



Huron Residential HOSPICE

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It's Official: Huron Hospice signs purchase agreement

An agreement has been signed to purchase the house that will become the Huron Residential Hospice. The property, located between Clinton and Goderich on highway 8, has recently been rezoned to permit a 4-bed residential hospice, and will officially be owned by Huron Hospice Volunteer Service (HHVS) at the end of August. There will be an open house event announced soon, but some renovations and construction will be needed to meet life and fire safety building codes for a hospice before it can officially open in March 2018.

To date, all donations have been made through HHVS, a registered charity with over 25 years of experience providing hospice care in this region. A residential hospice has been part of the HHVS strategic plan for over a decade. The residential hospice capital campaign is titled "Moments Matter" because the residential hospice aims to support families through the process of losing a loved one and embracing quality-of-life in their final days. "Compassionate care in the heart of Huron," said Kathy O'Reilly, chair of the committee, "it will not only be a place where our people can receive the care and services they require but will also be a place of living and celebration."

Dr. Agnes Kluz, medical lead on the site development committee and practicing physician in Seaforth said, "This will offer another choice for individuals to spend their final days, in addition to the existing network of caring staff and volunteers that are currently providing palliative care in our community. Having the full support of the community will be vital to building and sustaining this resource."

Community fundraisers have been popping up all over the County. A strawberry social at Goderich Place, the Huron County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament, raffle tickets for a quilt, hydrangeas for hospice, are all examples of how independent groups are coming together to raise funds for residential hospice. Many private donations and memorial donations have also been arriving for the project.

Gwen Devereaux, the fundraising campaign chair added "If you have been considering donating, but were uncertain if the residential hospice project was moving forward, now is the time to make that donation. We have the property, the zoning, the plans, and the ministry support. You have the chance to make a real difference for your neighbours, friends and family here at home in the centre of Huron County."

For more information about the project, and to donate, visit www.HuronResidentialHospice.com or contact Huron Hospice Volunteer Service office at 519-482-3440 x6301 or Gwen Devereaux at 519-870-3667. Follow the project on Twitter @HuronRezHospice and Facebook @HuronResidentialHospice