



Saugeen Hospice - Closer to Home

Together, we can break ground in 2026 - a milestone our community will celebrate for generations.

We are humbled to share that **\$7.4 million** has already been donated or pledged toward the estimated cost of **\$10 million** to build our community's hospice residence. Each gift brings us closer to opening the doors of Saugeen Hospice, where families in our region will find comfort, dignity, and peace-closer to home.

Why Now Matters:

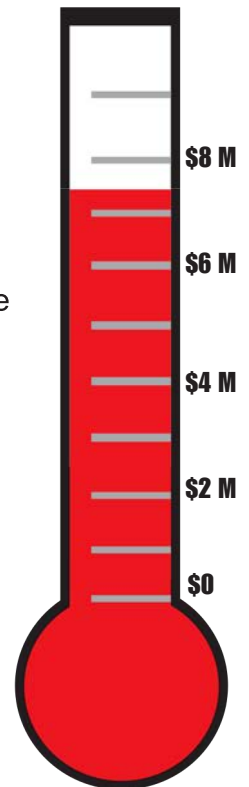
- **Decision Point:** If we reach at least **\$8 million by December 31, 2025**, we can move forward with prequalifying contractors. This milestone will keep us on track to begin construction in summer 2026.
- **Momentum is Building:** From gifts of \$50 to \$500,000, every contribution has made a difference. The majority of support so far has come from individuals-neighbours, families, and community members-who believe in this vision.
- **Recognition Opportunities:** To honour generosity, naming rights are available for rooms and spaces within the residence, including the front entrance.

Ways to Give:

We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor about how you can make a meaningful gift while protecting your financial future. Options include **securities, bequests, pledges, or cash donations.**

To learn more about the advantages of giving, please call Saugeen Hospice. Saugeen Hospice will be more than bricks and mortar. It will be a sanctuary where families gather, where hands are held through tears, and where compassionate end-of-life care is always close at hand.

Together, we can ensure hospice care is available closer to home-for generations to come.



Recent Events



Pedal For Saugeen Hospice
\$25,000.00



Saddle Up for Saugeen Hospice
\$3,900.00

Saugeen Hospice: A Regional Resource

Saugeen Hospice envisions our Residence as a true regional resource, built by, supported by, and accessible to the residents of every county, municipality, and town in our service area.

Compassionate, end-of-life care is a shared responsibility, and when provincial and local governments join with businesses, faith groups, organizations, and individuals, we create something far greater than any one of us could achieve alone. The Saugeen Hospice Residence will be more than a building, it will be a sanctuary where families find comfort, dignity, and peace at life's end.



Local Government Support

The vision for Saugeen Hospice is unique. It is a vision rooted in community.

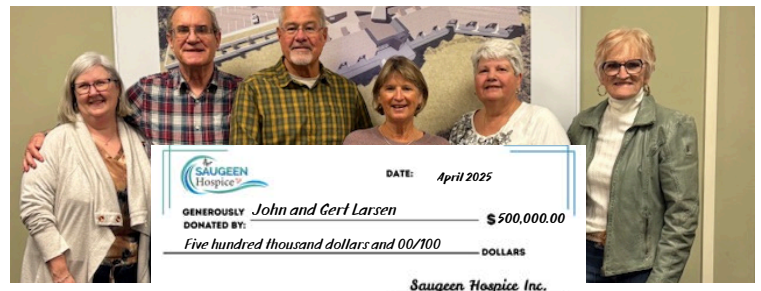
One shining example of this community connection is reflected by the Municipality of Brockton's gracious donation of 3 acres of land, in the new Eastridge Business Park (Walkerton), for the future site of Saugeen Hospice.

In alignment with our vision, members of the Board of Directors attended council meetings in September to deliver progress updates. Presentations were made to the Councils of Minto, North Huron, West Grey, Hanover, Brockton, Arran-Elderslie, South Bruce, and Bruce County.

During the presentations, municipalities were invited to share in the vision of building a space that truly reflects the heart of our region, where every municipality is reflected within the Saugeen Hospice Residence.

We will maintain collaboration with local governments to establish a hospice that embodies the shared values, needs, and strengths of our region. This initiative will serve as a lasting testament to our collective achievements.

Donor Spotlight: John and Gert Larsen



*When asked why they chose Saugeen Hospice as the recipient of their generous gift of **\$500,000**, the Larsen's explained...*

"Our donation to the Saugeen Hospice in Walkerton continues a generational tradition of the Larsen family to contribute to local initiatives, particularly health care. We strongly believe in the importance of providing a dignified setting for the last days of life, which is the purpose of this hospice.

We wanted to be part of creating a new, meaningful and important resource for our community. The amount of our donation is a measure of the value we place on having a hospice facility in our community.

We have been inspired by others who have given their time and financial resources to this project, and we hope that others are as well. It's a great way for everyone who is able to make a donation to be part of creating something special, which will at some time benefit every person in the community."

Closer To Home: A Vision Becoming A Reality



On September 18, 2025, Saugeen Hospice welcomed community members to our third annual **Community Update and Annual General Meeting** at the Best Western Hotel in Walkerton.

The theme of this year's gathering was: **"Closer to Home: A Vision Becoming a Reality."**

The evening included important updates on various aspects of Saugeen Hospice's construction fundraising campaign and the design and build progress of over the past year. But beyond the numbers and blueprints, participants were reminded of the true heart of this project, the people it will serve.

Together, we listened to a moving recording that shared a fictional story of a future family's journey at Saugeen Hospice. It was a powerful reminder that this project is not simply about constructing a building, it is about creating a home where compassion, dignity, and peace will surround families when they need it the most.

Architect, Grant Diemert, reviewed the status of the build approval process with the Ministry of Health and provided an update on the planned construction start date of Saugeen Hospice the summer of 2026.

Volunteers were also celebrated as the true cornerstone of Saugeen Hospice. Their hands, hearts, and dedication are what make this dream possible. From fundraising and community outreach, to the countless unseen acts of service, volunteers are the lifeblood of this project. Without them, this home of compassion could never be built or sustained.

Following the presentations, participants explored interactive stations with opportunities to ask questions and learn more about the building design, the model of care and volunteer opportunities, and our construction fundraising campaign and fundraising opportunities and progress.



From Blueprint to Bedside - Building a Home for Compassion

Community Update Interactive Stations *Step into the Future: Ask, Learn, Engage*

Station One:

Design & Build Plans

*Explore the Residence:
Architecture, Layout & Comfort*

Station Two:

Fundraising & Giving

*Every Gift Builds a Room,
a Bed, a Future*

Station Three:

Model of Care: Volunteer & Career Opportunities

*Get Involved: Roles That
Make a Difference*



Volunteer Spotlight: Honouring Ken Brown



During our recent community update, Saugeen Hospice proudly recognized one of its most dedicated champions, Ken Brown, a long-serving volunteer Board member whose commitment to hospice development spans over a decade.

Ken has devoted 11 years to advancing hospice care in our region, and since 2021, has focused exclusively on bringing Saugeen Hospice Residence to life. His tireless efforts, strategic leadership, and unwavering belief in the importance of compassionate end-of-life care have been instrumental in moving this project forward.

In addition to his leadership role, Ken has remained deeply involved in our construction fundraising campaign, helping to build the foundation for what lies ahead. As we approach the pre-tender stage and prepare for construction to begin this spring, it was only fitting that Ken was presented with the first brick - a symbolic gesture of gratitude and hope. His work reminds us all that behind every hospice is a community, and Ken has helped lead ours with grace.

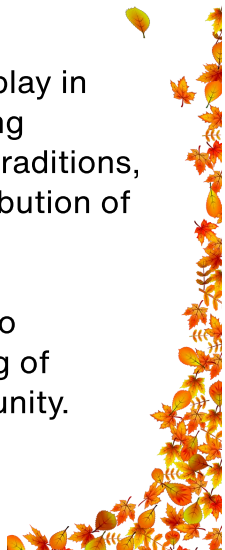
The Heart of Hospice: Volunteers Make it Home

At Saugeen Hospice's Community Update, the theme "Closer to Home: A Vision Becoming a Reality" resonated deeply with attendees, reminding everyone that building a hospice is about more than bricks and mortar, it's about creating a community rooted in compassion.

A member of the Saugeen Hospice volunteer Board of Directors provided thoughtful observations, drawing on professional expertise, to highlight how small gestures can have a significant impact. The presenter recognized volunteers for their central role in hospice care, acknowledging contributions ranging from welcoming guests at reception to providing companionship at the bedside, all of which support comfort, dignity, and connection during critical periods.

The presenter recounted her experiences demonstrating the significant role volunteers play in enhancing hospice life: preparing nutritious meals, providing music that creates a calming atmosphere, maintaining gardens that promote tranquility, and establishing meaningful traditions, particularly during holiday periods. These accounts highlighted how the voluntary contribution of time can positively impact individuals coping with illness, bereavement, and loss.

A key message was evident: volunteers play integral roles as companions, contributors to meaningful experiences, and the foundation of hospice care. With the upcoming opening of Saugeen Hospice Residence, individuals are invited to join and participate in this community.



Board Chair's Corner - Carol Kraft

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us at the Community Meeting on September 18, 2025, at the Best Western in Walkerton. Your presence, your questions, and your encouragement remind us that this project truly belongs to the whole community. Every step forward is made possible because of your belief in the vision of Saugeen Hospice. Together, we are building more than a residence, we are building a place of comfort, dignity, and compassion where no one will face life's final journey alone. We are optimistic that the Ministry of Health will grant approval for us to begin the pre-qualification process for general contractors in January 2026.

With your continued support, we anticipate shovels in the ground by the summer of 2026. That moment will mark the beginning of a legacy of care that will serve families for generations. To strengthen these efforts, we are recruiting a Fund Development Manager, who will support our construction fundraising campaign and our annual fundraising efforts, alongside our dedicated Fundraising Volunteers.

If you, your family, or your organization would like to explore how you can be part of this once-in-a-generation project, we invite you to connect with a member of our Major Gifts Fundraising Committee. Please call Saugeen Hospice to arrange a conversation. With your generosity and commitment, we are moving closer each day to turning this vision into reality. Together, we will create a place where compassion lives, and where families can find peace and comfort when it matters most.



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