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CHILLIWACK, BC

Gordon Porter, recently appointed **Executive Director, of the SAFERhome Standards Society**, (ShSS) is pleased to announce the ribbon cutting ceremony of **ENGLEWOOD COURTYARD** with the presentation of a cheque for the research contribution of \$24,000.00. This funding is provided by ShSS and the Home Owners Protection Office (HPO) as part of a research study for establishing the actual building cost of addressing aging in place with Universal Design and a consumer friendly toolkit.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 12:30 pm March 5th, 2015. SAFERhomes leading edge insights helped to clarify many of the building terms used today; UNIVERSAL DESIGN, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING, SMART HOMES and INCLUSIVE.

ShSS mandate continues to recognize the current population stats and the reality that the current minimum building standards in market housing do not meet the current needs of consumers and communities.

Aging Population (*from Statistics Canada*)
Population 65 and older in BC and Canada
2014: 16% 2034: 23% projected
Population 85 and older in Canada
2001: 0.4 M 2006: 0.5 M
Centenarians in Canada
2014: 7,000 2060: Projected 78,000

Mark Perry along with his partner Andrew Macdonald of ENGLEWOOD COURTYARD, determined that including the ShSS building codes and attributes would benefit and assist with sales for his unique 5 story, wood frame build on Keith Road in Chilliwack.

Perry saw a substantial performance in sales and while proud of his inclusion of ShSS, is quick to point out that in addition to the value added benefits, the location and the interiors also require mention.

Perry will be on hand to receive the cheque, and to demonstrate the benefits of building with ShSS that compliment his already higher standard of design and building.

The ShSS certification model, is supported by building inspections done at critical times by the members of **Applied Science and Technology Technicians Association of BC (ASTTBC)** to ensure the building meets with the codes outlined by ShSS. **Chief Executive Officer, John Leech** states "The SAFERhomes Standards Society is a great benefit for the homeowner," said John Leech, CEO for the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC, a professional body



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responsible for certifying house inspectors. "When an ASTTBC member inspects and signs off on a unit the owner knows with certainty that SAFERhome's high standards have been met."

Once the building has attained its certification, the units & owners are presented with a certificate that will also enhance the ability to resell with ease and confidence, as the outward appearance is that of a fabulously designed property, with innate abilities to accommodate any current or future physical restrictions to the homeowner.

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EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: Thursday MARCH 5TH, 2015

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: ENGLEWOOD COURTYARD
45750 Keith Wilson Rd
Chilliwack, BC

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Parking on-site & on street

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