

NEWSLETTER

Staying Positive and Connected

These are challenging and unprecedented times. We hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy as we navigate through the challenges of Covid-19.

The Premier's office recently announced that hospices across Ontario have been declared an essential service within the health care sector. At Hospice Quinte, we realize our programs and services are now needed more than ever given the health crisis facing our community. We want to assure you that although we have closed our office to the public, our staff continue to work to ensure our programs and services remain uninterrupted. We are committed to ensuring individuals nearing end of life, along with their families and caregivers, continue to receive the important support they need. Therefore, during this time of physical isolation, we have shifted the delivery of all our programs and services from in-person to providing them by phone. We also have a variety of online resources available on our website for caregivers, the terminally ill, and the bereaved. Our staff remain available by phone if you or a family member need our support. We continue to be here for our community.

We would also like to reassure you that the Hospice Quinte Care Centre building project is still moving forward during this challenging time. As per the Government of Ontario's announcement on March 23rd, "construction projects and services associated with the health care sector, including new facilities" can continue as planned. And, moving forward we are! Our site plan agreement has been signed, our building permits are forthcoming, and we are excited to have received an abundance of prequalification applications for the building project. We also continue to be on target to go to tender by the end of April.

The Hospice Quinte Care Centre is more important for our community than ever before. As hospitals are faced with the increasing shortage of beds, community-based hospices become increasingly more important to ensure people are in the right bed, in the right place, at the right time in their end of life journey.



Remembering John Williams

It was with great sadness that Hospice Quinte learned of John Williams' sudden recent passing. We had the honour of working closely with John over the past year as he Co-Chaired our *Heart & Home Building Campaign* in support of the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre. "John and I were Co-Chairing this campaign, and he was a great partner to have. Even in John's final days, his commitment to the campaign continued, wanting to ensure its success", says Ross McDougall. Jennifer May-Anderson adds, "John was extremely passionate and committed to the project, realizing a great need in the community for such a facility. He led the campaign charge, along with his Co-Chair Ross McDougall, with great enthusiasm and determination that was matched by few others."

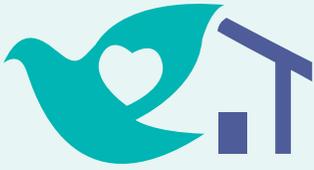
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John was instrumental in raising over 50% of the \$9.5M campaign goal in well under a year – a true testament to his powerful personality and willingness to be wherever, whenever and do whatever it took to ensure success.

Bill MacKay, Board Chair of Hospice Quinte adds, “Hospice Quinte found a true friend in John and we are honoured to be joining the many other legacies he has left our community. We will be forever grateful for his willingness to take a leadership role in the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*. He is leaving an indelible mark on the Hospice Quinte Care Centre – one that will not be forgotten.”



Did you know?

The Ontario Caregiver Organization has released new statistics stating:

- Two thirds of caregivers are still working.
- About 45% of caregivers find balancing caregiving with work stressful. 35% are worried about losing their job.
- 20% of all caregivers have admitted to having a difficult time managing work, have reduced their hours or left the workforce to manage their caregiving duties.

New statistics from Pallium Canada also state:

- Family caregivers provide more than 80% of care needed by patients with serious illness and contribute \$25 billion in unpaid labour to our health system.
- 35% of the Canadian workforce (6.1 million people) are juggling work and caregiving responsibilities.



Naming Opportunities Reserved

We are thankful for the generosity of all our donors and their support of the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*. We are excited to announce the Naming Opportunities listed below have now been reserved within the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre, in honour of several of our supporters and their generosity to this important project:

- Resident Kitchen
- Two of 6 Resident Suite Patios
- Staff/Volunteer Room and Kitchenette
- Family Consultation Room

We have a variety of Naming Opportunities still available. If you are interested in learning how you too can reserve one, please call Jennifer May-Anderson, Executive Director at (613) 966-6610 ext. 224



Resident Kitchen - Concept Image Only



Resident Suite Patio - Concept Image Only