

# NEWSLETTER



Brad, Heather and Ryan Williams

## Continuing John Williams' Legacy

The legacy of John Williams continues to be instrumental in helping Hospice Quinte reach its \$9.5M fundraising goal in support of the Hospice Quinte Care Centre. On Tuesday, June 2nd, Heather, Ryan and Brad Williams gathered to proudly present Hospice Quinte with a donation of \$152,500 in honour of John. This donation includes the \$100,000 initially pledged by John in May 2019, plus an additional \$52,500 in memorial donations pledged to date by loving family and friends in his honour. "We see this amount continue to grow as donations in memory of John continue to flow into Hospice Quinte and Rushnell Funeral Home on a regular basis," says Jennifer May-Anderson, Executive Director.

John's wife Heather Williams shared, "Our whole family is extremely honoured that so many donations were made to Hospice Quinte in John's name for the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*," says Williams. "This was a cause very close to John's heart and we experienced first-hand how important this is for families!"

"There is no question of the need for a Hospice Quinte Care Centre in our community. Dad felt this wholeheartedly, especially at his end of life, when he was in fact in hospice care.

He knew we needed a community-based centre to support the Bay of Quinte region," says son, Ryan Williams.

Additionally, John's son, Brad Williams, has joined the *Heart & Home Building Campaign* as a Cabinet Member, embracing the importance of the cause and his father's legacy.

"The *Heart & Home Building Campaign* was very important to my father, and I am so glad we can continue to support this initiative. I truly believe that hospice care made Dad's last weeks worth living," says Brad Williams. "I thought I knew how important hospice care and hospice care workers are, however, I don't think you can truly appreciate the value of this service until you live through it. I would like to thank all of the health care professionals that helped our family through our very difficult time. The home care nurses, Michelle and Bree, Dr. Glenn Griffin, Dr. Iris Noland, and the entire Hospice Quinte team. Without your support and delicate handling of Dad's final weeks, our hearts and minds would not be at peace. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

We are thrilled that Brad has joined our Campaign Cabinet. We look forward to working with him to honor his father's legacy and to make the Hospice Quinte Care Centre a reality!

# More Naming Opportunities Reserved!



Sunroom - Concept Image Only

We are excited to announce that the following new Naming Opportunities have been reserved by three new donors to the *Heart & Home Building Campaign* within the Hospice Quinte Care Centre:

- Sunroom
- Administration Office
- Medical Room

We are thankful for the generosity of all our donors and their support of the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*. We have a variety of Naming Opportunities still available. If you are interested in learning how you too can reserve one, please call Sandi Ramsay, Donor Relations Manager at (613) 966-6610 ext. 228.

## One Step Closer...

We are excited to share that we are one step closer to the start of construction for the Hospice Quinte Care Centre. Our building permit has been approved by the City of Quinte West, and our selected qualified contractor has been sent to the Ministry of Health for final approval. We look forward to being able to begin construction and continue to plan for ground-breaking in August 2020.

We are also happy to share that following the Phase 2 COVID directives from the provincial government, the Bayview Mall opened on June 12th. This allowed us to begin slowly resuming to normal, starting with our offices being open to the public again. Throughout the summer, Hospice Quinte will continue with peer phone support for those seeking Bereavement or Caregiver Support services. Our volunteers will also continue to provide support by telephone to our In-Home Visiting clients.

Because of the current situation our community is enduring, we anticipate that bereavement support needs may outstrip the availability and skills of our volunteers. Unfortunately, there are members of our communities that may not be able to be with their loved ones at time of death or participate in a memorial or funeral service after death. In an effort to provide bereavement support during this increased time of need, we have connected with clergy to whom we can refer

## Reception & Waiting Area

The homey nostalgia of the Reception and Waiting Area warmly welcomes each guest to the Hospice Quinte Care Centre. This space will provide a quiet spot to wait for visiting family and friends, or to pause a while before visiting with a loved one. Our *Heart & Home Building Campaign* Donor Wall will also be proudly displayed in the Reception Area and will honour all those who supported the dream of a compassionate and caring place to go, in our own community, at end of life. The Reception and Waiting Area is also available as a naming opportunity.



individuals for emotional support during their caregiving and bereavement needs. Additionally, we have expanded our services during the pandemic to include Peer Caregiver Support via phone and immediate Peer Bereavement Support by phone.

We continue to be available to answer any of your questions at (613) 966-6610. We also have a wealth of information and resources available online anytime for caregivers, the terminally ill and the bereaved, at [hospicequinte.ca](http://hospicequinte.ca).

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