



## **Leadership award goes to Accessible Housing Network**

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### **AHN urges government to make universal design mandatory**

The Accessible Housing Network (AHN) has been honoured with the prestigious Dan Benedict Memorial Award for Leadership 2021-2022, presented by the Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations (OSSCO). The Award honours the legacy of former board member Dan Benedict, who was known for social justice and his fight against ageism.

OSSCO lauded AHN's demonstration of initiative and leadership in tackling the causes and issues affecting an aging population, and AHN's collaboration with other groups to enhance the quality of life for Ontario seniors, empowering them to remain independent and live safely in accessible housing in our communities.

AHN calls on every level of government to make universal design mandatory in every unit in all new multi-unit residential buildings, both rental and ownership, by amending Building Codes and development procedures in their jurisdiction.

Jane Rowan accepted the award on behalf of the Accessible Housing Network at OSSCO's Annual General Meeting in September.

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**Dan Benedict Memorial Award** <https://www.ossco.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Dan-Benedict-Award-20212022-1.pdf>

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