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Board Makes \$117,000 Donation Commitment to New West Perth Village Seniors' Community Development.

West Perth: July 24, 2019 - As Ritz Lutheran Villa and Mitchell Nursing Home come together in the new development to be called West Perth Village, Board Chair David Murray, Administrator Jeff Renaud and all Board members have kicked off the development and fundraising project with a personal gift commitment of \$117,000.

“The new name for Ritz Lutheran Villa and Mitchell Nursing Home positions this as a community effort and we thought the best way to commemorate that was by giving as a community of Board members and staff,” says Board Chair, David Murray. “The new name was developed during a series of community meetings over the last several months as the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care approved the project to go ahead. Now we have to raise our share of the \$25,000,000 needed to complete the work.”

West Perth Village Seniors' Community will replace the long-term care capacity at Ritz Lutheran Villa and Mitchell Nursing home. Phase One development is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2020. The \$117,000 Board gift will be added to the existing \$1.2 Million in donated funds. “We have a lot of work to do prior to getting shovels in the ground,” says Jeff Renaud. “We have to raise another \$3.7 Million in our community to fulfill our commitment to the Ministry. We have to respect and entrench the legacy of the Ritz family and of everyone in both facilities over the years. We have to create a Phase One that is inclusive and welcoming, and that honours a tradition of compassionate care here.”

“The government is looking to set new standards for long-term care facilities,” says David Murray. “We either protect our capacity here close to home by coming together as a community now, or we run the risk of it not being here in the long run. That’s something I can’t imagine. West Perth Village gives Perth County seniors the opportunity to grow old close to home in a respectful country setting. It’s hard to imagine anything better.”

West Perth Village Seniors' Community information and online fundraising can be accessed at ritzlutheranvilla.com/west-perth-village .

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