



# 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 2020.

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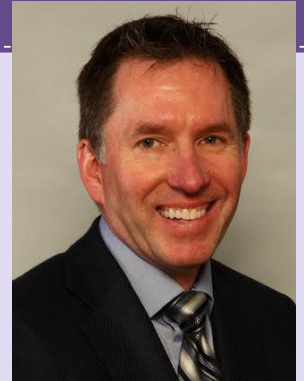
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*thank  
you*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The Thanksgiving holiday is a perfect time to reflect on all that we are thankful for: the love of family and friends, the gift of life, and the freedom and security we enjoy in our beloved country.

At Oak Ridges Hospice, we are extremely grateful for the support and encouragement of our growing community of supporters. In recent months, we have received generous donations from service clubs, community groups, and many private donations from family foundations and individuals. Our inaugural Hike for Hospice and 4th Annual Golf for Hospice events were shining examples of the caring community we are blessed with.

All of this has been a great boost to our Capital Campaign, "Building for Compassionate Care". Donations and future commitments now exceed the \$5 million mark, bringing us ever closer to our \$6.6 million goal that will allow us to build a home-like hospice care centre providing compassionate, professional palliative care, free of charge, to loved ones in their last days of life.

We are also thankful for new partners who are coming on the scene, filled with new ideas and energy, that make our future look very bright indeed. We have many talented professionals and community members coming forward to volunteer time and skills on various committees, helping us to ready ourselves for opening operations in 2020.

Our Board has been working tirelessly behind the scenes, meeting with architects and prospective builders, Township officials, and Ministry of Health representatives. We will have some exciting updates to share with you in the months ahead, so be sure to follow our website and social media closely!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you all a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for your ongoing support, and feel privileged to be involved in such a meaningful project with such a generous community around us.

Dr. Steve Russell.

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# FOCUS ON PHILANTHROPY

## THE POWERFUL IMPACT OF ONE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CANTERBURY COMMON RAISES \$66,000!

When the Canterbury Common Resident's Association made plans to celebrate their 20th Anniversary this year, they were inspired to give back to their community by launching a 20/20 Campaign in support of Oak Ridges Hospice. Pledging to raise \$20,000 for the hospice's capital campaign, plans were made to host a flurry of fundraising activities within their close-knit community from May through to September. Decked out in their new purple t-shirts, everyone got in the spirit of giving, and the season kicked off with a **Tie One On Campaign**, selling purple ribbons door to door to spread awareness of this worthwhile cause. Other well attended events included a Golf Tournament, Cavalcade of Canterbury Homes & Gardens, Door To Door Canvass and Loonie Auction.

Over 250 residents attended the Celebration Day Street Party on September 8th, to wrap up their 20th Anniversary festivities with dinner, music and a live auction. There was plenty of reason to celebrate, because thanks to the dedicated efforts of this outstanding neighbourhood, not only did they reach their fundraising goal, but more than tripled it, by raising a whopping **\$66,000** in support of Oak Ridges Hospice. An incredible effort by all involved!

Canterbury Common resident, Neil Simpson, shared these words:

**"It is the hope of all who live in Canterbury that the community spirit will spread far and wide within Scugog as neighbourhoods, sports groups and many more associations get behind the much needed Hospice."**

The board of Oak Ridges Hospice is exceptionally grateful to the residents of Canterbury Common for their exceptional display of community spirit and generosity.



ORH Board Chair, Dr. Steven Russell and Capital Campaign Chair, Anne Wright join Canterbury residents for the 20/20 Campaign Launch



Canterbury ladies check out many items to be auctioned at the Loonie Auction.



Some of the many volunteers who sold purple ribbons door to door for the Tie One On Campaign

# GOLF FOR HOSPICE PROCEEDS TOP \$500,000!

When Oak Ridges Hospice's President and key benefactor, Kevin Morgan, envisioned building Durham's first residential hospice, he knew it would be a challenge to get the project off the ground. Fortunately, he also knew he could rely on his broad network of friends and business associates to support this worthwhile initiative, so in the fall of 2015, he called upon this generous group to join him for a fun-filled day of golf and friendship, dubbing the event "Golf for Hospice". Thankfully, the owner of Lakeridge Links Golf Course, Doug Summers, was among that group of friends and Doug quickly jumped on board to support the cause by donating the use of his course for the day. This first annual Golf for Hospice tournament raised an astounding \$125,000 for our Capital Campaign and became an annual tradition, eagerly anticipated by the many big-hearted supporters who have continued to participate ever since.

September 20th, 2018 marked our 4th Annual Golf for Hospice tournament and the generosity of our players and sponsors never ceases to amaze us. The event was a resounding success with friendly competition and plenty of laughter throughout the day. The evening ended on a high note when another old friend, NHL veteran and Pipe Major Glenn Healy, arrived with his fellow kilted pipers from The Highland Creek Pipe Band to entertain guests during dinner. Special guest speaker, Anthony Lue, shared his inspirational story of how the power of positive thinking and perseverance led him to pursue new dreams as a Paralympic athlete and motivational speaker following a tragic workplace accident that left him a paraplegic. Thank you Anthony, for reminding us that no challenge is too large to overcome.

We are delighted to announce that the combined proceeds of this annual event has now exceeded **\$500,000!** What an incredible contribution to our "Building for Compassionate Care" capital campaign! Check out our website for more great pics from this year's tournament, along with a full list of event sponsors.



Dave Sidhu, Doug Summers, Gene Morgan, Kevin Morgan



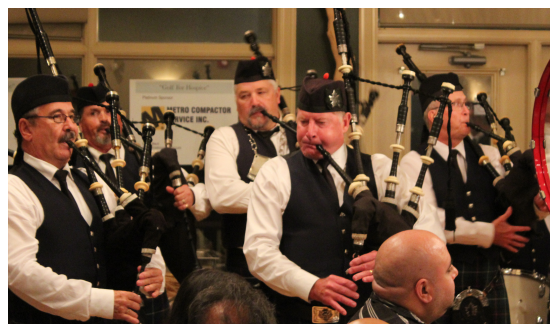
Platinum Sponsor: Metro Compactor, Pierre St. Amand, Ian Calder, Ziya Erkan, Danny Mauti



2018 Champions L-R: Bill McDermott, Sean Gravelle, Tim McGill



Dr. Steve Russell, Dr. Elizabeth Russell, Dr. Tony Brown, Scott Russell



Glenn Healy & The Highland Creek Pipe Band



Our volunteer team  
We couldn't do it without you!

# HIKE FOR HOSPICE

## PORT PERRY'S INAUGURAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE DRAWS A CROWD



Town Crier, Bill McKee, tolls his bell to kick off the Hike



Our BBQ Boys,  
The Knights of Columbus



ORH Director & key benefactor,  
Dave Sidhu, brings out his family

This spring, over 300 hikers came out to support Oak Ridges Hospice by participating in our first annual Hike for Hospice Event. People of all ages gathered at the Port Perry Fairgrounds to enjoy some sunshine & exercise, many accompanied by their canine friends.



Local dignitaries, cheer on the hikers.  
L-R Regional Councillor Bobbie Drew,  
MPP Granville Anderson,  
Scugog Mayor Tom Rowett,  
MPP Erin O'Toole



A great display of team spirit!

Hikers toured the town via their choice of 1, 3 or 5 km routes and returned to the fairgrounds to be treated to the sounds of musician Bill Dowson and a delicious BBQ lunch provided by the kindly Knights of Columbus with contributions from Trading Post Quality Foods and the Copper Branch.

Hike Co-ordinator, Lindsay Healey and her energetic team of volunteers did a phenomenal job of planning and organizing the event to ensure it went off without a hitch, while Aly Miller, captured the spirit of the event with many great pics throughout the day.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our hike participants, their generous sponsors and our volunteer team, this inaugural event raised over **\$40,000** for our capital campaign, a tally well beyond our most optimistic estimates. We are already looking forward to next year's event!

*Many thanks*



ORH Volunteers, always smiling

# 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**

## **100 Women Who Care Scugog**

Earlier this year, ORH was nominated as the charity of choice by this caring organization, Special thanks to member Tish Menzies for a great presentation on our behalf, resulting in a wonderful contribution of \$4400.

## **Sunderland Lions Club**

Our appreciation extends to the Sunderland Lions Club for their generous donation of \$2000, part of a 5 year pledge for \$10,000. Special thanks to Dr. Curtis Hadden for his presentation to the Lions Club.

## **Tara Hills Stud**

Over 300 people attended a Mother's Day Open House at Tara Hills Stud, one of North America's premiere standardbred breeding farms to visit the farm's beautiful mares & foals. Thanks to owner David Heffering for accepting donations to ORH of \$700, in lieu of admission to this lovely event.

## **New Song Church**

Many thanks to the **New Song Church Chancel Choir** for hosting a free "Reflections" concert in June, and to all who attended, offering donations of over \$2000 in lieu of admission to benefit ORH.

## **High School Car Wash**

Sincere thanks to all at **Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School** for hosting a fundraising car wash on their PA Day in support of Oak Ridges Hospice, raising over \$400.

## **Port Perry Agricultural Society**

Heartfelt thanks to the Port Perry Agricultural Society and all who attended the 2018 Port Perry Fair for the generous donation of \$5000.

## **Investors Group Golf Tournament**

Thanks to **Investors Group employees Andrew Down, Daniel Gibson, Chris Maeder and Phillip Rudkin** for organizing an Investors Group Golf Tournament at Sunnybrae Golf Club on July 13th, raising \$3150 for ORH! Well done gentlemen!

## **Gore Mutual Insurance**

We gratefully acknowledge the support of insurance brokers **Taylor Forder Insurance, Jones DesLauriers Insurance** and **David McAuley Insurance** for nominating ORH for grants through the **Gore Mutual Insurance Foundation**. Their nominations resulted in three grants of \$1000 each for our organization. Thanks to Gore Mutual for offering this fantastic program.

## **Prince Albert Garage Sale**

So very kind of Prince Albert resident, **Kathleen Paterson & daughter Jennifer**, to host a neighbourhood garage sale with proceeds donated to ORH. The sale raised \$1250 and as an added bonus, Kathleen's employer, Telus, generously matched her \$1250 with a community grant through **Telus's "Give where we live" program**. Amazing!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF ORH



**Blackstock & District  
Lions Club**

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

October 27th at 8:00 pm  
Blackstock Rec Centre

## HAROLD E. BALLARD FOUNDATION GRANTS \$25,000 TO ORH

The Harold E. Ballard Foundation has a long history of helping the sick and their vision is to help hospitals, hospices and caregivers provide the very best care for the sick, the elderly, and also anyone facing the end of life.

The Board of Oak Ridges Hospice is honoured to be the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from this organization whose generosity has made a remarkable difference in the lives of those most vulnerable among us.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Donating publicly traded securities & mutual funds is a tax effective way to support your chosen charity.**

By donating securities, you receive a double tax benefit – you eliminate the capital gains tax you would have to pay if you sold your appreciated securities PLUS you receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation. A gift of securities, therefore, benefits you more than giving cash!

For information on how to donate your securities, ask your financial advisor, or contact us at [info@oakridgeshospice.com](mailto:info@oakridgeshospice.com).



## In Memoriam



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

Edith Beckberger  
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Wilbert Caddick  
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