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<u>Misericordia Terrace</u> opens, offers independent living on the cusp of Wolseley Location, location

"As soon as I moved in, it felt like coming home," said Trish Cohen, one of the first residents to move into Misericordia Terrace. "It's such an interesting, eclectic neighbourhood and just a five-minute walk from where I grew up in Crescentwood."

Misericordia Terrace is the first independent living centre located in the heart of so many historic neighbourhoods – and its residents can't say enough about this ideal location.

When Lisa Powell's parents, Forbes and Lila, both 85, decided to move into Misericordia Terrace, she couldn't have been happier. Powell lives in The Gates and her children in River Heights, all within easy walking distance.

As a Misericordia School of Nursing Alumni, Lila's connection to Misericordia and the area was strong.

"My parents are so active," said Lisa. "I love they can walk to see us, but also that all the amenities they need are within walking distance: library, massage, gym, doctor, pharmacy, grocery ... really, no car is required."

Misericordia Terrace, with 97 not-for-profit rental suites, is Misericordia Health Centre's first foray into much-needed affordable housing. The Terrace is connected to MHC via a skywalk over Wolseley Avenue.

The central location in the midst of storied Wolseley and The Gates parklands was a bonus, but what Misericordia really set out to build was an independent living community - not just a building.

Unique community

While both Cohen and Powell enjoy the neighbourhood and panoramic views of tree canopies and the Assiniboine River, what they really appreciate is the unique community within Misericordia Terrace.

"I love that just outside the door of my suite is a vibrant community offering a variety of interesting activities," said Cohen. "The first week I moved in there was a speaker about Truth and Reconciliation and I thought: 'This is the place to be.'

"Before I moved here I felt I was getting older, but now I feel like I'm getting younger every day," said the 67-year-old who is looking forward to summertime on the outdoor terrace. "Staff are so engaged and the individualized attention is amazing, allowing people to have independence and dignity within community."

Powell echoed Cohen's description of Misericordia Terrace's one-of-a-kind community.

"My husband and I come for dinner frequently and the granddaughters often pop in for lunch," said Powell. "It's wonderful for us to know my parents are part of such a fun community, very authentic and genuine."

INTERVIEWS/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES at Grand Opening:

Trish Cohen, Misericordia Terrace resident Forbes and Lila Powell, Misericordia Terrace residents Lisa Powell, family member

Cliff Olson, Executive Director, Misericordia Terrace Caroline DeKeyster, President & CEO, Misericordia Health Centre

1:30 P.M. TODAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

It's the grand opening of Misericordia Terrace - at **691 Wolseley Avenue** - located in the heart of Wolseley, West Broadway, The Gates and River Heights.

Come to speak with the residents and family members to learn about independent living, stay for the panoramic views tour.

High-res photos of Misericordia Terrace available upon request.

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