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"I was born in this house and I will stay here until I'm unable to any longer."

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Participants utilized photography to explore and reflect on a number of themes - including isolation and wellness. Citizens took their cameras into their homes, care facilities and around their communities. They photographed each other, their families, friends and surroundings to present images and ideas relevant to all seniors.

While each group lives in a different part of the city, they present

together to help raise awareness of experiences and issues that affect all elderly today. This booklet combined with the exhibit is a selection of those experiences.

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○ RURAL GROUP

Name
Flamborough Seniors

Number of Participants
6

Age Range
60 +

Group Description
These seniors are members of a church in Flamborough.
Photography has been a way for them to identify and express
challenges they face as a result of their geographic situation.



*“I have always been so active in the community but now the world must come to me.
I like my new home but miss my independence, my friends and my church community.”*





*“Leaving your home is hard.
Another hard thing about being a
senior is having to give up your home.
The changes of friends and familiar
places. Having to start
all over again.”*



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*“Always listen to those who are older
than you. They have experiences and
stories we can all learn from.”*





"The Freeway is my favourite place in town. I have met so many friends there."

"I listen and learn from my city and friends every day."





“When the buses leave Gore Park, I wonder where they will go.”



URBAN GROUP

Name

Freeway Seniors

Number of Participants

10

Age Range
60 +

Group Description

This group of seniors live in the urban core of the city. They meet at the Freeway Coffee House to share each other's company while engaging in activities, most recently photography.



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