OAK RIDGES HOSPICE

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Foundation Pouring Begins At Oak Ridges Hospice

Port Perry, ON: With the site excavation complete, construction crews have begun pouring the foundation for Oak Ridges Hospice. The current construction schedule will see the foundation walls and footings completed by the end of February.

Winter construction is not without its challenges and the construction team from J.J. McGuire have worked to keep the project on schedule with special blankets which use round the clock generators to keep the soil warm.

"It's gratifying to see the pouring of the foundation walls beginning and starting to rise. The rain and freezing temperatures we've experienced over the past month have been challenging for the construction team. We are grateful to the neighbours for their continued tolerance and understanding of the work that has to be done," says Trish Thompson, Project Manager, Construction for Oak Ridges Hospice.

The majority of the construction costs must be funded by donations and grants. The "Building for Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign for Oak Ridges Hospice has entered the final phase, with a goal of raising an additional \$2 Million to complete construction of the larger 8-bed facility and begin a sustainability fund.

You can join the community movement to build Oak Ridges Hospice; a place where people facing end-of-life can be supported in their final journey, surrounded by compassionate care. Please help Oak Ridges Hospice by supporting the "Building for Compassionate Care" campaign.

To learn more about Oak Ridges Hospice, visit www.oakridgeshospice.com

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Oak Ridges Hospice: Is a community-based charitable organization committed to providing - *free of charge* - a tranquil, home-like setting where a dedicated team of specially trained medical, nursing, support staff and volunteers provide compassionate care and comfort to our residents and their loved ones as they near their end-of-life journey. Oak Ridges Hospice is part of a network of future hospices in Durham Region that will include Whitby and Clarington.