

NEWSLETTER

The Need to Do More

The demand for hospice palliative care in Canada is steadily increasing and will soon create a significant concern. With no hospice beds in our service area, those who would prefer to die in a hospice have to travel to Picton or Madoc. Statistics show us that:

- Seniors make up the fastest growing age group, and the senior population in the Quinte area is above the provincial average.
- 70-80% of Canadians would prefer to die at home, but the reality is that 67% of Canadians died in hospital (Statistics Canada, 2007).
- A recent report on palliative care indicated that 87% of Canadians required palliative care, but only 15% actually received it (Canadian Institute for Health Information).
- Only 3% of Canadians die suddenly. That means 97% of us will know that we are dying before our death, allowing us to plan for care, such as a community-based hospice (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).

The new Hospice Quinte Care Centre, projected to open in Spring 2021, will fill a critical gap in hospice palliative care services in our region. The Care Centre will better serve the needs of those near end of life and their families, allowing them to live well to the end of life - in comfort, with meaning and with support for their family and caregivers, all close to home.

Resident Suites Designed for Comfort and Privacy



The resident suites have been carefully designed to be spacious, bright, airy and private. They are as close to feeling like home as possible with calming décor, shelves for personal items such as family photos, and a private washroom. Large windows provide a view to the outdoors with access to a private patio from each suite. Loved ones will also have the comfort of overnight stays within the room. The Centre has four typical resident suites, as well as two specialty suites. One specialty suite will be equipped with a bariatric lift for those who require assistance in and out of bed, and the other will be fitted with special ventilation to accommodate smudging ceremonies. For centuries many cultures have used smudging as a way to create a cleansing smoke bath that is used to purify the body, aura, energy, ceremonial/ritual space or other spaces, along with personal articles. The suites are a home away from home and a place to rest, to receive care, to share life and to be a family again.

Ways of Giving to the Campaign

There are unique ways of planning your gift to the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*, some of which offer increased tax benefits. More than one type of gift combination may also work well for you. One way to give is in the form of a cash gift which can be made as an outright/one-time gift, or it can be a multi-year pledge.

“Over how many years can I make my pledge to the campaign and can my pledge payments be different amounts each year?”

Typically, the pledge period is three to five years. It is our hope that most will choose to fulfil their pledges within the three-year period given that the expense of building the new facility will be incurred during this period. However, flexible payment plans can also be tailored to each donor’s financial situation. Pledge payments can be of differing amounts whether provided on a monthly or annual basis.

A Win/Win Strategy for You and Your Community

It’s a wonderful situation to be in – being able to give back, donating to a favourite charity, making an impactful contribution in your community. It also helps when you can give your tax bill away! Do you want to support the Hospice Quinte Care Centre? Consider a donation of marketable securities. Capital gains on the donation of marketable securities (such as publicly traded stocks, government bonds, mutual funds or trust units) are tax-exempt and the donation is valued at the securities’ fair market value at the donation date.

How does this work?

Donations of marketable securities must be transferred ‘in-kind’ to Hospice Quinte. Typically, the security is transferred electronically to Hospice Quinte’s brokerage account and the donation value is normally based on the closing price of the security on the day of receipt. Most charities sell the security immediately to ensure the value of the gift is realized. Again, as a donor, transferring securities directly to the charity avoids paying capital gains. Should you choose to sell the securities and donate the proceeds to the charity, then capital gains will be applied.

We recommend that individuals consult with their qualified advisor about their own tax situation when evaluating and before implementing any tax planning strategies.

We believe by providing this level of flexibility, it will help donors to make a larger gift than usual, and will help us reach our goal so that the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre becomes a reality for our community.

The opportunity to make a gift of securities [see following article] is also available, as well as through in-kind. If you are interested in or would like more information on these types of giving, please contact Hospice Quinte and we will be pleased to assist you.



A Heartfelt ‘Thank You’

“I can’t say enough about your organization and volunteers. You made such a difference and helped so much, especially closer to Kiet’s end of life. It was not only Kiet who you cared for; the volunteers would greet me with hugs and ask me how my day went. I want you to know that the kindness, compassion and support that you showed to us made a true difference in our lives, and I will be forever grateful. It’s my pleasure to share my story - to show my sincere gratitude and help to bring some awareness to others that you are not alone, Hospice Quinte is here to help.”

- Kathy Tran, Hospice Quinte Client Family Member



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