

ELIM VILLAGE VOICE

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Welcome Home!

The Lesser Known Version

The official Grand Opening of the Harrison on Friday, March 13, 2009 held in the Oasis, focused on the last milestone in completing the vision of being able to offer a full range of housing and care options at Elim Village. Of the hundreds who attended that event, most didn't know that there was another opening ceremony in the Harrison later that morning that focused on what the opening of that building means for its residents. Board members, management, a city councillor, staff and Harrison residents along with family members congregated on the second floor to celebrate the opening with speeches, ribbon cutting and cake. The residents in the audience represented many scenarios: spouses reunited and now living in the same community, friends who met at various programs in the city now find themselves living in the same building, residents who have moved through various residences in the village and have felt security and respect every step of the way.



So, as the official opening in the Oasis wound down, residents at the Harrison rejoiced, sharing food, telling great stories and exchanging good laughs—truly a home-style celebration. □

The Unofficial Version...

It's what gives Elim Village its character...

On Friday, March 13, 2009 hundreds of people came to the Oasis to celebrate the opening of the Harrison. Not long into the ceremony, from between the colorful flags that bedecked the stage, a head popped up. Cool as could be, a man had hopped onto the stage, whipped out a camera and, standing behind two rows of dignified coats and ties, started shooting the audience.

Who was this intrepid camera man who dared to go where all the other media had feared to tread? He was none other than a brave Elim resident from the Diamond.

In the future, the village will reminisce about the grand opening. The speeches will have been long forgotten but everyone will be saying... "Remember the surprising head that popped up between the flags?"



*View from the stage—
one intrepid camera man dared to go
where all other media had feared to tread.*

*"Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees,
so they camped there by the waters." Exodus 15:27 (New King James Version)*