



## Our Goal

**\$15 million**

Help us bring residential Hospice care home to Durham Region

### **About Durham Region Hospice Campaign**

Durham Region Hospice is a partnership between Durham Hospice and VON Durham Community Corporation that was formed to raise \$15 million toward the construction of residential hospices in Whitby and Clarington via a capital campaign.

The campaign is aligned with a provincial government commitment to making it easier for families in Durham Region to access end-of-life and palliative care.

There are two phases to the campaign with Phase 1 focused on the funds needed for the construction of the two hospices, and Phase 2 on the funds needed to furnish and equip the hospices as well as to ensure the first two years of operating. To date we have raised 70% of our goal!

### **Ministry of Health Announces... (see full story on page 2)**



#### **January 2020**

Battle of the Apps Committee presents \$12,500

#### **December 2019**

Year-end fund raising push raises \$230,000

#### **November 2019**

Handbags for Hospice raises over \$50,000

#### **October 2019**

Clarington Toyota donates \$50,000

#### **September 2019**

Golf for Good raises \$130,000

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## Approval of four additional hospice beds in Clarington

On February 6, 2020, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, was at the Bowmanville Older Adult Association to announce one-time capital funding to support the construction of four additional beds at Durham Region Hospice, Clarington site. This funding will bring the total number of hospice beds to nine for a combined total of 19 hospice beds in Whitby and Clarington.

"Our government is building more hospice beds to help patients and families receive the compassionate end-of-life care they expect and deserve as part of our plan to end hallway health care," said Elliott. "Durham Region Hospice will provide patients in Durham Region with palliative care in a comfortable home-like space, where they can be close to loved ones."

Durham Region Hospice will provide 24/7 professional nursing and personal support services, caregiver supports, grief and bereavement services, and pain and symptom management.

"We are tremendously grateful to the Ministry of Health for their investment in new hospice beds in Clarington that will serve all residents of Durham Region," said Melodie Zarzeczny, Chair of Durham Region Hospice Clarington. "With support from the Ministry, elected officials at all levels, businesses and residents across the region, we will soon be able to offer patients the end-of-life comfort, care and compassion that hospices encompass."



### Handbags for Hospice 2019

was another sold out event with over 350 guests coming together to enjoy great food, fun and friendship while helping to raise over \$50,000 for Durham Region Hospice.



### A huge thank you to The Henry Mortgage Team

Randy and Diane Henry had already donated \$20,000 which inspired their son Kurt and daughter in law Kim to donate \$30,000 bringing the Henry family total to \$50,000.



### Thank You Kinsmen Club of Oshawa!

President Dan presented us with a cheque for \$10,000. Joyce Marshall spoke to the members about the urgent need for hospices in Durham Region.

# Project Updates



## Clarington Hospice

- The hospice board and committees have been working hard to move the project along
- All architectural plans are ready and approved
- Regional and Ministry approvals pending
- Land Title Transfer discussions have commenced with the Municipality of Clarington



## Whitby Hospice

- 10 Beds 16,750 sq.ft.
- Town of Whitby: Site Plan Application submission in mid-February
- Ministry of Health : 90% documentation submitted on January 23rd, 2020
- Town of Whitby: Land Title Transfer discussions with town have commenced

## Why I Gave **Retired Nurse** Donates \$30,000



**Elaine & Fiore Mendicino** made a very generous donation in memory of Frank Mendicino,

Fiore's late brother to the Durham Region Hospice capital campaign. *"I am a retired Registered Nurse having worked for 41 years. In the late '80's I transitioned from hospital to the community, working for 27 years providing support to patients and families in their homes, with many of those dealing with end stage illnesses.*

*I knew of Residential Hospice services available in Europe and then here in Canada and could never understand why those services were not here in Durham Region. When I recently learned of the plan to build facilities here I thought "it's about time" and was very happy to see that there would be this wonderful service in our area.*

*So many of the patients I had the privilege to meet and provide support to over all these years expressed their desire for being at home until the end. Some families and patients were able to have their wish realized but so many others were not for a variety of reasons but it was hospital or home and if home wasn't possible they had no other option. Finally that will end with these facilities. It's a wonderful thing and I want to do my part to see that it is realized. I hope others will join in by making a donation that matters, it could be any of us having the need, at the end of our time."*

**Thank You Everyone...**

**We Are Not Done and We Need Your Help.**

Durham is one of the fastest growing regions in Canada. Despite its aging and booming population, Durham is one of the only regions of its size in Ontario without a fully operational residential hospice care centre.

We need your financial support to reach our financial goal of \$15 million to fund new residential hospices in Clarington and Whitby.

Please contact us to make a donation, pledge or consider a Planned Gift.



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