

Special Needs Fund

Late last year, MennoHomes established a Special Needs Fund with designated donations of \$4,600. Unexpected illness resulting in loss of income, or high heating bills during the winter, are typical cases that arise that could result in threats to safe and secure housing.

The purpose of the Special Needs Fund is to help keep families in housing operated by MennoHomes. From time-to-time MennoHomes receives applications from families who are short \$100 or so a month to meet the rent charged by MennoHomes. Also, unable to qualify for a government-sponsored Rent Supplement, and lacking sufficient income to completely cover the rent that has to be charged for a 3-bedroom unit, some families are unable to make the move to a secure and safe place.

By establishing a Special Needs Fund, MennoHomes is able to make the difference that counts. On cheques to MennoHomes, please indicate your support by designating the use to the “Special Needs Fund.”

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MennoHomes Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 2001 under the sponsorship of MCC Ontario as a response to the need for affordable housing.

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A Wonderful Christmas Gift of \$2.1 Million!

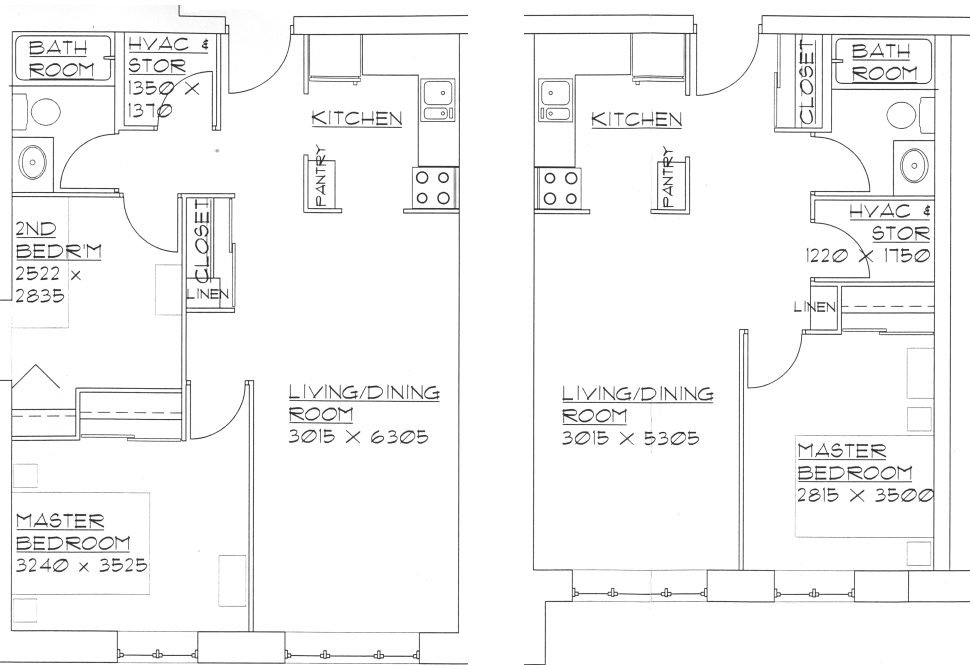
1420 King East Seniors Apartments

MennoHomes Inc is happy to announce a funding allocation of \$2.1 million under the Canada-Ontario “Strong Start” Affordable Housing Program.

The grants are in support of MennoHomes’ 50-unit seniors apartment project to be built at 1420 King East, Kitchener across from Rockway Gardens.

Construction is expected to start this Spring with completion and occupancy by the Spring 2007. Planning, site-work and drawings are well underway by Architecture Incorporated and Brian L. Shantz Ltd.

Seniors 55 and older who may be in need of affordable rental housing are encouraged to contact MennoHomes at 578-5546. Income guidelines apply.



Concept Floor Plan

Help MennoHomes continue to respond to the need for affordable housing!

MennoHomes is launching a \$1,095,000 campaign to help fund the 1420 King E. Seniors housing project.

To date we’ve raised \$520,000 in land and \$330,000 in cash and pledges. We have another \$245,000 to raise by end of 2007.

For more information, please:
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You can help through a one time gift, or pledge for each of the next three years.

Gift Enclosed _____

Pledge for 2006 _____

Pledge for 2007 _____

Gift-in-kind _____

(such as land, house, building for conversion to housing).

In the event MennoHomes has a house needing renovations and/or an addition, I would like to contribute my labour in the area of:

○ Excavation and Site Prep

☐ Concrete work ☐ Framing

☐ Plumbing/Electrical ☐ Drywall/Painting

☐ **Finish carpentry** ☐ **Other**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

email _____

Please return to:
MennoHomes Inc.
50 Kent Ave.,
Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1

**Thanks for your commitment to
Affordable Housing!**

Would You Like to Help with our Fundraising for Seniors Project?

Preliminary estimates called for a capital budget of \$5.8 million. To qualify for government grants, MennoHomes agreed to contribute equity of \$1,095,000 in land and cash (see chart below). To date we have received a gift of land (\$520,000) and cash and pledges (\$330,000). This leaves \$245,000 to raise by the end of 2007.

<i>Canada-Ontario Contribution</i>	\$2,100,000
<i>Region of Waterloo grant in lieu of Development Charges</i>	194,750
<i>MennoHomes Contributions</i> <i>a) land</i>	520,000
<i>b) cash</i>	575,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$3,389,750</u>
<i>Mortgage from Mennonite Foundation of Canada</i>	<u>2,410,250</u>
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$5,800,000

MennoHomes wishes to gratefully acknowledge the gift of land from the former Eastwood Mennonite Community Homes Inc. When EMCHI surrendered its charter in 2004, it donated the land to MennoHomes Inc on the condition that a seniors facility be built on the site.

Each unit will cost \$116,000 on average to build. To meet its cash contribution requirements (see chart above), MennoHomes will need to raise \$11,500 @ unit. *Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated.*



Site for Future Seniors Affordable Housing Apartment Project

How We Can Achieve Energy Savings

MennoHomes retained the services of Enermodal Engineering Ltd to make recommendations on how to achieve energy savings for its seniors apartment project.

The capital cost of measures to improve the building envelope, windows, mechanicals and lighting efficiencies is \$76,857. A federal government grant of \$47,234 (CBIP) is anticipated to help offset the extra costs. It is estimated that the annual energy savings will be in the area of \$25,422. Enermodal expects a payback period of three years for undertaking the measures. The savings will benefit both MennoHomes and its future tenants.

Refugee Re-Settlement House 39 Stirling Ave.

In partnership with First Mennonite Church of Kitchener, MennoHomes is operating a Refugee Re-Settlement House on Stirling Avenue North, Kitchener. MennoHomes is the landlord while First Mennonite provides the program supports to facilitate the resettlement of the refugee family residing at the house.

On December 31, 2005 a family of seven from Somalia moved into the house. On January 9 all 6 children (ages 5 to 12) were enrolled at Shepherd Public School.



Our Somalia Refugee Family Home.