



## Holiday Message from the Chair, Eva Reti

Hello Everyone,

I am happy to say that I have a positive update for you in relation to our hospice build in Whitby. My board vice-chair Judi Longfield and I made a number of visits to other hospice residences during the summer and early fall. As you know, our bids for construction early this year came in significantly higher than our budget, so we wanted to research where we could find some efficiencies without compromising the philosophy behind our original design.

The world has certainly changed since we began this process, and the most important thing we learned during our hospice visits was, “the individual patios were lifesavers during the lockdowns.” When only one visitor was allowed inside, all other family and friends were able to gather on the patio just outside the resident’s room. It made all the difference being able to spend time together. So, we are adding patios outside each room with access for the beds to also go outside!

We have already begun discussions with our architects, exploring this and a few other design changes. We are working on a tight timeline with ROA Architects with the hope that we can submit our design revisions to the Ministry of Health for approval as early as possible in 2023.

Thank you all very much for your continued financial support. We are moving forward again.

## New Signs

You have probably seen postings on our Facebook page with some of our donors holding a sign with, “I donated to Durham Region Hospice Whitby” or “We donated to Durham Region Hospice Whitby.” I will be calling as many of you as possible to ask if I can come and take a photo of you with one of the signs, and then to post it with the reason why you donated. These are the stories that make it easier for others to understand why our hospice is so badly needed for our community.

–Eva Reti, Board Chair

## My Story by John Rycroft

Each of you who is reading this newsletter is a supporter of Durham Region Hospice – Whitby and we thank you. Sometimes we need a reminder of why this new hospice residence is so important to our community. Please go to <https://durhamregionhospice.ca/handbags/> to read John’s story which is both poignant and heart-breaking.

PLEASE GIVE TODAY TO SUPPORT **DURHAM REGION HOSPICE – WHITBY**. SHARE THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY PROVIDING THE FUNDS WE NEED TO BUILD THIS RESIDENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



## Handbags for Hospice

Our signature event was another great success this year. **Handbags for Hospice Durham** presented by **Deighton Associates** and a joint fundraising initiative with **Clarington**, was held on Wednesday, November 16. This year's event was a hybrid model with 80 live studio audience guests and over 100 guests participating virtually from the comfort of their own

homes. With an amazing array of silent and live auction items and featuring **Layne the Auctionista** along with emcee **Terry Johnston** the night **raised over \$88,000**. Thank you to everyone who supported us either by participating, sponsoring, purchasing items or making a direct donation.



## Third Party Events

- We are very pleased to share that the fundraising support from our community for our hospice build continues to grow. September 15 turned out to be a perfect day for a **golf tournament** at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club, hosted by **The Beauty Foundations Clinic** and the **JMCC Group**. This wonderful group of people, who have personal experience of the benefits of hospice residence care, organized a top notch event. We are so thankful for the money raised to help move our project forward.
- For the second year in a row, the dynamic duo of **Lynn and Jill at Lyndebrook Golf Course** held a **tournament** for us on October 2. The weather cooperated and the sold out crowd once again had a great time. Thank you very much Lynn, Jill and your great staff for continuing to support our efforts to get our hospice built.
- Are you looking for an extra special gift this coming season? **Durham – A Four Seasons Region** is a gorgeous collection of photos taken throughout Durham Region, by 4 of our local photographers. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our Whitby hospice build. The books cost \$45 each, or \$40 if you purchase a minimum of 5. They can be ordered from Tagona Press at: **www.tagonapress.com**. Also, an official launch of the book will be held on Sunday, December 18 at the Brock Street Brewery. Any books ordered ahead of time will be available for pick-up then and personally inscribed if you wish. Please come and say hello so that we can thank you in person for your support.



## In Memory Donations

We are grateful for those families and friends who have chosen to honour their loved ones by donating to Durham Region Hospice – Whitby. We are very appreciative of this support especially while families are going through difficult times.

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