



OUR MISSION

The mission of The Good Samaritan Society is to extend Christian Hospitality through a continuum of care to those in need or at risk, regardless of race or religious belief.

OUR VISION

The Good Samaritan Society will grow in strength, excellence and creativity in caring for others.

OUR VALUES

Healthy Relationships

In a spirit of compassion, we work in supportive partnerships and open our hearts to others by affirming their goodness and potential.

Hospitable Environments

We provide safe, comfortable communities inspiring involvement, where people experience a sense of caring, belonging and purpose.

Servant Leadership

We lead through giving of ourselves in service to others, by acting with courage in a trustworthy and ethical manner.



Two locations in Edmonton:

**Good Samaritan
Dr. Gerald Zetter Centre**
9649-71 Avenue
780-431-3901

Good Samaritan Place
8425-83 Street
780-413-3500

For more information or a referral:
visit www.gss.org (click on SERVICES).

CHOICE[®] Programs

Living independently
through the support of
the CHOICE[®] Program.





What is CHOICE®?

In partnership with Alberta Health Services (AHS), The Good Samaritan Society CHOICE® Program (Comprehensive Home Option for Integrated Care of the Elderly) provides seniors with complex medical conditions (who might otherwise be eligible for admission to a continuing care centre) the advantage of living at home by utilizing the support services made available at the site.

What services are offered?

- Physician care.
- Nursing care.
- Health and wellness education.
- Rehabilitation services.
- Pastoral care.
- Social Work services.
- Medications and Pharmacist consultants.
- Meals and dietary consultation.
- Transportation to and from the program.
- Recreation and socialization.
- Home support (based on assessed need).
- Access to treatment beds and overnight respite care.

What are the goals of the program?

Provide a safe, caring, stress-free environment with meaningful activities and stimulation designed to preserve remaining abilities for as long as possible.

Enhance the quality of life of both the client's and those in their support network, as well as to provide respite and support to caregivers.

How CHOICE® works:

- Clients come to a day centre a few days a week.
- They receive a variety of services from physicians, social workers, chaplains, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, dieticians and other health care workers.
- Clients benefit from regular social contact with other clients and recreational programming.
- In-home care, 24/7 telephone support and after-hours emergency access is also provided.

Who is eligible for CHOICE®?

For adults **60 years and older**:

- With complex, long-term health issues who live in their own homes.
- Willing to change their family doctor and pharmacist to CHOICE® healthcare providers.
- Can attend the day centre regularly using transportation provided.

For adults **60 years and younger**:

- Who are functionally frail, physically disabled, or cognitively impaired.

When does the CHOICE® program operate?

The CHOICE® Programs are open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and can accommodate up to 45 participants each, per day.

Is transportation available?

The CHOICE® Program has a contract with a transportation company to provide transportation to and from the centre.

How much do I have to pay?

Participants of the CHOICE® Program pay a monthly fee to cover non-care related services. For those who receive subsidies or for whom the monthly fee would be a hardship, the fee may be waived. The program staff and Alberta Health Services would determine this. Medications may be covered through the individuals' Blue Cross plan where they would be responsible for the 30% co-payment amount, to a monthly maximum.

How effective is CHOICE®?

The University of Alberta has completed a study of the effectiveness of The Good Samaritan Society CHOICE® Program that examined the medical and functional complexity of CHOICE® clients. Overall, the results indicated that CHOICE® clients at admission are cognitively and functionally frail. Emergency room visits and hospitalizations decreased one year after attending CHOICE®, compared to rates before attending CHOICE®. Additionally, the percentage of clients with falls decreased significantly during the same time period.

How can I enroll?

Contact Alberta Health Services Community Care Access at 780-496-1300.

Referral needed:

Clients are assessed by a Community Home Care Coordinator or their Home Care Case Managers. Call Alberta Health Services Community Care Access at 780-496-1300.