



## We're Nearing the Home Stretch

As we write this, temperatures outside are cold, we are still in the midst of a global pandemic, and our human interactions continue to be limited to Zoom meetings. One would think this is the worst possible time to be embarking on a project to build two hospice care centres in Durham.

Which is why we have been humbled by the outstanding generosity of the residents of our region. Your continued commitment to our project is both inspiring, and humbling. Our volunteers have not stopped working for one minute. You, our donors and supporters, have not turned us away; rather, you have stepped up and pitched in – by making donations (large and small), by spreading the word, and by finding creative ways to raise money while confined to your home or office. You will see in the articles that follow just how fantastic our communities are.

It's a well-known truism of fund raising: the first 80% is hard. The last 20% is REALLY hard.

We are nearing the home stretch, and we are so grateful for your support and encouragement. Our hospice care centres will be beautiful, warm, welcoming places for individuals who are ending their life journey, and for the families who are there supporting them and one another. We will not stop working until we get there – pandemic or no pandemic. It's wonderful to know how many people share our vision and we look forward to continuing our journey together.

### **Melodie Zarzeczny**

Chair of the Board

Durham Region Hospice – Clarington

### **Eva Reti**

Chair of the Board

Durham Region Hospice – Whitby



# Project Updates

Clarington	Whitby
Architecture complete	Architecture complete
Clinical care: To be provided by VON Canada under a service agreement (currently being negotiated).	Clinical care: To be provided by VON Canada under a service agreement (currently being negotiated).
Proposed construction Tender call (pending Ministry of Health approval): Spring 2021	Proposed construction Tender call (pending Ministry of Health approval): Spring 2021
Targeted Construction Start date: Summer/Fall 2021	Targeted Construction Start date: Summer/Fall 2021



# Fundraising Update

**Whitby Fundraising Objectives**

Building Construction	+	Furnishings & Fixtures	+	Operating Reserve
\$6,757,000		\$800,000		\$900,000





## Whitby Status



**Clarington Fundraising Objectives**

Building Construction	+	Furnishings & Fixtures	+	Operating Reserve
\$6,655,500		\$800,000		\$966,000





## Clarington Status



## “ Why I Give

*Thank  
You!*

**Marilyn and Verdon Kent** are long time residents of Newcastle, and recently gave a 5-figure gift to the hospice site in Clarington.

Verdon and I have lived in Newcastle for all of our married life. We raised our four children here, made wonderful friends, and have been

active in the community. We support local businesses, and feel strongly about ensuring our community is a wonderful place for families. We have been long time supporters of the Bowmanville Hospital, and will continue to do so. But when we learned that our region does not have any residential hospice beds, we recognized an opportunity to make a real difference. And so we made the decision to make a large donation to the Clarington Hospice.

We all have stories about friends and family members who have died in pain, in loneliness, or in cold and unwelcoming settings. We believe our health care system can do better than this, and that is why we are supporting this grass roots effort to build a hospice that will provide comfort, care, and compassion.

We need both – hospitals, and hospices. And we are very excited to be a part of a building campaign for the new hospice project.

### **William Gleed and Family**

Mr. William (Bill) Gleed and his wife Joan were long-time residents of Durham Region, raising four children who still live in the vicinity. Over the years, Bill was very active throughout his communities, volunteering on various boards, and



**In Memory of Joan Gleed**

## “ Why I Give (continued)

coaching the West Rouge juvenile hockey team.

He was one of the first community members to sit on the LHIN board for Central East Region. He also held the position of board Treasurer for 11 years for North York General Hospital.

Bill and his wife Joan were very good "neighbours at the lake" with Dr. Dorothy Ley for 27 years. As a result of this close friendship, Bill agreed to sit as the first Chair of the Canadian Palliative Care Foundation, which was founded by Dr. Ley in 1991. Dr. Ley was a world-renowned oncologist who pioneered the development of hospice care in Canada. Although Joan and Dorothy have been at rest close to each other in Beaverton for a number of years, Bill continues to support the dream of building hospice residences in Durham Region. He and his family know that this is an extra level of compassionate care needed in our community.

When asked why he chose to make his very generous donation to the Durham Region Hospice-Whitby campaign, he said that his son Derrick phoned him one day and asked if he would consider supporting the hospice build. Bill's response was, "of course, it just makes good sense." We couldn't agree more!



Looking forward to starting construction on these two sites!



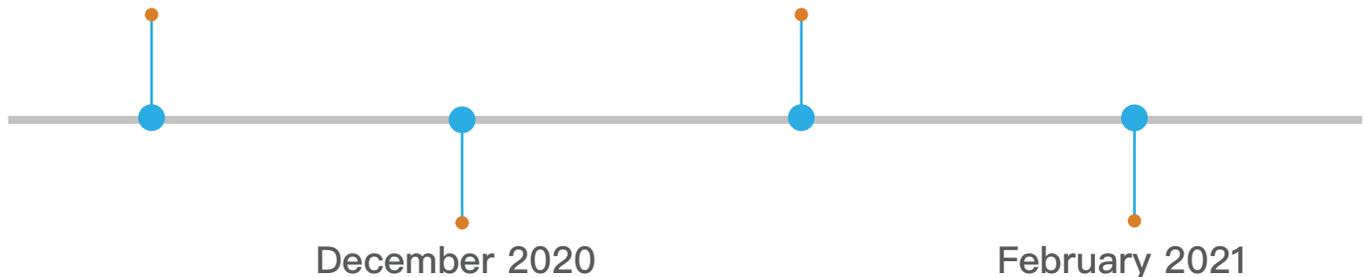
## Milestones

Joan Thornton made her annual gift of securities to Durham Region Hospice — Whitby.

The second annual Durham Region Hospice Awareness Day was January 29, 2021, proclaimed by the Region of Durham and all the municipalities.

**November 2020**

**January 2021**



**December 2020**

**February 2021**

People’s generosity shone through as end of year donations brought us very close to our ground-breaking target.

Awareness campaign in Clarington reaches out to the community about the importance of hospice.



## What is Legacy Giving? How does it help — the charity, the donor?

Many people leave assets to a charity or non-profit organization in their will. This form of donation is known as a legacy gift or planned giving. It’s a reasonably straightforward process and the benefits include: 1) helping to sustain a charity and impact people’s lives into the future, 2) leaving a personal legacy by contributing to a cause that’s meaningful to you, and 3) receiving financial benefits for your estate. Once you’ve decided to do this, you can include a charity in your last will and testament by leaving a gift of money, real estate, personal property such as art or jewellery or investments such as stocks and bonds.

Two Durham Region Hospice donors have decided to leave a legacy gift — Jill Richardson to the Clarington Hospice and Paul Rolland to the Whitby Hospice. Both Jill and Paul are passionate about the new hospice residences being built and want to be sure that they are sustained well into the future.



## What is Legacy Giving? (continued)

Jill explains, “I chose to leave a legacy gift so that people in this community will have the benefit of the hospice residence for many years to come.” Paul added, “I hope that my donation to the Whitby Hospice will ensure that individuals at the end of their journey can spend quality and nurturing time with the people that mean the most to them.”

Thank you to both Jill and Paul. Legacy giving is one of many ways to support the new hospice residences. For more information, please contact us at [info@durhamregionhospice.ca](mailto:info@durhamregionhospice.ca).



## Stories



**Janet and her children.**

### A Tribute to Janet Perroni

Carrie Perroni and her family held a third party fundraiser in the month of February in honour of her mother-in-law, Janet Perroni, who passed away after a very short battle with cancer in January. Carrie explains, “Although my mother-in-law’s illness was short, we would have given anything to have access to a

local hospice for her to comfortably spend her remaining time with us. Dying at home was not ideal, nor was it easy for Mom or the family. After this experience we are even more determined to help Durham Region Hospice come to fruition, hence our fundraising efforts.”

Janet Perroni was an artist as well as registered nurse so Carrie held a Facebook online art auction of 18 pieces of art that Janet herself had painted. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Durham Region Hospice — Whitby. What a wonderful tribute to Janet and what a generous gift from her family.



## Stories (continued)

On December 2, 2020, **Scott Jeffrey** and his family met with Kirk Kemp of the Clarington Hospice Board and made a cheque presentation to the Clarington Hospice in the amount of \$250,000. This was a huge boost to the Clarington campaign and was a testament to the generosity of the Jeffrey family and their dedication to the community.



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**Handbags for Hospice Durham** will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. This year we will present the Home Edition, featuring Layne the Auctionista, beautiful handbags, auctions, entertainment and more. Save the date and enjoy the event from the comfort of your own home. Dress code not in effect.



## What a Winning Combination



On December 18, 2020 the draw was made for a beautiful live edge dining table donated by Northdog Wood in Oshawa. Co-owners Chad and Jason made the draw and phoned the lucky winner, Kathy McKay. Kathy was delighted with her win and took her time deciding where to put this beautiful piece of furniture. On February 24th she went to Northdog Wood to see the table first hand and to announce that she was donating it to the Whitby Hospice. Wow. What a fabulous gift. We are so grateful.



## In Memory Donations

We are grateful to those families who have chosen to honour their loved ones by requesting donations to Durham Region Hospice.

Alan Bayliss	Jaap Blindenbach	Mr. J.Bruce Annand
Andy Rideoch	Jacqueline Young	Murray and Ada Adams
Andy van Lith	James D Roy	Nan Moffatt
Anna Meester	Jan & Robina Ryta	Nellie Wopereis
Anna Proctor	Jane Smith	Owen Macdonald
Anne Jervis	Jeremy Pooler	Phillip Pitcher
Anne Spark Abhoussein	Jill Condy	Ted Boynton
David Sims	John & Alyce Kunetsky	Terrence McCarl
Don Mercer	John Sharp	Terry Durkin
Doug Murphy	Lavina Downes	Thelma Sandberg
Douglas Stewart	Les Whitehead	Timothy McKeen
Ed Adams	Lewis Robertson	Tom Fitzgerald
Ed Rowe	Madeline Rutledge	Virginia Bean
Elinor Louise Kidd	(Nana Banana)	Winifred Marie Tyrrell
Gel Lafarga	Margaret Ann Grubb	Youssef Kassir
Grant Glaspell	Mark Wilkins	Maureen Dorinda
Hazel Cawthorne	Milford A.Campbell	Michael Pika
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