



You may have seen us working to revitalize the Chez Nous property in preparation for a supportive housing program that will help families in our community.

We'd like to introduce ourselves as Ranch Ehrlo Society, an internationally accredited and recognized non-profit organization that has been supporting Saskatchewan communities for nearly 60 years.

We deeply value the well-being of our neighbours and are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for everyone.

We look forward to sharing more about who we are and exploring opportunities to work together.



## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

**Families:** It is our hope that 12 to 16 families will eventually live at Chez Nous. This will occur gradually over the year and will be done in a thoughtful, manageable way so as not to disrupt our families or the community.

**Children:** During the day, children will be engaged in structured routines such as attending school or participating in onsite programming such as arts and crafts, music groups, or recreational activities.

**Staff supports:** Families will be supported with consistent, around-the-clock support from a team of trained professionals.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT

**Parking:** We understand how important it is to ensure that parking does not become a burden in the neighbourhood. Ranch Ehrlo is working with the property owner to plan ample on-site parking for staff. Our goal is to meet our parking needs within our property boundaries and to minimize impact to our neighbours.

**Managing traffic flow:** To avoid congestion, especially during busy times, we will be designating areas for drop-offs and pick-ups. These areas will be clearly marked and monitored to ensure smooth traffic flow, keeping residential streets calm and accessible.

**Public transportation access:** While we assist with transportation for most families, we will also be providing information and support to families to empower them to navigate existing transit options.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND INTEGRATION

**Admissions process:** Before families are welcomed into our supportive housing, a thorough admissions process is completed by trained professionals to ensure that the program is a good fit for the family and they are ready to engage in a supportive community environment.

**Ensuring safety and well-being:** Safety is a top priority. We have clear policies and procedures to support the well-being of both residents and the surrounding community. Staff are trained in family-centred practice, trauma-informed care, conflict resolution, and emergency response. We also maintain open lines of communication with local authorities and community partners.

**On-site support:** There will be 24/7 on-site support. Trained staff will be available to support and respond to individual family's needs. While we aim to create a home-like, non-institutional atmosphere, safety and support are always present.



## IMPACT ON LOCAL SERVICES

**School:** Children connected with our family program are already attending local schools. We maintain regular communication with local schools to support the needs of the children and will be doing so for children living at Chez Nous.

**Use of community facilities:** We anticipate families may use nearby parks, libraries, and community centres, just like any other neighbour. We are committed to working with local service providers to ensure that this use is respectful and sustainable.



## LONG-TERM PRESENCE AND REAL ESTATE CONCERNS

**Program duration:** This program is part of a long-term commitment to supporting families in need. While we are always evaluating and adapting services, this is not a temporary or pilot project, it is intended to be a stable, lasting resource for the community.

**Impact on property values:** There is no evidence to suggest that a well-managed, professional family support program affects surrounding property values. Ranch Ehrlo has operated in various residential areas for decades with positive community feedback and minimal disruption.

**Design features:** Our dedicated property management team will ensure the property is well-maintained to reflect a clean and respectable appearance on the interior and exterior of the building.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Ongoing engagement:** We welcome dialogue with residents to help clarify how the program will operate and to address concerns. While we are committed to open communication, we also have a duty to respect the privacy and dignity of the families we support. Community compatibility, safety, and shared success remain key priorities for us.

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