The Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) is an inclusive non-profit, non-partisan, multi-issue organization, whose members are civil society institutions such as: faith institutions, business associations, unions and community groups.

The Greater Edmonton Alliance works with members to develop leaders, listen to its members, and identify issues of universal concern for the common good.

One such issue is the Seniors' Home Care. After a series of consultative meetings with key stakeholders from local private individuals, provincial and city government, and in full support of the City of Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council working on this same issue, the result is the ‘Seniors Home Supports Program’, a project that the City of Edmonton has agreed to fund for three years. It is now in its **second year.**

**What is the Home Support Program?**

* City is divided into six districts, each containing a community seniors’ organization
* Each organization has staffed a **Home Supports Coordinator** to facilitate the program
* Services arranged for seniors: **housekeeping** (*vacuum, wash floors, clean bathrooms, do laundry, dust, clean the fridge*) , **yard care** (*mow lawn and do spring/fall clean-up, not including removal of animal waste, weeding gardens or planting flowers*), **snow removal** (*remove snow and put down anti-slip material to cover icy spots, not chipping ice*), **minor home repairs** (*clean eaves troughs, repair gate/fence and stair/handrail, change light bulbs, replace door knobs, repair flooring, install grab bars, clean windows without removing windows*)
* Each co-ordinator interviews private businesses and not for profit groups and individuals who potentially will provide the services, and builds a referral list
* Seniors can get referrals to service providers by contacting or visiting the community seniors organization in their district (see below)

Because this program is currently a pilot, it is contingent on how well it is used. We want it to become permanent, so getting the word out is crucial.

**Who Do I Contact?**

**Based on your postal code contact the organization that serves your district.**

For more information visit **www.seniorshomesupports.com** or contact

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| **District** | **Organization** | **Phone Number** | **Postal Code** |
| **West** | **Westend Seniors Activity Centre** | **780-483-1209** | **T5M, T5N, T5P, T5R, T5S, T5T, T6M, T5V** |
| **North West** | **North West Edmonton Seniors Society** | **780-482-1958** | **T5E, T5G, T5H, T5J, T5K, T5L, T5X, T6V** |
| **North East** | **North Edmonton Seniors** | **780-944-7470** | **T5A, T5B, T5C, T5W, T5Z, T6S, T5Y** |
| **South East** | **South East Edmonton Seniors Association** | **780-468-1985** | **T6A, T6B, T6C, T6E, T6P** |
| **Mill Woods** | **Mill Woods Seniors Activity Centre** | **780-496-2997** | **T6K, T6L, T6N, T6T, T6X** |
| **South West** | **Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors Association** | **780-450-2113** | **T6G, T6H, T6J, T6R, T6W** |

