

## **PROFILING OUTSTANDING ALBERTA SENIORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY**

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This week marks Seniors' Week in Alberta, a time to celebrate seniors and recognize the contribution they make in our everyday lives—both locally and globally. The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, a coalition of Alberta-based organizations working internationally, is highlighting the invaluable contributions that Alberta seniors have made, and continue to make, towards the goals of peace, justice, and poverty-alleviation across the globe.

International humanitarians such as Muhammad Yunus and Mother Teresa, and Canadians such as Rev. Dr. Moses Coady and Lotta Hitschmanova, are notable not only because of the causes they championed, but also because their commitments to justice were sustained throughout their entire lives. Their time was a gift they gave back to society, and today, we continue to see their positive impacts on communities across the world.

Seniors are not just an asset to non-profit organizations, they are essential. It is without question that the work of Alberta-based non-profit and charitable organizations would not happen without the support of dedicated seniors, who volunteer their time, resources, and wisdom to important causes.

At the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, a coalition of civil society groups, we are proud to say that four seniors from our member organizations have recently been recognized for their lifelong contributions by becoming members of the Alberta Order of Excellence. Janice Eisenhauer, the co-founder and volunteer Executive Director of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, dedicates her life to strengthening human rights and education in Afghanistan; Dr. Frits Pannekoek worked tirelessly to ensure those under-represented in post-secondary institutions were able to access education in Alberta: now, he uses his expertise to help women in Tanzania access a college education through Nafasi-Opportunity Society; Dr. Anne Fanning Binder continues to champion global health initiatives and the elimination of Tuberculosis, while making time to provide guidance to Keiskamma Canada Foundation and to ACGC as the Chair of our own Board of Directors; and this year, Dr. David Manz, co-founder of Calgary-based Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST) and the inventor of the biosand filter, will become a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence along with the others.

Throughout June, ACGC will be profiling Alberta seniors who have made a significant difference to our member and partner organizations by sharing their stories. These seniors are everyday citizens of our province, and often go unrecognized for their work. However, what they manage to do each day for our communities, and communities across the world, is outstanding. We hope their stories will encourage other Alberta seniors to get involved with organizations pursuing peace, justice, and solidarity across the globe.



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*The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development. ACGC works towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all. The Council has a mandate to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in international development.*

*For a list of Alberta organizations working internationally, visit [www.acgc.ca/our-members](http://www.acgc.ca/our-members)*

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