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SAUGEEN HOSPICE INC. ~ COMMUNITY UPDATE

Construction is Underway!

Built by the Community. For the Community. Closer to Home.

A Message from our Board Chair, Carol Kraft

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Saugeen Hospice Inc., I am pleased to announce that the Ontario Ministry of Health has officially confirmed that Saugeen Hospice Inc. can move forward with the construction of our new hospice residence.

This is a **major milestone** for Saugeen Hospice Inc. and for the **communities that have supported this project** for so many years.

This achievement belongs to our entire community. It reflects the extraordinary generosity, dedication and commitment of our donors, volunteers, Board members past and present, fundraising committees and partners, municipalities, local businesses, service clubs, faith groups, charitable foundations, community organizations, health-care partners, professional advisers and government representatives.

Above all, it reflects the belief and support of the countless individuals and families across our communities who have shared our vision of bringing compassionate hospice residence care closer to home.

After years of planning, fundraising and preparation, CONSTRUCTION **HAS BEGUN!**

From the beginning, our volunteer Board has been guided by a clear community mandate: **to build a hospice residence closer to home and lead the fundraising effort required to build, open and sustain it.** Throughout the campaign, we communicated an estimated construction cost of approximately **\$10 million**, with the final budget to be established through the required competitive tendering process immediately before construction. That process is now complete, establishing a construction budget of approximately **\$11 million** and confirming the remaining construction funding gap of **\$2.1 million** between the funds raised and pledged to date, and the cost of construction.

Our immediate priority is to close the construction funding gap. However, building the Hospice is only the first step. Beyond construction, additional funds will be required for furniture, medical and operating equipment, staffing, supplies, opening preparations, working capital and ongoing operations.

As foundations are poured and walls begin to rise, continued community support will help carry this project from vision to opening its doors, together!

Thank you for continuing to believe in and support **our community's new hospice residence - closer to home.**



*The future is within reach... **Let's finish together!***



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Why this Hospice Residence Matters

...and why NOW

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THE HOSPICE WE'RE BUILDING



HOSPICE IS ABOUT PEOPLE

Compassionate, resident and family-centred end-of-life care focused on comfort, dignity and quality of life.



HOSPICE BELONGS HERE

Families deserve access to compassionate hospice residence care close to home.



THE NEED IS GROWING

More hospice residence beds are required to serve Grey-Bruce communities.



WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS

- Groundbreaking Ceremony July 2026
- Construction October 2026
- Opening: Summer 2028



COMMUNITY LEGACY

Every gift helps complete a lasting place of comfort, dignity and compassionate care for generations to come.



LOCATION

108 Eastridge Road
Walkerton, Ontario
3 Acres of Land



RESIDENCE & BEDS

13,692 sq. ft.
6 resident suites
7th suite rotates in & out of service



MODEL OF CARE

Resident and family-centred end-of-life care. Specialized physicians, staff and volunteers.



ANNUAL IMPACT ~ 130

Residents & families served, based on an average occupancy of 14 days.



SERVICE AREA

Serving southern Grey-Bruce and surrounding communities.



ANNUAL OPERATIONS ~\$2.4M

<45% government funded. Community generosity funds the balance.



CARE WITHOUT COST TO FAMILIES

Eligible residents will receive hospice residence care without charge. Government funding covers only a portion of the cost of operating the hospice, making ongoing community generosity essential to keeping compassionate care available to everyone who needs it.

**Compassionate end-of-life care closer to home.
BUILT BY THE COMMUNITY. FOR THE COMMUNITY.**

Our Progress

Years of generosity have brought us closer to opening...



Volunteer Support

20,000 + HOURS

of volunteer time contributed this year

Supporting fundraising, community outreach, governance, events and the work required to bring our hospice closer to opening.



Provincial Confidence

- Funding approved for 6 hospice residence beds approved
- Plans developed to meet Ontario Ministry of Health requirements
- Capital and planning support confirmed
- Final approval to build our new hospice residence



Community Confidence

- 55+ leadership gifts
- Thousands of community supporters
- Strong local government support
- Support from foundations, businesses and service organizations



Operational Readiness

- Governance and leadership established
- Charitable status secured
- Capital Campaign active
- Operational preparations underway

Our Journey



Timelines are subject to Ontario Ministry of Health approvals, construction progress and completion of the Capital Campaign.

The FUTURE is Within Reach

Let's finish it TOGETHER!



WHAT COMES NEXT - AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

 BUILD ... the residence, family spaces, clinical areas and site work.	 FURNISH Make it a home with furnishings, equipment and welcoming spaces.	 PREPARE Recruit and train staff and volunteers to prepare for safe & effective operations.	 CARE Sustain hospice care for years to come.		
HOW YOU CAN HELP: Capital gifts from individuals, businesses, and community partners.	HOW YOU CAN HELP: Holiday giving, designated gifts, and support Saugeen Hospice community fundraising events.	HOW YOU CAN HELP: Support for start-up needs, training and operational readiness.	HOW YOU CAN HELP: Annual gifts, monthly giving, memorial gifts, business support, and legacy giving.		
THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP FINISH THE JOURNEY:	 Make a Gift	 Fundraise	 Leave a Legacy	 Engage Your Workplace	 Share Our Story

★ Significant gifts may be eligible for **special recognition** within the hospice residence.

Eligible charitable donations will receive an official tax receipt for income tax purposes.

"We make this gift today to help lay the groundwork for a sanctuary where future families will find comfort, honouring our daughter Corisa's memory, by helping to build peace before the first stone is set. By giving now, we ensure her legacy helps erect a beacon of hope and compassionate care right from the very beginning."

Bob & Lois Metcalfe, Walkerton



Corisa (Metcalfe) Lemont