



# OAK RIDGES HOSPICE HERALD

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## MINISTRY ANNOUNCES EXPANDED FUNDING FOR ORH!



Oak Ridges Hospice was delighted to host a November visit by the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health along with Lindsey Park, MPP for Durham to announce an additional \$600,000 in one-time capital funding to support the construction of three additional beds for ORH, bringing the total number of operational hospice beds to eight.

"Oak Ridges Hospice will provide people in the Durham Region with palliative care in a comfortable home-like space, where they can be close to loved ones. At the same time, by investing in increased capacity we will help end hallway health care in Durham."

- the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health

## SHOVELS IN THE GROUND FOR MORGAN & SIDHU HOUSE!

With Ministry of Health approvals and Township foundation permit in place, the Board of Directors gave JJ McGuire General Contractors the green light to proceed with construction. On December 17th, ORH team members gathered on site with Mayor Bobbie Drew, MPP Lindsay Park and construction crew for a groundbreaking photo session to celebrate this much anticipated milestone.



"The Board of Director is excited to see construction begin on the site of Oak Ridges Hospice. This is the culmination of years of hard work, and the direct result of the generosity of our donors and community supporters. Soon, we'll stand together, celebrating the opening of our Hospice Home."

- Dr. Steve Russell, Board Chair

# AMAZING RACE PORT PERRY

## INAUGURAL EVENT RAISES \$11,000

This past fall, you may have caught a glimpse of many colorfully costumed teams racing throughout downtown Port Perry belting out the national anthem on the corner of Perry and Queen Street, repeating a series of marital arts moves behind the Scugog Library, or pulling a tractor tire at Palmer Park.

These were just a handful of the challenges teams had to complete as part of the 1st annual Amazing Race Port Perry event, a unique fundraiser hosted by local law firm **McMurtry Law PC** on behalf of Oak Ridges Hospice.

Recognizing the need for palliative care in Durham Region and personally affected by family members and friends coping with the challenges of a terminal illness, staff at McMurtry Law began developing an idea for a fundraiser with a competitive twist that rallied the support of the entire community including many local businesses.

Over 150 racers came out to compete, raising \$11,000.00 for Oak Ridges Hospice. A special thank you goes out to Paula McMurtry, Amy Toon and the McMurtry Law team for hosting this event. Thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers, Tim Hortons for supplying refreshments, Herrington's Quality Butchers for being the travelling gnome sponsor, Firelink Consulting for being a challenge sponsor and to all the area businesses, friends and family that donated generously through their time, monetary donations and auction items to make this event truly "Amazing".



The McMurtry Law PC team and Board Chair, Dr. Steve Russell



First place team, the "Goal Diggers"!



The "Fierce 4some" team!

## Host an event and support hospice care!

Are you looking to support a special cause in your community? Whether you already organize a community event, or have an idea for a new event, Oak Ridges Hospice would be honoured to be the recipient of your fundraising efforts.

Contact Amy today to share your idea!  
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# 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**



Photo Courtesy of Dan Cearns, The Standard Newspaper

## Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

What an incredible honour to be included in the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's Annual Christmas Cheque Presentation and Reception where Chief Kelly LaRocca and members of the MSIFN Donations Committee presented a cheque to ORH for \$100,000. We are deeply indebted to the MSIFN for their ongoing support and for their widespread generosity throughout our entire community.

## William F. Hayball Charitable Foundation



Led by his friends to honour his memory, the **William F. Hayball Charitable Foundation** supports Durham Region charities and have once again gifted ORH with a \$1000 donation.

## Puckrin & Latreille Real Estate Team



Each year, the team at **Puckrin & Latreille Real Estate** spread good cheer in the community with their Annual Holiday donation to a local charity. This Christmas, ORH was blessed to be the recipient of their wonderful \$5000 gift.

## Blackstock & District Lions Club

Thanks to our friends at the **Blackstock & District Lions Club** for once again hosting a Halloween Dance with proceeds of \$1500 being donated to ORH.

## Sunderland Seniors Club

Sincere thanks to the **Sunderland Seniors Club** for their generous gift of \$1500 following a presentation by Dr. Curtis Hadden about our new hospice home.



## SAVE THE DATE! Hike For Hospice Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Grab your running shoes, family members & friends and join us for our **3rd annual Hike For Hospice** in Port Perry!

Registration opens in early March  
Visit our website for more information



**THE NEED FOR HOSPICE:  
PAULINE'S STORY**



**It has been 6 years since my mother passed away, in a place that provided her with the grace, dignity and care she so deserved.**

My mom had been ill for 2 years. While some of that time was spent in pain, in surgeries, medicated and in and out of hospitals and doctors' offices, some of her time was spent laughing, hugging, sharing memories and just being with family and close friends.

As mom became weaker and more dependent on others for support and care, she, along with my father, decided she would spend her final days at the Huntsville Algonquin Grace Hospice. She wanted to let her family be her family, without having to look after her ever increasing physical and medical needs so that she could continue focusing on the hugs, laughter and memories.

The support and care mom received in hospice was the most peaceful, respectful and loving care that we as her family could have hoped for. As a patient in hospice, mom was able to focus on herself and her visiting family and close friends, not her illness. **As her family, it gave us the peace, comfort and privacy to love our mother, wife and grandmother and to spend focused and sincere time with her when time was so important.** We were able to trust completely that mom's medical and physical needs were being cared for with the utmost compassion.

Hospice answered a very special need for my mother and our family that we could not have found anywhere else. It allowed my mom to continue to laugh, cry, share hugs and memories. It allowed her to love and be loved by her family and friends. Hospice was her home away from home. It was the supportive, peaceful and caring place mom said goodbye from, with all the grace and dignity, love and care she deserved.

Shared by: Diana Jeffrey, in memory of Pauline Lucas; Mother, Wife and Nana



**In Memoriam**

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

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| William Barr      | Robert Geer          | Jane Litt    | Joanne McLean     |
| Gail Anne Chellew | Eugene Hyshka        | Nancy Lowe   | Norman Moote      |
| Denise Diamond    | Audrey Viola Jeffrey | Bob Lynde    | Reginald Philip   |
| Earle Geer        | Tom King             | Ron McIntyre | Robert Russell    |
|                   |                      |              | Hazel Doreen Wood |

Donations received from October 1st to December 31st, 2019

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