

Newsletter

DAVID DRIEDGER, HAVENGROUP CEO RETIRING

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Difference!**

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Fifteen years ago, I stepped into the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for HavenGroup and the HavenGroup Foundation. As of mid-October 2023, I will depart from the CEO position and move into a new season of life. I can assure you that this decision did not come lightly as I whole-heartedly enjoyed the opportunity to work with innovative and supportive Boards, leadership, staff, and the community members such as yourself who

inspired me with a drive for excellence within Christ-centred values. In fact, being able to fully live out my professional calling and my Christian faith in the context of my vocation has personally been so fulfilling. However, after 44 years in the profession overall, I sense it is time to step away and say farewell. It is a bittersweet realization that life passes too quickly, yet I will continue to use the many valued lessons learned from my career in other facets of life with my family and as other opportunities of choice arise.

I want to express my appreciation to the governing Board and each member of the HavenGroup Foundation for engaging in the vision and 'heart' of service excellence, growth and advancement in care for seniors and vulnerable persons in our care. Your commitment to the Foundation is admirable. Thank you for the immense honor of serving you. You have repeatedly demonstrated what it means to be community. Our collective funding contributions have allowed HavenGroup to achieve many milestones, and in particular, one of the first fully functioning small house modeled personal care homes in Manitoba; one that others are now seeking to model their projects after. Well done!

I leave HavenGroup knowing that it is an exceptional organization with focus, strength and talent. I am fully confident that HavenGroup will continue to live out its Mission, Vision, and Values under the governing Board, Tannis Nickel (Incoming CEO), the leadership and staff. I look forward to what HavenGroup will yet aspire to, and, ultimately achieve, with strategic funding support from the Foundation.

Life is a revolving door of hellos and farewells. Until we meet again: *May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace (Number 6:24-26).*

Blessings,

David Driedger, CEO

HavenGroup Foundation Annual General Meeting

September 29, 2023
8:00 AM—9:00 AM

Rest Haven Chapel

Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 AM

Rest Haven Care Home
185 Woodhaven Ave

Steinbach, MB

RSVP by Sept. 15 2023 to

kmorrow@havengroup.ca

INCOMING HAVENGROUP CEO ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to announce that Tannis Nickel has accepted the role of interim CEO of HavenGroup effective October 16, 2023.

Tannis has served as the Director of Resident Care for Rest Haven Care Home for the past 16 years. Being a part of the HavenGroup's senior leadership team has prepared her well for this new role. Tannis



Tannis Nickel, Incoming CEO

is a leader who has demonstrated care and compassion for the residents and has led staff through many transitions. She has been involved in numerous resident focused initiatives such as DementiAbility and was an integral member in the design and construction of the new, small-house modeled personal care home.

The Board looks forward to working with Tannis as she leads our organization.

Emery Plett
HavenGroup Board Chair

Sizeable grant allows Rest Haven to install Automatic Door Openers

The Chief Executive Officer for HavenGroup is calling it a major gift they have received from Clearview Co-op.

David Driedger says shortly after opening the new Rest Haven Care home in Steinbach in May of last year, they realized that residents were having some challenges opening the patio doors within the common area space in each household. The decision was made to install automatic door openers and Driedger says they presented the request to Clearview Co-op.

According to Driedger, these automatic door openers are similar to the ones you see in public facilities, which assist individuals in wheelchairs wanting to enter. Driedger notes there are 12 households within Rest Haven and each of these households has a common area space containing a patio. Each of these doors now has two automatic door openers; one is about waist high, and the other is just a few inches off the ground. Driedger explains not all residents can use the one at waist level, and so the one at ankle level becomes necessary. These automatic door openers are on either side of the door, meaning they can be used by residents wanting to go outside, or those wishing to re-enter the facility.

Driedger notes installing all of the hardware cost about \$4,000 per door, with a total cost of the project around \$50,000. He says they are very fortunate that Clearview Co-op came forward with their sponsorship.

“We’re very fortunate to live in a community like Steinbach and we have numerous partnerships,” Driedger explains. “Clearview Co-op has been one of those regular partners and obviously it feels like we not only live in the community, we are community.”

Henry Nickel is General Manager for Clearview Co-op. He says when this idea was presented to them, they knew they wanted to take advantage of the opportunity, noting it is a way to give back to the community. “Giving back to the

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community is what we do as Clearview Co-op,” says Nickel. “We are supported by the community; we are owned by the community and so we like to give back.”

Not only that, by Nickel says many of the residents of Rest Haven have supported Clearview Co-op over the years and this donation is one way to give back to those individuals.

Driedger says providing the easy access for residents allows them to not only enjoy the inside space but outdoors as well. And, as a warm and dry as our spring and summer have been, he notes it is perfect timing for these automatic doors openers.

“People are really enjoying it,” adds Driedger. “We were talking to a resident who enjoys her tomato plant right on the deck.”



David Driedger and Henry Nickel test out the new automatic door opener at Rest Haven in Steinbach.

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