



# Durham Region Hospice News

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Durham Region Hospice News. For the past year and a half there has been a lot of work done to bring residential hospices to Clarington and Whitby. With a dedicated and passionate group of volunteers in both communities Durham Region Hospice (DRH) has been able to build awareness of the need for these facilities and to make a significant start on the fundraising required to make them happen. This update will provide an overview of what we've done, where we are and what more needs to happen.

## Thank You

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone. Thank you to our volunteers who continue to drive this project forward by serving on the Boards of Directors, by willingly doing presentations and speaking engagements throughout our communities, by spreading the word on the need for residential hospice through sharing their stories, and by organizing events in the community including bake sales, paint nights, golf tournaments, special dinners and more.

Thank you to our donors, in particular the individuals, community groups, companies, associations, foundations, service clubs, church groups and others who were among the first to give to this great cause when it was just a dream. Your faith in the project and the people making it happen is commendable. Each donation whether it's small or large makes a difference.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your patience as we've got this project to where we are today. We know many of you have been looking for an update and we are grateful for the opportunity to now share that with you.

## Project Update

Planning for the two builds (10 beds in Whitby and 5 beds in Clarington) is well underway. We have beautiful sites (generously donated by the two municipalities), architectural drawings, Ministry approval, and preliminary operational plans. Our site plans are in the final phase of municipal approval. We are looking forward with much excitement to a ground breaking later this fall or early in the spring. We will keep you informed, as we want you to share in the magical moment when we begin to see all of our dreams become reality.

## Funding Update

The capital campaign to build the two residential hospices totals approximately \$15,000,000. Of that amount the Province of Ontario will provide \$3,000,000 leaving us to raise \$12,000,000 in the community. We need to raise \$9,000,000 in order to break ground.

As of the middle of September, 2019 we have raised or have received commitments for approximately \$5,600,000. This is a very good start in less than a year and a half. Wow and thank you again. However, it also means we need another \$3,400,000 in order to break ground and start construction. Together we can make it happen.

Phase 2 of our fundraising efforts will be for \$3,000,000. This required for the first two years of operating as well as for furnishing the buildings.

If you need to connect with the fundraising team it consists of three part-time staff.

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The phone number for the campaign office is 905-240-4522 ext. 243

## In Memoriam

One of the touching aspects of this campaign is the number of In Memory donations that have been made upon the passing of a family's loved one. We are so appreciative of this acknowledgement and support of the work being done while families are going through a very difficult time. To date the following people have been remembered through contributions to Durham Region Hospice.

Agnes Moffatt	Henk Berenschot	Michael John Flynn
Ann Marshall	James Masson	Michael John Rammler
Anne Fischer	Joan Nesbitt	Milford A Campbell
Anne Furey	Judy McGee	Muriel Metcalf
Belah Welsh	Kauko Halminen	Nick Cory-Wright
Betty Smith	Ken Kennedy	Olga Kozub
Beverly Oudshoorn	Ken Willis	Paulette Pelletier Kelly
Bob Robinson	Les Finnerty	Peter Alan Dennis
Bonnie Reid	Linda Burnett	Peter Barnard
Carol Louise Marchant	Lori West	Roger Joseph Talman
Charles Dana Boatman	Margaret Elizabeth Annan	Sharon Nicholson
Connie de Jong	Maria Docimo	Terry Durkin
Deborah Van Londen	Marjorie Dorothea O'Dwyer	Tom & June Edwards
Edith Bentley	Marjorie Giroux	Tom Henderson
Eileen Begy	Marjorie Stephenson	Tony Ton
Elma Halminen	Maryanne Murphy	Victoria Piggott
Eva Richardson	Melanie McArthur	William Campbell

## One Main Fundraising Event – Handbags for Hospice



We have chosen Handbags for Hospice as our signature event for the capital campaign. It is a night of fun, friends and fundraising. The Power of the Purse. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 7 to 10 p.m. at General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa.

Tickets are available from Tanya McPherson ([tanya.mcpherson@von.ca](mailto:tanya.mcpherson@von.ca)) and all seating is reserved at tables of ten. Last year's event was sold out, so don't delay!

All attendees have a chance to bid on gorgeous handbags and exciting experience packages as well as participate in fun activities. The event will be emceed by local radio personality Terry Johnston and will feature Layne "The Auctionista", a champagne welcome, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a Candy Bar and more. NEW this year are golden tickets which can be purchased to have a chance to win a \$6500 Louis Vuitton handbag.

### Next Steps

Over the next few weeks we will work to spread the word even wider of the need for residential hospice in Durham Region and how people can support the campaign. We will update our website to include a donor section where we can recognize our fabulous donors and provide updated information in respect to the campaign. We will provide speakers for community events and organizations as requested. We will support third party events and other initiatives in the community. We will continue to work hard for residential hospice for all the residents of Durham Region. We will provide another update like this one early in 2020.

Thank you so much. Each and every donor is making a difference in our community and we are so grateful.

Melodie Zarzecny  
Chair of the Board  
Durham Region Hospice – Clarington

Chris Raynor  
Chair of the Board  
Durham Region Hospice - Whitby

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