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✓ A year after opening, Marian Courtyard residence has only five suites unoccupied

By **FANNIE SUNSHINE**

The Champion

If you're an older person looking to live among other older adults, the Marian Courtyard could be the place for you.

Nearing the one-year anniversary of the adult lifestyle community residence, 45 of the 50 suites have been sold.

"We have five more units (suites) left to go," Martha Gleeson, chair of the Marian Courtyard board of directors, told *The Champion* Monday. "The suites are for immediate occupancy."

The four-storey building, located at 137 Martin

St. (behind Holy Rosary Church), is equipped with a lounge, craft room, library and a 24-hour security system. A wellness centre, which includes an exercise room and spa, is also available for residents.

Two part-time staff — a maintenance worker and activity supervisor — are also on hand.

"We have a room for a hairdresser to come in and a massage therapist and podiatrist," Ms Gleeson said. "We bring things into them (residents) so they don't have to travel."

All the suites in the Marian Courtyard are bought, not rented, she added. Currently, the suites

for sale run between \$114,000 and \$163,000.

If you want to take a look at the Marian Courtyard, tours are provided by residents everyday between 2 and 4 p.m.

"It's like one huge family," Ms Gleeson said. "The residents will decorate the place for Christmas or Valentine's Day, and once in a while they will have a pot luck dinner. Some people will move into the Courtyard because they don't want to be alone as they grow older. This way, they have friends throughout the entire building."

For more information regarding suite purchase, call (905) 878-9479.

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POOR IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY

The United Church Observer is a magazine produced monthly by United Church of Canada. On the cover of the February issue there is a picture of a child sleeping on a bare mattress and this question "Canada is one of the world's wealthiest nations. Yet 1 in 5 children grows up poor. Why?" A good question! We in Halton are a bit more fortunate because we live in a relatively affluent community. According to the Halton Social Planning Council's latest report, 1 child in 10 lives in poverty here.

Let's look at how the Observer writer, John Bird, describes life for a poor child.

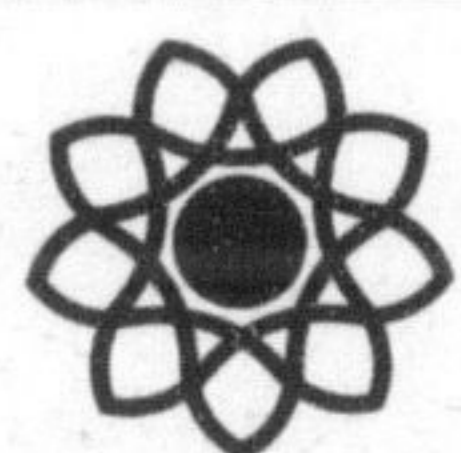
He says that it may mean getting through the winter with a thin jacket and cold, wet feet. It may mean having problems in school due to poor nutrition, untreated dental or vision problems, frequent moves from one sub-standard apartment to another, few if any books in the house and limited access to computers and other educational tools. The financial and

health stress on parents caused by an ongoing struggle with poverty may mean they are less able to support their child's development.

Education is the key to escaping poverty but under the present circumstances poor children are fighting against huge odds. About 35 years ago, the number of seniors living in poverty shamed our country.

A strong social security system was developed which assured a national minimum level of support during people's, older vulnerable years. Isn't it time that we did the same for our equally vulnerable children?

Submitted by *Wendy Schau, Chair of Outreach, St. Paul's United Church*



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