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Ströndin Internet Radio announces Program #8

“Providing care for the elderly – the past, present and future”

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Ströndin Internet Radio is pleased to announce its eighth show in the series. This special edition is a spoken word documentary focused on some of the issues revolving around the care of the elderly in Vancouver.

During these past few years, the **Icelandic Care Home, Höfn Society** in Vancouver has had to go through much soul searching and debate. They had to make a very difficult decision – a decision that would drastically alter their course of providing care for the elderly. They decided to demolish their existing home with its multi-levels of care, lay off all the staff and start all over again – this time following a new path or ‘program’ known by the provincial health authority as “Assisted Living”.

Our program:

- The last event – ‘Höfn’s 58th Anniversary’ – celebrated recently at the Home on Harrison Drive in south Vancouver.
- ‘Memories from the heart’ by four surviving members of the now retired “Sólskin Ladies Aid Society”. These elder women take a nostalgic look back at the current home and the previous one on Osler Street.
- Albert Teng, newly appointed Executive Director of Höfn, talks about the issues that the current board of Höfn had to face, as well as the new direction of affordable housing for those elders who are capable of living on their own with minimal assistance.

We hope you will find this program helpful in understanding the issues and sentiments faced by the board of Höfn and all those Sunshine ladies who have given so freely of their money, time and love in the care of the elderly at the Höfn Care Homes.

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