



# OAK RIDGES HOSPICE HERALD

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**"Spring brings a breath of hope and new life to all of us,  
and the Oak Ridges Hospice project is no exception. "**



**Dr. Russell & Family at the 2019 Hike For Hospice**

I have just returned from a breakfast meeting with the Uxbridge Rotary Club, who invited me to speak about our vision. We were warmly received, and, like every where we go, there was much enthusiasm about the "Building for Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign. One of the members stood and spoke about the kindness extended to his family through the Palliative care team during the last days of his mother's life, and how her dignified ending has helped the whole family grieve with a sense of peace and comfort. He encouraged everyone to get on board with the building of a hospice.

We are excited about the growing number of supporters from all corners of North Durham, and continue to meet new partners with great ideas for fundraising and engaging the broader community. Soon we'll be able to share the architects concept drawings, which will capture the vision for our new Hospice facility.

Recently we have received a swell of support from the Uxbridge community, in addition to our base in Scugog. The Township of Uxbridge approved a grant of \$25,000 for our project this coming year. We also held our annual Hike for Hospice at Elgin Park in Uxbridge, with a great turnout of energetic local walkers. A number of our Uxbridge volunteer committee members organized a community information night at Shobrook Gardens in Uxbridge, which generated great interest and some new connections. The enthusiasm was mirrored in the crowd at our second annual community night at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Port Perry.

As we care for people in their last days, and as we plan for our new Hospice home, we are reminded of the dignity of each and every person and their own unique story. We have a moment to pause and be grateful for the life each of us has, and the joy of knowing the loved ones that are especially close to us. Hospice is about making the most of each day we have, even to the very last breath.

Thanks for being a valued member of our community of support. These are exciting times, and we couldn't do this without you! - Dr. Steve Russell, Board Chair

# HIKE FOR HOSPICE

## 2ND ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE RAISES OVER \$36,000

On an especially sunny Sunday in Uxbridge, over 200 members of our community gathered together to walk and get one step closer to bringing our hospice care centre to North Durham.



Steve Russell, MC Lance Brown and Hike Coordinator Lindsay Healey

This year's Hike For Hospice was a tremendous success thanks to our hike participants, generous sponsors and volunteer team. We are already looking forward to next year's event!

Hikers toured the town via a 5 km route and returned to Elgin Park to be treated to the sounds of musician Bill Dowson and a delicious BBQ lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus of Port Perry and Uxbridge with contributions from The Trading Post and Copper Branch.

Hike Co-ordinator, Lindsay Healey and her energetic team of volunteers took care of every detail and worked together to plan and organize the event. Special thanks to Aly Miller, for capturing the spirit of the event through her photographs.



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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Lance Brown | Bill Dowson





# 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**



The awesome staff from the **North Durham Family Health Team and Medical Associates of Port Perry** put the "Fun" in fundraising! Staff attended a Casino Night and raised \$5686.



Our appreciation extends to the **Port Perry Lions Club** for their generous donation of \$20,000.



Thank you to **Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation** for their exceptional generosity and gift of \$100,000 to ORH.  
Photo Courtesy of Chris Hall of the Port Perry Star.



### Port Perry Rotary Club

Thanks to the hard work of their members and community support, the **Port Perry Rotary Club** fulfilled their pledged gift of \$150,000.



### Scugog Township & Uxbridge Township

**Scugog Council** has approved a pledged gift of \$150,000 over four years while **Uxbridge Council** has approved a one time gift of \$25,000 with a pledge to consider another gift annually.



ORH was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the **Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group** through their "**Create a Ripple Effect**" (C.A.R.E.) program to be used towards equipping the hospice's Spa Tub Room..



### Blackstock & District Lions Club

The Halloween Dance organized by the **Blackstock & District Lions Club** raised \$3500.



### Columbus Community Church

Thank you to the **Columbus Community Church** for hosting a concert featuring Yodelin' Cowgirl, Naomi Bristow that raised \$1000.



### Toronto Foundation

Thank you to the Toronto Foundation for their gift of \$16,000 from the Joel Aldred Fund.

*Thank you*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF ORH



### PORT PERRY RIBFEST

Port Perry Rotary Club

July 26th - 28th, 2019

Palmer Park

Event includes award-winning Ribbers, other food vendors, plus fully licensed open and tented area



July 12th, 2019

10:00am Shot Gun

Includes 18 holes, power cart, breakfast, BBQ dinner, prizes

### IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT

#### CHARITY GOLF DAY

Sunnybrae Golf Club

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## WELCOME BETTE & AMY!

Our team at ORH is expanding and we are thrilled to welcome two new members to our Hospice family.

**Bette Hodgins** joins us as the Project Manager Operations and brings with her a wealth of experience from the community health care sector including strategic planning and operations.

With a background in event planning and fundraising **Amy Stevenson** joins us in the role of Fund Development & Communications Coordinator.

These two roles are made possible by **Saint Elizabeth Community Enterprise** through a generous seed funding grant to support hospice development.

## In Memoriam



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

Joe Bavaro  
Bill Brock  
Gail Anne Chellew  
Bill Cohoon  
Wemke DeJong  
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