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Bergen Gardens Transitions to Concordia Village Honouring the Legacy of the Bergen Family

Guided by a founding family's values and a relationship more than twenty years in the making, Bergen Gardens finds a permanent home in not-for-profit senior care.

WINNIPEG, MB, September 3, 2026 — Appleton Holdings Ltd., which operates as Edison Properties, today announced that Bergen Gardens, an assisted living and memory care residence in northeast Winnipeg, will transition to Concordia Wellness Projects Inc., a not-for-profit organization which owns and operates Concordia Village in Winnipeg. Concordia Wellness Projects Inc., will now be the owner of Bergen Gardens, placing it in the hands of an organization the Bergen Family strongly believed in, and marking its formal transition to a not-for-profit entity.

Since opening in 2023, Bergen Gardens is now home to 140 residents and employs 130 staff. It will continue operating with a focus on continuity of care for residents, families, and staff throughout the transition.

Bergen Gardens was built by Edison Properties and named in honour of company founder Martin Bergen, who passed away in 2017 after a long battle with dementia. Twenty years earlier, Mr. Bergen and his daughter, Miriam Bergen, supported the founding vision of Concordia Wellness Projects Inc. through a donation that enabled the purchase of the land on which Concordia Village would be built, a connection both organizations describe as their legacy coming full circle.

"Every decision we made in this process came back to one question: what is the best possible future for the residents who call Bergen Gardens home, the staff who pour their hearts into caring for them, and the community that depends on this facility?" said Franca Cerqueti, President & CEO of Appleton Holdings Ltd. "We wanted to find a partner with proven experience and shared alignment. Amazingly, we found them just down the street in Concordia Village. We are very proud of this decision," she added.

Concordia Wellness Projects Inc. brings more than 20 years of experience serving the senior community. "We are incredibly honoured to welcome Bergen Gardens into the Concordia Village family," said Darren Klassen, CEO of Concordia Wellness Projects Inc. "It's a perfect fit, aligned with our vision of creating a community of caring and wellness, which is something we strive to put into practice every day." Klassen added, "Our highest priorities are the well-being of residents, supporting our valued staff, and ensuring a respectful and smooth transition."

Residents, families, and staff were notified directly ahead of today's public announcement. Edison Properties and Concordia Village have worked closely to ensure a smooth transition. As part of the transition, Concordia Village will spend the coming months reviewing services and operations to ensure Bergen Gardens continues to grow in a sustainable way that best serves residents and the community.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

About Edison Properties

Appleton Holdings Ltd., operating as Edison Properties, is a premier real estate owner and management firm established and rooted in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Following a historic, \$500-million bequest by late local philanthropist Miriam Bergen, the corporation operates as a unique enterprise wholly owned by Winnipeg Foundation. Under an independent board and management structure, Edison Properties oversees an extensive portfolio of multi-family residential communities and commercial spaces, ensuring high-quality property management while directing substantial profits to fund community initiatives and charitable granting across Winnipeg.

About Concordia Wellness Projects

Concordia Wellness Projects Inc. (CWPI) was founded in 2004 as a non-profit, registered charitable organization located on The Concordia Campus. CWPI oversees Concordia Village, which is dedicated to the wellness of seniors in the community, providing assisted living services in 460 suites across multiple campus buildings. CWPI also owns and operates the Concordia Hip & Knee Institute building and has partnered with Manitoba Housing and Eden Health Care Services in their management of Concordia Village 4.

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