



INTERLUDE 2

COVID in the House of Old: Through photographs

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Professor Emerita Megan J. Davies (York University) is a historian with interests in home health, aging, and madness. She has worked extensively in activist history projects that connect with community, including *Madness Canada/folie Canada* and *COVID in the House of Old*.

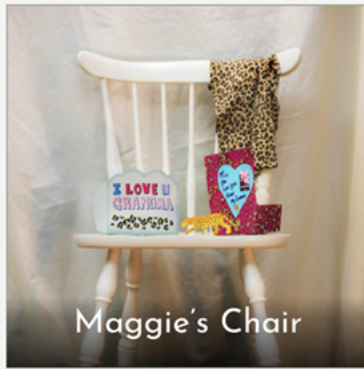
Canadians have let down our vulnerable elders. The COVID-19 deaths during the initial wave of the pandemic were alarming, and this troubling trend continued. We permitted residents to be isolated from the outside world, and we are still not providing sufficient support for the workers who give essential daily care. This is a critical issue of our era. Our response will be evaluated by our parents, our children, and our future selves.

COVID in the House of Old both honours and educates. Nine storytelling chairs share impactful narratives of grief, frustration, care, and love. We explore this topic in-depth through our podcast series and enhance the project's impact with educational resources. Additionally, our travelling exhibit is available for public display. We visited the Robarts Centre in September 2023.

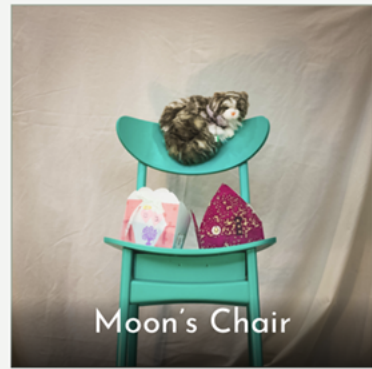
To see the full exhibit, go to covidinthehouseofold.ca. ■



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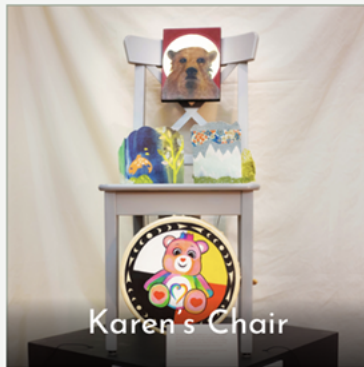
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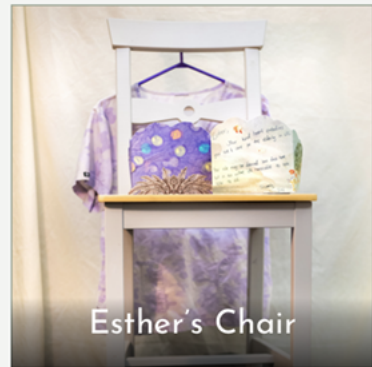
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