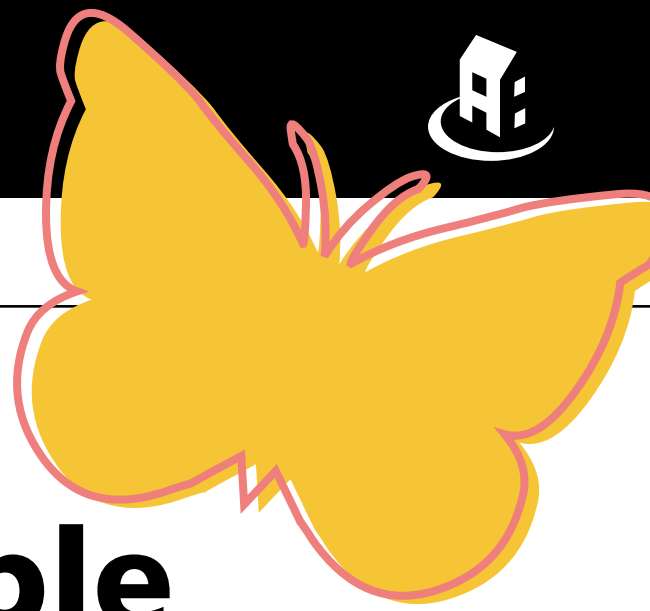




Seniors and housing co-ops:

# A statement of principle



Senior members should be able to live in dignity in their housing co-ops and to participate meaningfully in their co-op communities.

In support of these aims, housing co-ops will:

- look into and make use of available government and community programs to help seniors make their co-op homes **safe** and **accessible**
- gather information on community **support** and **referral services** for seniors that need them, and help older members take advantage of these services
- **help seniors** to **volunteer** in the co-op in positions that are appropriate to their interests and capabilities
- where possible, **add new units** for seniors in our co-op, or retrofit existing units
- offer reasonable **assistance** to seniors who **move internally** to a unit more suited to their housing needs
- not adopt voluntary **policies about occupancy standards** that would force seniors to move out of their co-ops
- make sure that seniors whose co-op home no longer meets their needs can **move with dignity**.

Adopted by CHF Canada members at the 2002 Annual General Meeting.



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