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WELCOME CHRISTINE!

Oak Ridges Hospice (ORH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Vos to the role of Executive Director. Since starting in October, Christine has jumped in feet first, bringing 30 years of leadership and volunteering experience to Oak Ridges Hospice and our Community.



"The board is thrilled to welcome Christine to Oak Ridges Hospice. Many in Port Perry and across Durham Region will know Christine and her long commitment to serving our community," says Steve Gray, Chair of the Board of Directors for ORH.

Christine Vos comes to ORH with over 30 years of experience working in the community. Before coming to Oak Ridges, she was the Manager, Operations at Community Living Oshawa/Clarington where she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of 33 locations. She has also volunteered in the community for over 40 years, working for organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters North Durham, Canadian Power Squadron and Durham College.

"I feel so humbled to become part of the Oak Ridges Hospice family," says Christine, "As I walked through the building, meeting staff and volunteers, all I could think about was how beautiful and thoughtful everything was. It is not a place of sadness; it is a place where families can celebrate life and love."



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Every gift has a tremendous impact at Oak Ridges Hospice and we are so grateful for the many individuals, community groups and foundations who have supported us in their own unique way! Below are some highlights from the last few months to celebrate this generous community.

2022 HOLIDAY DIRECT RESPONSE



We want to say a big thank you to the everyone who donated in response to the Holiday Direct Response Campaign. These generous donations will help so many families at the hospice to continue providing compassionate care.

SLIPPERS FOR FAMILIES



A big thank you to the Canterbury Knit Wits for knitting us gorgeous slippers to provide for the families of our residents to wear while visiting the Hospice!

SNOWBALL FOR HOSPICE



Thank you to Amy Toon for organizing a fun-filled day of baseball in the snow! It was a fantastic day filled with laughter and fun! We can't wait for the next one!

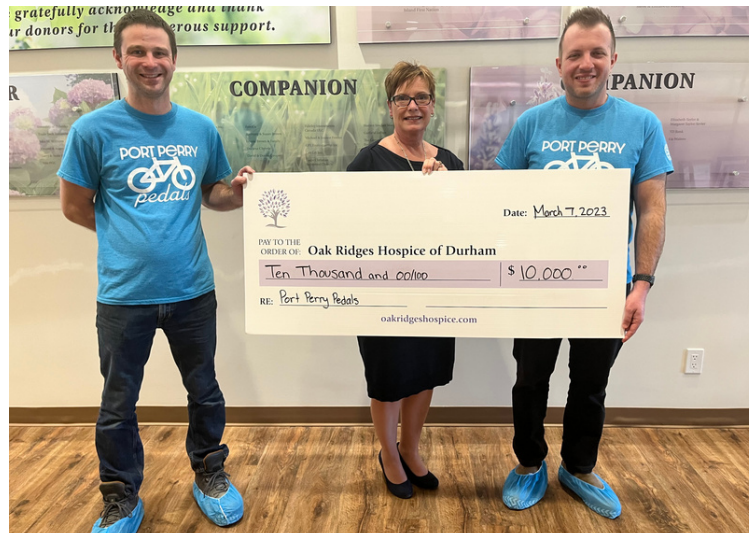
PORT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL



Thank you to all the students who participated in the Port Perry High School Fundraiser Dance that raised **\$1,311 for the hospice!** Your support means so much to the families we support at Oak Ridges!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE CONT...

PORT PERRY PEDALS



Thank you to Port Perry Pedals for their generous donation of \$10,000 to Oak Ridges Hospice from the 2022 event! Your support means so much to our Hospice!

LOOKING TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR OAK RIDGES HOSPICE?

Are you a member of a local organization or club, 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 of Durham would be honoured to be the recipient of your fundraising efforts.

Some Events To Consider Hosting: Golf Tournament | Concert | Garage Sale | Car Wash | Bake Sale

Reach out today to discuss your event idea!

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DURHAM REGION HOSPICE AWARENESS

DAY - JANUARY 29TH, 2023

Our Oak Ridges Hospice Flag flew high and proud around Durham Region to commemorate Hospice Awareness Day in Durham Region.

On Friday January 27th and Monday January 30th, Executive Director Christine Vos attended a total of 4 flag raisings around Durham Region, including Brock Township, Township of Uxbridge, Township of Scugog, and Durham Regional Headquarters in Whitby. Each of these flags flew at each location for seven days.

Our Oak Ridges Flag was proudly designed by one of our very own nurses, Jessica Johnson!

On February 1st, Volunteer Coordinator Cheryl Genereaux and Communications Coordinator Meghan McLeod, attended Durham Regional Headquarters to connect and talk with Council members, Mayors, and Representatives from different Townships and municipalities to inform and promote Hospice Awareness Day in Durham Region, which was on January 29th, 2023.



M.P.P. VISIT TO OAK RIDGES HOSPICE

On March 3rd, 2023, Oak Ridges Hospice welcomed dignitaries, mayors, and councilors and prominent community members for a special announcement.

In early-March, Oak Ridges Hospice received funding for additional two beds for the next three years, bringing Oak Ridges to our maximum capacity of 10 beds!

Dignitaries and special guests included MPP Lorne Coe, MPP Todd McCarthy, Mayor of Scugog Wilma Wotten, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations Representative Jamie Kozlinsky, and Oak Ridges Hospice Medical Director Dr. Seve Russell.

On March 15th, Oak Ridges was awarded an additional \$205,000 in one-time top up funding from the Ontario Government. This funding will allow us to continue to support families with end-of-life care.



L -R: MPP Lorne Coe, Scugog Mayor Wilma Wotten, ORH ED Christine Vos, MSIFN Rep Jamie Kozlinsky, MPP Todd McCarthy. ORH Medical Director Steve Russell.



HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2023

Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 Hike for Hospice our best year to date!!



The 6th annual Hike for Hospice will be taking place on Sunday June 4, 2023.

This year's event is expected to draw over 300 participants from across Durham Region, including families of current and past residents, community supporters, staff and volunteers.

Last year our amazing community came together and raised over \$100,000 to help provide resident care - our best year to date!

With promotions beginning in early March, we look forward to having our biggest Hike ever in 2023!

We are actively looking for sponsors, please scan the QR Code or visit the link below to see the 2023 Sponsorship Package:



<https://bit.ly/3Zl4oXj>



Save the date for the 2023 Hike for Hospice: Sunday June 4th, 2023!

WORDS FROM THE HEART

We love sharing with you the kind words we receive from friends and family of our residents. It is through the collective support and compassion of this community that we are able to provide exceptional care at Oak Ridges Hospice. None of this would be possible without each and every one of you.

"Oak Ridges has been "Heaven on Earth", a place where compassion meets professionalism and superior quality of care. Our family is eternally grateful for the love and compassion we received from every staff member and volunteer. Please accept this one (of many future donations) for taking exceptional care of our beloved mom, grandmother and great-grandmother."

"Your peaceful environment is evident as soon as you walk through the front door. The sincere care, compassion and support offered by staff and volunteers is above and beyond."

"In loving memory of my dear sister. We are very thankful for the amazing care and compassion shown to Nora and every family member during this difficult time. We are so appreciative that the Hospice was where she spent her final days."

"Your kindness and loving support for our friend and her family during this extremely difficult time was so very helpful. All of their friends knew they were in a loving passionate environment, and it must have given them such comfort. We miss our friend, but thank you."

"We can't thank you enough for taking care of our father and grandfather on his final journey and for the kindness and peace you gave my mom in her last days of being with him... our love and prayers are with you all."



MEET THE TEAM

CHERYL GENEREAUX - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Cheryl joined the ORH team in December 2020 as Volunteer Coordinator and has been an integral part of creating and developing the volunteer positions at Oak Ridges Hospice since opening in April 2021.

Could you share a little bit about your personal/professional journey that brought you to ORH?

I began my career in the volunteer management field over 20 years ago with a local not for profit community-based organization. This is where I quickly realized my passion for leading volunteers who support others in need in our community. I take great pride in empowering, inspiring and engaging volunteers in meaningful ways that build capacity within the organizations I serve.



I joined Oak Ridges for a personal reason, as my mother was palliative and spent her last few weeks in hospital, determined to be part of the solution and to bring more comfort and support to palliative individuals and their families. I am now part of this amazing team whose mission is to provide compassionate support and comfort in a home-like setting to not only the individuals but their families. By far, in my 20 years of experience, this is the meaningful work I have ever done, I leave with a full heart each and every day.

What does your role as Volunteer Coordinator entail and how do you support individuals at the hospice?

As the volunteer coordinator, I help organize all aspects of volunteering, from program/role development, recruitment, selection, onboarding, training and scheduling. I provide ongoing support, education, recognition and overall monitor volunteer satisfaction in their roles as well as ensuring the needs of ORH are met. Though I don't directly support residents and their families, indirectly I have impact on their experience by supporting the almost 100 dedicated volunteers who provide compassionate care and support.

Do you have a favourite moment or memory that has happened since starting in your role at ORH?

Our first volunteer appreciation event at the Gray Silo Lavender Farm. It was the first time since inception that we were able to come together as a group due to Covid restrictions. We finally got the opportunity to show the volunteers our true appreciation for all that they do for our residents, families and staff.

What is something you would like the community to know about Oak Ridges Hospice or your role in general?

ORH is a very special place. It is hard to explain, but many people automatically think it must be a sad place to work and yes, there is sad times as together we share those journeys with the individuals and their families. But there is also a lot of joy here as well, many special moments shared together, we become family. When you see the care and compassion, we provide to everyone who comes through our doors it reminds you how important our work is. I believe anyone who chooses a career in Hospice has a special kind of heart and the ORH team definitely has the biggest hearts.

MEET THE TEAM CONT...

MEGHAN MCLEOD - FUND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Meghan joined the ORH team in January 2023 as the Fund Development & Communications Coordinator (Maternity Leave Coverage) and has enjoyed every minute since! The caring and compassionate team here at Oak Ridges welcomed Meghan into her new role!

Could you share a little bit about your personal/professional journey that brought you to ORH?

I graduated Conestoga College with my diploma in Public Relations, I have multiple years experiences in not for profit organizations, being extremely involved in the agricultural community in North Durham. I've always had a longing and need to help other people, especially those in need.

I found a passion or helping others and raising funds for organizations and purposes I believe in when I was a teenager and Oak Ridges Hospice has held a special place in my heart since 2021.

What does your role as Fund Development & Communications Coordinator entail and how do you support individuals at the hospice?

As Fund Development & Communications Coordinator, my job entails handling any donations received in honour or in memory of a resident, as well as general donations. This also includes sending recognition to family members that donations are being received in honour/memory of their loved one. I also play a role in planning events (including the Hike for Hospice), coordinating fundraisers, and offering support where needed to third party fundraiser organizers. I also collaborate with other team members here at Oak Ridges to create and promote different campaigns and organize opportunities to help ORH grow.

Do you have a favourite moment or memory that has happened since starting in your role at ORH?

Since starting in early January, no two days are the same. There's always new conversations and stories exchanged between staff and family of residents. One of my favourite things that happens at Oak Ridges is the Honour Guard. Seeing residents being honoured, no matter how long their stay was touches my heart.

What is something you would like the community to know about Oak Ridges Hospice or your role in general?

One thing I was told is we want residents and their families to be able to make Oak Ridges their home away from home. And my favourite thing to share about Oak Ridges is the fact that we allow families to just be families again, instead of having to worry about being caregivers first.



IN MEMORIAM



We gratefully acknowledge donations received in memory of the following individuals*:

William Robertson	Patsy Cullen	Mr. Gordon Harrison	Lillian Little
Carl Van Belle	Phillip Brownlee	Mr. Douglas Baird	Laurel Elizabeth Nicholls
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		Carl Bagg	

*Donations received from August 1st, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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