



OAK RIDGES HOSPICE HERALD

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WELCOME OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!



Oak Ridges Hospice is excited to announce the appointment of Brent Farr to the role of Executive Director. Brent will have a significant leadership role in transforming our vision into reality.

"The Board is delighted to welcome Brent Farr to the hospice organization. He comes to us with a great deal of experience in the health care sector, and specifically care in the community across Durham Region. He is a well-respected leader in Durham, and brings a depth of experience that will immediately give us a steady, seasoned Executive Director at the helm" says Board Chair Dr. Steve Russell.

"There has been a tremendous amount of outstanding work that has already been done here, and it is my pleasure to now be part of bringing our new hospice residence into operational reality. Great things are happening at Oak Ridges Hospice." - Executive Director, Brent Farr

Brent brings thirteen years of experience of working in a community based not-for-profit as the Executive Director of Community Care Durham. He was also previously a member of the Board of Directors of Durham Hospice and believes in the need for enhanced palliative and end-of-life care recognizing the lack of comprehensive services in Durham.

Brent says, "We have a wonderful opportunity at ORH as the first hospice residence in Durham Region. Benefiting and learning from the experiences of other hospice residences across Ontario and beyond, ORH will create and implement an outstanding service delivery model that truly meets the palliative care needs of our residents and their families, working together with our community partners".

OAK RIDGES HOSPICE & SAINT ELIZABETH HEALTH ANNOUNCE COLLABORATION

Oak Ridges Hospice is excited to announce their upcoming collaboration with Saint Elizabeth Health (SE Health) to provide the nursing and PSW staff at Morgan & Sidhu House. SE Health has been an enthusiastic supporter of ORH from the early planning stages, stepping up with a seed grant to assist with the initial costs of getting the project off the ground. Their ongoing support and expertise have played a significant role in the organization's progress to date.



"We see this collaboration as a great fusion between SE Health's clinical experience and expertise in palliative care and Oak Ridges' passion to care for our community", says Board Chair Dr. Steve Russell.

"SE Health has a mission to bring hope and happiness to individuals and communities throughout Canada. We are proud to have supported the growth and development of Oak Ridges Hospice and are excited to join the hospice team, providing clinical staffing and care in the residential home" says Lynn Park, Regional Director, SE Health. "We look forward to making a lasting impact for patients and families journeying through end-of-life."

Anyone interested in applying for work as part of the SE Health team providing nursing and PSW care at Oak Ridges Hospice can stay up-to-date on job postings by following either organization on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Interested applicants can also check the Oak Ridges Hospice website www.oakridgeshospice.com for information, or the SE Health website at <https://careers.sehc.com>

ORH LAUNCHES OUR FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN

"OPENING OUR DOORS FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE"



Oak Ridges Hospice is proud to announce that construction of our new home, Morgan & Sidhu House, will soon be complete. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we eagerly anticipate opening the doors of Durham's first hospice residence in early 2021.

As our family at Oak Ridges Hospice prepares to bring our vital service to the community, we need your help to raise **\$500,000** to furnish & equip our home, transforming it from bricks and mortar into a special place where palliative individuals and their loved ones will be supported through their precious last days together.

YOUR GIFT WILL BE MATCHED!

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, gifts made before December 31st will be matched, up to \$175,000!

\$50
to
\$499



Your gift will help provide many basic household essentials including small kitchen appliances, dishes, cookware, linens, small furnishings and decor to outfit our home.

\$500
to
\$999



Staying connected with loved ones is especially important now, more than ever. Help fund vital communication systems including telephones, computers, Smart TV's, and audio visual tools.

\$1000
to
\$1999



Help furnish our living room, dining room, library & meeting spaces with comfy chairs, love seats, sofas and tables where family & friends can spend meaningful time together in solace and support.

\$2000
and up



Your generosity will help keep our residents comfortable and safe with specialized beds & mattresses, a therapeutic spa tub, patient transport devices, blanket warmer and sleeper sofas for overnight guests.

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

Caldwell's "Golfapalooza" Tournament



Once again, the Caldwell family has demonstrated their enthusiastic support for ORH by hosting their annual "Golfapalooza" tournament at Sunnybrae Golf Club. With proceeds donated to ORH, this event honours the memory of Carley-Anne Caldwell.

Township of Brock



ORH is grateful to our neighbours in **Brock Township** for providing \$850 in funding from their Brock COVID-19 Community Grant to support the purchase of personal protective equipment for our staff and volunteers.

Budget Blinds of Port Perry



Congratulations to our friends at **Budget Blinds of Port Perry** for recently celebrating a decade of business. To honour this milestone they generously donated \$2500 to support ORH!

Port Perry Villa



A special thank you to the residents at **Port Perry Villa** who continue to support ORH. Director of Recreation Kim Owen presents Amy Stevenson with a cheque for \$2000!

Phil Carmichael Volunteer

Many thanks to Phil who has used his video production talents to provide us with our latest series of YouTube videos. The videos have helped us share the construction progress, introduce members of the ORH family and give our supporters a sneak peek at the inside of Morgan & Sidhu House.

Stephanie Curran Volunteer

Stephanie is a palliative care nurse at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and has been an integral part of both our Operations Committee and our Furniture & Equipment Committee. The Board of ORH is deeply indebted to Stephanie for contributing her time and effort throughout the planning stages of this project.



thank you



**TIM HORTON'S
SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN**

TIM HORTON'S SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$224,000 FOR HOSPICE CARE IN DURHAM REGION!



Dr. Russell joins Mike Walker and his team at the Tim Horton's on Old Simcoe Rd

In September, local Tim Hortons restaurant owners and guests helped raise over \$224,000 to support the development of residential hospices in Durham Region.

Proceeds of this year's Smile Cookie Campaign will be split between Oak Ridges Hospice and two future locations planned by Durham Hospice for Whitby and Clarington.

Congratulations to the team at the Tim Horton's on Old Simcoe Rd. in Port Perry for selling the most cookies in the Region!



Dr. Russell, Kyle Newbold (JJ McGuire - Site Superintendent) and Trish Thompson share a Smile Cookie at the construction site

Many thanks to J.J.McGuire General Contractors who spread smiles to their teams and local retirement homes in Port Perry by delivering 1000 Smile Cookies!

"The Hospices are truly grateful to our wonderful communities for showing their support and gobbling up so many cookies! It means the world to us to have so many generous people standing behind our projects" says Steve Russell, Board Chair of Oak Ridges Hospice.

We owe a huge thanks to the Tim Hortons owners and staff in our communities who worked so hard to make this happen.



In Memoriam

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

- Andy Atkins
- Mark Barrie
- Devon Biddle
- Clarence Brown

- Sue Carmichael
- Gail Anne Chellew
- Claudine Collings
- Calvin Henry Kennedy

- Murray Lee
- Teresa Martha McNeil
- Yoshiko Noguchi
- John Poupore

- Antonio Tersigni
- Lois Thomas
- Millicent Williams

Donations received from August 1st to October 31st, 2020

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