



Better
at Home

United Way helping seniors
remain independent.

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United Way of the Lower Mainland has been working hard with our partners, the BC government and agencies to find out how we can improve the lives of seniors in the Lower Mainland. We all know that more needs to be done to improve the lives of seniors and support them to age with dignity.

Today, I'm proud to announce a significant step forward in our Better at Home program – which will provide simple, non-medical home support services such as housekeeping, grocery shopping, home visits, yard work, home repair, snow removal and transportation to appointments - allowing seniors to live in their own homes for longer, surrounded by friends, family and familiar neighbours.

We have identified the first 18 sites that will potentially be part of the 60 Better at Home service sites to be rolled out across BC: Quesnel, Esquimalt, Cowichan, Langley, New Westminster, Vancouver (West End), Kamloops, Sechelt, Parksville, Abbotsford, Tri-Cities, Surrey, Richmond, North Shore, Penticton, Port Hardy, Williams Lake and Cranbrook.

Here is more [information](#) on Better at Home, how the program will be rolled out and the criteria for site selection.

One other point I'd like to stress is that Better at Home is a community initiative managed by the United Way and funded by the BC government. It is not a substitute for, nor do we see it replacing, critically-needed home support services provided by community health workers in the health authorities. Better at Home will always be supplementary to these services, and seniors needing more than Better at Home can offer, will be referred to the local health authority.

I look forward to keeping you up to date as the program is developed and sharing stories about seniors whose lives are improved through Better at Home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McKnight".

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