

CHAA overview and history

The Christian Health Association of Alberta (CHAA) is part of Alberta's early history with roots that are long and deep. Our member organizations – many arriving in Alberta through missionary work – date as far back as the mid-1800s and include not-for-profit (NFP) Christian health and social/housing organizations. Our members are credited with establishing many of the province's first health care facilities in rural communities, long before Alberta became a province in 1905.

In 1943 these faith-based NFPs came together to establish CHAA: a registered society and a provincial association as the official voice of organizations anchored in the Christian faith. Our calling then – as it remains today – is to welcome and embrace residents of all faiths through service and programming for the frail, elderly and marginalized. A common thread among CHAA members is adherence to the mission and values that reflect the underlying principles of compassion and love for all.

Collectively, our member organizations have the equivalent of 650+ years of experience in the health and housing sector in Alberta. Our offerings include essential and life-enriching services to vulnerable Albertans in rural and urban communities in all corners of the province.

While our early years predominantly focused on hospital, auxiliary hospital and nursing home services, today's services encompass the entire continuum of community supports, housing and health care. Programming and facilities have expanded well beyond acute and long-term care to now include supportive living, palliative care, respite care, home care, day support, meal programs, and affordable housing for seniors and disabled adults. We are proud to be the longest-serving health providers in Alberta's history and a trusted partner in developing forward-thinking solutions for the care of the elderly.

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