



It is with a heavy heart that we are writing to inform you of the sudden and unexpected passing of our friend and lifelong co-operator, Andrea Rogers. Andrea passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Friday, Nov 17, 2017 at the Grey Nuns Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Andrea was the founding staff member of NACHA and first Executive Director of Casa Housing Services. Although semi-retired, Andrea was our encyclopedia for all things housing co-ops. She continued to provide her expertise to her fellow co-workers, and her co-op clients. Andrea moved mountains for the two remaining co-ops that she provided co-ordination for; Kuanna and Kalaka. She didn't mind if they called her at home for advice. You couldn't find a more loyal or generous friend.

We can't think of a co-op that she didn't have contact with. She championed the co-op model at all levels of government and the belief in the concept of self-help and community was woven into her DNA. She was a voice of reason amongst unreasonableness, calm when there was a crisis, uber experienced, well-spoken and just the most down to earth steadfast person you could ever know. Her years of dogged dedication to the co-operative housing sector leaves a void that cannot be filled. To say she will be missed isn't saying enough.

Please visit the NACHA website for a link to Andrea's Facebook page to learn more about her passing and an email address that the family has created where you can share stories, images, reflections and condolences. Please indicate the purpose of your email in the subject line, e.g Condolences from First Name Last Name. There is also a Google drive that has been set up for you to submit your photos and share your stories. Similarly when you are creating a file name, it should begin with your Surname, then Given name and then description so that it is easy for the family to sort.