

NEWSLETTER

Hospices help to end hallway medicine

Our healthcare system is under great strain with hallway medicine becoming the unfortunate norm. According to Statistics Canada (2007), 70-80% of Canadians would prefer to die at home, but the reality is that 67% of Canadians died in hospital. A contributing factor is the level of stress placed on those caring for individuals at home, which often forces a move to hospital for the final days. Community-based hospices help to reduce the critical situation of hallway medicine.

“[Community hospice palliative care] is one of the best health and social care stories in the province working cost effectively to support people as they journey to the end of life by providing important supports for families at home or in the community. We keep people out of the ER, hospital beds and hallways, by providing specialized holistic care - medical, practical, psychological, social, spiritual and bereavement care - where people want to be”, states Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO).

The cost of a bed in an acute care hospital is \$1,100 per day. This cost is drastically reduced to \$470 per day in a hospice residence. (HPCO).

“Access to a continuum of health services is of utmost importance to Quinte Health Care (QHC). There is currently a gap in services in our community for individuals who do not require acute care, or who choose not to die in hospital but cannot be cared for at home. Another option is required to fill this gap - a community-based palliative care centre. Hospice Quinte’s plans to build a Hospice Care Centre is paramount to providing our region with this much needed option. QHC is supportive of Hospice Quinte’s vision to build this important facility and we welcome HQ as a vital partner in caring for our community.”

**Mary Clare Egberts, President & CEO,
Quinte Health Care**



Left to Right: Darcey French (Board Chair), Janice Coulter (Board), Michael Piercy (Board), Wayne Dewe, Andrea DiRocco, Colette Hilmi, Ross McDougall (Campaign Co-Chair), Jennifer May-Anderson (Executive Director), Bill MacKay, John Whelan and John Williams Campaign (Co-Chair). (Absent: Sam Brady, Susan Joyce, Ashley Rushnell, Joe Shunock, John Smylie)

THANKS TO OUR CAMPAIGN CABINET!

As you drive along Old Hwy #2 across from the Bayside High School, watch for the sign for the future home of the Hospice Quinte Care Centre! It was exciting to put our ‘stake in the ground’ on the site and take the opportunity to announce our remarkable volunteer Campaign Cabinet! We are so appreciative to have such a committed group of local leaders who believe strongly in this project. We look forward to the day the Centre’s doors will open and our community will have another option for end-of-life care, close to home. Thank you!

Special thanks also to our honorary Cabinet members and past board presidents Julie Lange and Dr. Jennifer Webster, a current member of the building committee.

From Personal Experience

Our family history with Hospice Quinte extends years back when my wife, Lisa, and her mother, Lois Vaughan, began volunteering for their special events. I later had the opportunity to advise Hospice Quinte on real estate matters.

Most recently, we experienced the loss of my father-in-law, Dr. Robert Vaughan, and are grateful for the valuable support Hospice Quinte provided our family when he became very ill. My mother-in-law was his main caregiver and they provided her with greatly needed respite through their volunteer home visiting program. It allowed her to step away for a short break knowing that he was in good hands.

I joined the Campaign Cabinet because I believe a community-based hospice in our own community is absolutely essential. Currently, the closest hospice is up to an hour away which places an added burden to an already very distressing time. I can't imagine being so far away from my loved one in the final days of their life.

The need for this new facility is growing quickly as our senior population grows - the need has become urgent - the need is now.

As a member of the Campaign Cabinet, I am committed to ensuring the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre becomes a reality for our community. This is why our family chose to designate gifts in memory of my father-in-law to the Hospice Quinte Care Centre project. We can't think of a better cause right now or a more appropriate way to honour his life.



Joe Shunock, Broker,
Ekort Realty Ltd.
Campaign Cabinet

Lisa Shunock
Chair, 2020 Gala

If you would like information on how to make a memorial gift in support of Hospice Quinte and the new Care Centre, please contact Louise Wood at 613- 966-6610 ext. 222

Why does it cost \$9.5M to build 6 beds?

The new facility is required to meet the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care space and design standards, as well as infection control standards - the same standards hospitals must adhere to. It must also have appropriate space to permit the moving of hospital beds throughout the building. "We're not just converting a house, we really are building a mini-hospital" states Jennifer May-Anderson, Executive Director.

Along with the six private client suites, the new 10,947 square foot Hospice Care Centre will accommodate a wide variety of needs. The building design and décor will provide a very family- oriented atmosphere featuring important gathering spaces, bright sunrooms, quiet rooms for privacy and a dining room designed with families in mind. Our existing programs, services and support groups will operate in the multi-purpose rooms, while a nursing station and medical services area will accommodate professional staff. An administrative wing will include staff offices and volunteer room. The Centre has also been designed to allow for an additional four beds in the future.

Along with the construction, the \$9.5M will support the cost

of furniture, fixtures, equipment and contingencies, as well as professional consultant costs related to the project and campaign. The campaign goal also includes a growth and permanence or sustainability fund to assist with the increase in operational cost over the first 3-5 years while we boost our annual fundraising program that will then sustain the ongoing operations of the Centre.

Please visit our website at hospicequinte.ca for more information about the campaign! Also, help us spread the word about the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre by sharing this newsletter with a friend or family.

**Have you or a loved one been touched by Hospice Quinte?
We would love for you to share your story with us by contacting
Jan MacInnes at janm@hospicequinte.ca.**



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