



OAK RIDGES HOSPICE HERALD

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Welcome to Oak Ridges Hospice Herald, our quarterly newsletter that delivers the latest news & developments about our residential hospice coming to Durham Region in 2019.

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OAK RIDGES HOSPICE

BUILDING FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED OCTOBER 26TH

The Old Flame Brewery hosted this celebratory event that was attended by a wide variety of community members and hospice supporters. Speakers included Board Chair, Dr. Steven Russell; Campaign Chair, Anne Wright, as well as Lakeridge Health CEO, Matt Anderson.

Hospice advocate, Patricia Haak, shared the compelling story of her father's end-of-life journey in hospital. A tale that demonstrated the urgent need for better palliative care options to support family members through this highly emotional and stressful time.

With commitments of about \$4M already secured, the capital campaign is well on its way to achieving its \$6.6M goal.

Your contribution will have an immediate and direct impact on the success of Durham Region's first residential hospice. It will bring us one step closer to ensuring that people can live their last days to the fullest with dignity and compassionate care.

Donations can be made at online at oakridgeshospice.com or by cheque, mailed to Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham Ltd. PO Box 182, Port Perry, L9L 1A3.



Left to right: Patricia Haak, Anne Wright, Dr. Steve Russell, Stephen Gray, David Sidhu, Trish Thompson

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Dave Sidhu has a personal story that compelled him to support Oak Ridges Hospice with a significant financial donation.

Dave Sidhu's path to community care and philanthropy has long been connected to business and sport as drivers for social change. As the President of EM Dynamics Inc, he has helped build and shape the company into a leading metal-based solutions provider for the past 30 years. The company's success has been in parallel with a strong outreach and presence in the local Scarborough community, specifically its excellence in providing youth the path to scholarships to Universities in both Canada and the United States through soccer.

Globally, Dave has fostered a deep respect for the power of education & excellence. By establishing the Punjab Academy in Chakar, Punjab, he has changed lives with growing improvements in the value of women, increasing literacy rates and decreasing drug abuse and female infanticide rates across neighbouring villages. In addition, clean water irrigation has been responsibly managed to provide drinking water for homes and filtered water for farmers to use on crops with the help of the Morgan family and Ajmer Sidhu.

In committing to a path for people to see the higher self both in life and themselves, Dave has also had to face the tragic ending of life for those around him with having lost his brother Ajmer, wife Gurdev, and recently his eldest son Rana. Being the hardest moments in one's life, he also saw how much pain is experienced by family members that care for the dying in their moments together. The idea of a hospice offered the kind of care that not only would benefit the sick and their caregivers but would also help provide the dignity, integrity and peace they all deserve during their end-of-life journey.

In teaming up with Kevin Morgan, his family and the team of committed health care professionals at Oak Ridges Hospice, Dave brings his passion and capability as a team member to help make Oak Ridges Hospice a place of solidarity, comfort and care for Durham Region families. Thank you for making a difference!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the following community businesses and organizations who have offered support in their own unique ways.

George Smith and **Michael Fowler** generously donated their legal services to facilitate the purchase of our new property.

Doug Summers of **Lakeridge Links Golf Club** once again donated the course for our 3rd annual Golf for Hospice Tournament.

Brent Herrington of **Herrington Quality Butchers** provided the BBQ lunch to over 100 golfers and volunteers at the tournament.

Jack Doak of **Old Flame Brewery** hosted our Capital Campaign Launch event at his popular venue.

Vos's Independent Grocer donated food platters for our Launch event.

100 Men of Scugog raised \$5,200 at their last quarterly meeting.

King's Bay Resident's Association raised funds through t-shirt sales and a 50/50 draw at their KBRA events.

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RON AND NANCY COMPTON

Ron and Nancy Compton are longtime residents of Port Perry who built and managed a successful cable business in North Durham that was recently bought by Rogers.

When the Comptons were approached by Oak Ridges Hospice to support this special cause, without skipping a beat, Ron and Nancy offered a donation of \$250,000! We are delighted and grateful for their generosity.

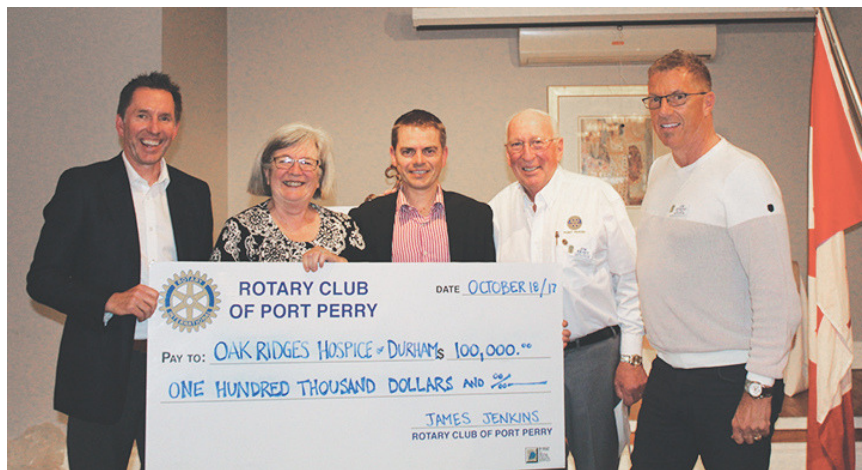
Ron says, "Nancy and I see the need for the hospice and increased palliative care services in North Durham. We have been impressed with the committed team that has pushed for this facility for over 10 years and are pleased to be part of the initiative".

Ron and Nancy continue to enjoy life in the region and look forward to the exciting adventures a well-deserved retirement will bring.



PORT PERRY ROTARY CLUB

On October 18th, the Rotary Club of Port Perry presented Oak Ridges Hospice with the Club's largest donation ever! A cheque for \$100,000, the first instalment towards fulfilling the Club's pledge of \$150,000 announced earlier this year.



Left to right: Dr. Steve Russell, Anne Wright, Stephen Gray and Rotarians Jim Brady and Jim Jenkins. Thanks to 'Focus on Scugog' for the picture.

Rotary's Annual Spring Gala, as well as the August long weekend Ribfest held at Palmer Park, were amongst the Club's many fundraising successes.

We are thankful for Rotary's generous donation and on-going community support.

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GOLF FOR HOSPICE

On September 21st, Lakeridge Links Golf Club hosted the Third Annual Golf for Hospice Tournament in support of Oak Ridges Hospice. Over 100 golfers and volunteers enjoyed this fun-filled event that was topped off by an evening of great food, fabulous entertainment and incredible generosity.

Guests were treated to the music of the Highland Creek Pipe Band, who performed a timely rendition of a Tragically Hip tune as well as a show-stopping version of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. Pipe Major and NHL veteran Glenn Healy later shared stories of his career and amateur golfing antics along with special guest and renowned jockey Sandy Hawley. It was a fantastic day marked by many memories and new friendships.

Most importantly, the tournament raised over \$134,000!



The winning team from Metro Compactor and our Platinum Sponsor. Congratulations gentlemen!



Our intrepid team of committed volunteers helped make the day a tremendous success. Note our special guest, jockey Sandy Hawley, middle and center!

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MINISTRY SUPPORTS HOSPICE CARE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS NEW HOSPICE BEDS IN DURHAM REGION

On August 31st, at the future site of the Oak Ridges Hospice, John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was joined by Granville Anderson, MPP of Durham Region to make an important announcement regarding Ontario's commitment to improve access to palliative care across the province.

The government will provide annual operational support for 5 new hospice beds at Oak Ridges Hospice. The Ministry's funding of \$105,000 per bed will help to fund clinical care costs within the facility, while all other on-going operating expenses must be supported through charitable donation and fundraising events. The new facility is part of a larger plan to build three new hospices in Durham Region, with 10 other beds in Whitby and five more in Clarington.



Left to right: Trish Thompson, Kevin Morgan, Stephen Gray, David Sidhu, Dr. Steve Russell, MPP Granville Anderson

DID YOU KNOW?

The current population of Durham Region is 650,000 and is expected to rise to 1,000,000 in the next 15 years.

Over the next 15 years, residents 65 years and older will more than double.

Most Canadians would prefer to die at home yet 72% of Durham Region palliative care patients die in hospital.

Daily cost for palliative care in an acute care hospital bed is \$1,100 compared to only \$460 per day in a residential hospice.



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