Reformed Church

### Support Statement

*“We believe this to be a very necessary and important work in the plans that God has for us. Those who face these challenges in this life can both be a witness and a blessing to all those involved. May the Lord richly bless you in this endeavor.”*

Grace Reformed Church, Lethbridge



## Looking Forward

God has indeed directed our path, and we ask for your prayers that he may continue to guide and bless the path ahead. God clearly commands us to care for the elderly and infirm within our midst, and we pray that God will use BeLoved Care to help us to fulfill this calling.

As we start to pick up steam, we will need assistance with various committees - building, finance, fundraising, and policy. If you have skills in any of these departments and

wish to offer your assistance, please contact one of the board members.

Although we have not begun actively fundraising, donations are always welcome to help cover annual incorporation fees, website maintenance, land development costs, marketing, etc. **Lord willing, the land offer will be successful, and we will need to raise \$270,000 to purchase the land.** If you would like to donate, please see the back page for more information on ways to give.





## BeLoved Care Income Statement

January-September 2024

### Revenues

Total Donations and other income ..... \$7,205.80

### Expenses

Professional services ..... \$2,789.85

Land development ..... \$6,825.00

Corporation fees ..... \$316.00

Misc..... \$123.81

Total Expenses ..... \$10,054.66

Operating Surplus/Deficit ..... -\$2,848.86

Opening bank balance (Jan 1, 2024)..... \$16,598.24

Current bank balance (Sep 1,2024)..... \$13,749.38

### Board of Directors:

Chair	Jackie Hofsink	403-382-9951
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### Support Statement

*"We agree that this is a need and heartily endorse this initiative. We will remember this in prayer and pray for a blessing on these plans."*

Bethel Free Reformed Church, Monarch



### Support Statement

*"We pray for the Lord's blessings in this work going forward in the hopes of building up our community and providing a place where the elderly and those who cannot look after themselves would receive the loving care that they need."*

Taber Canadian Reformed Church



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## DONATION DETAILS

- ☐ **DONATE ONCE**  
☐ **DONATE MONTHLY**

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## DEDICATION INFORMATION

- ☐ **NO DEDICATION**  
☐ **IN MEMORY OF**  
☐ **IN HONOUR OF**

## DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Address Line

City

Province

Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ **CHEQUE**

Make one time cheque  
payable to BeLoved Care

☐ **PAD**

For monthly recurring  
donations via pre-authorized  
debits (PAD), attach VOID cheque

☐ **E-TRANSFER**

Send E-transfer to  
donor@belovedcare.ca

☐ **CREDIT CARD**

For one-time and recurring  
donations. Online credit card  
donations can also be accepted  
at [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org)

Credit Card Number

Name on Card

Expiry (MM/YY)

CVV

*Please sign and date for all forms of payment*

Signature

Today's Date

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## THANK YOU!

*Thank you very much for supporting BeLoved Care!*

*Your donation is greatly appreciated and we will honour it with commitment and integrity. We will also provide a donor update on a regular basis. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.*