### Vision

Caring communities where every person can thrive in a safe and affordable place they call home.

### Mission

We create homes for people in need of affordable housing. We develop housing that is economically and environmentally sustainable and includes supportive services.

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### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2018-2019 year was an active one for MennoHomes. During the year we walked alongside St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kitchener as they discerned how their church property might be reenvisioned to serve the broader community.

This led to a formal partnership with St. Paul's and joint ownership of this incredible redevelopment opportunity at the corner of Bridgeport Road and Lancaster Street in Kitchener. The timing was ideal. We were well positioned to submit a strong proposal to The Region of Waterloo for a new housing project that also included a partnership with Parents for Community Living. In mid-October 2019, the Region of Waterloo identified it as a priority project and approved funding of 3.8 million.

While we continue to work at developing new projects, we know that it is equally important to ensure tenants in our existing 105 homes remain well supported. The role of our Community Support Worker remains a key component of our work. We want to provide more than appropriate affordable housing. A place that tenants can call home.

The support of staff, board members, volunteers, individual donors and institutional funders is critical to our ongoing efforts to build affordable housing. Thank you to all. In particular, we thank board members Cheryl Buehler and William Wallace who left the board this past year. We are grateful to them for providing their time and expertise at the board table.

This coming year will be filled with construction activity and fundraising efforts. As we look ahead to the next number of years, it is evident that the housing crisis we find ourselves in will continue to take creative approaches, such as our partnerships with St. Paul's and Parents for Community Living. Large problems require bold collaborative solutions. Thank you for joining us to address the need for affordable housing.



Nancy Rege Chair



Dan Driedger Executive Direct

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT





\*Audited financial statments available online or by request

### WHO LIVES HERE?

With over 200 people calling a MennoHomes house their home it's no surpise that they come from all around the world. Here's where some of them were born.

