



OAK RIDGES HOSPICE HERALD

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MORGAN & SIDHU HOUSE CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE



A beautiful double rainbow over our building site

As summer continues, we are encouraged by the construction progress on our hospice home. It is because of you, our community and supporters, that the hospice has indeed "risen from the ground" and we are many steps closer to the dream of a hospice home being reality.

The other reality we face is a challenge to complete our "Building for Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign. The pandemic has significantly impacted our fundraising opportunities and the campaign currently faces a shortfall of funds required to complete construction.

Our roof is completed, the windows are installed, wall framing is underway, and exterior brickwork and wall coverings will soon be completed. The doors will be installed within the next few weeks, which will ensure that the building will be weather protected should a pause in construction be necessary.

We are hopeful that the construction schedule can be kept on target through these challenging times, allowing us to maintain the hospice's targeted opening date of early 2021. But we need your help to cross the finish line and officially open our home to patients and families.



Dr. Russell welcomes our government partners for a site tour

Oak Ridges Hospice was conceived because it is an essential health care service desperately needed in our community. COVID-19 has intensified that need and made it all too clear why palliative care and grief support is urgently required.

Families are losing loved ones and due to physical distancing, suffering the added injury of being unable to be with them or find grief support.

We are thankful each day for the support we have received from our community. You have come together to support the need for compassionate end-of-life care and because of you we have come so far in this journey.

Help us bring our hospice home to Durham region.



Inside the hospice!
Photo courtesy of Dr. John Stewart

HUSTLE FOR HOSPICE

INAUGURAL EVENT RAISES OVER \$14,000



We challenged the community to get up and choose an activity that moved them and "Hustle For Hospice". From June 1st to 7th we saw people walk, run, hike, bike, paddle, golf, and garden in support of Oak Ridges Hospice.

The inaugural event was created by our Hike For Hospice Committee when it became apparent that an in person event was unlikely to happen this year.



We had so much fun seeing the photos on social media, including a video of our committee member Trish dressed in her finest 70's gear to literally "do the Hustle".

Because of our amazing participants and their supporters, we are thrilled to announce that the event has raised over \$14,000 to support the "Building For Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign.

Our amazing Hustle For Hospice Committee (L-R) Tish, Lindsay, Toni, Ann, Ellen and Aly



The Russell's "hustled" on their bikes through Port Perry & Uxbridge



Bette found a beautiful day to be out on the water!

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Oak Ridges Hospice is on YouTube to share video messages with our supporters!

We've shared updates on the project filmed at the construction site and messages from Dr. Russell on grieving and gratitude. Check out the channel and subscribe to get all of the latest updates!

[Click here to visit our channel](#)

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

OAK RIDGES HOSPICE GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES THE MANY INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FOUNDATIONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAY

Hope Christian Reformed Church



We are thankful for the support from the congregation of **Hope Christian Reformed Church** in Port Perry. ORH was selected as the charity of choice for April and a gift of \$1205 was made to support our "Building For Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign.

Durham Region



Durham Region has recognized our hospice will strengthen our community and the vital role we will play in our healthcare system. We are grateful for the support we have received from their Community Investment Grant Program.



As construction continues and we advance towards opening day, we are thankful for the support of local professionals who have contributed their time helping us prepare for the next phase of Oak Ridges Hospice.

Terri Murduff

Terri is a member of the IPAC (Infection Prevention & Control) team at Lakeridge Health and has volunteered her time as a member of our Furniture and Equipment Committee.

Terri has assisted us with the building design and furniture and equipment review to ensure we are meeting the Ministry of Health guidelines and providing a safe environment for our future hospice residents, staff and volunteers.

Robyn Hulowski and Imran Hameed

Robyn Hulowski (Human Resources Manager, Township of Scugog) and Imran Hameed, (HR & Safety Manager, K&K Recycling Services) have volunteered their expertise and support in helping Oak Ridges Hospice with Human Resources and Occupational Health and Safety..



Purchase a "Tree of Life" pendant and support ORH!



Dana's Goldsmithing in Port Perry has commissioned a sterling silver pendant inspired by the Oak Ridges Hospice "Tree of Life" logo. The pendants are available now for \$79 and \$20 from each sale will be donated to our "Building For Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign.



DANA'S GOLDSMITHING
EST. 1992

Visit them at 186 Queen Street or
online at danasgoldsmithing.com to get yours today!

OUR INVALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are amazing and the lifeblood of our hospice family. We asked Lindsay what volunteering for ORH means to her and wanted to share her story with you!

Lindsay Healey

Hike For Hospice Committee Chair
and Volunteer Extraordinaire

"Although my love of golf keeps me quite busy in the warmer months, as an empty nester I was looking for something to keep me busy. Dr. Steve somehow found out about my idle time and decided he could help me fill those hours. I started to work with the Capital Campaign group and then was asked to lead the Hike for Hospice Event.

When I started with this group, I did not know much about hospice. I've since had the opportunity to visit a few hospices and speak to family and friends of those who have used residential hospice services. The feedback is always so uplifting! A hospice home can help ease the pain of a very sad and difficult time. The peaceful and supportive environment brings great comfort to the resident and their family."



Oak Ridges Hospice gratefully acknowledges donations in memory of the following individuals:

Andy Atkins
Douglas Baird
Carley-Anne Caldwell
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Joseph Corey
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