



A South Huron Residential Hospice

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South Huron Hospice Steering Committee

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“Although most people would prefer to die at home, most die in hospital. Aside from the compassionate aspect of this, caring for terminally ill patients in an acute-care hospital is estimated to cost over 40% more than providing care in a hospital-based palliative-care unit. **This is more than double the cost of providing care in a hospice bed and over 10 times more than providing at-home care.**

Access to palliative-care services is not equitable across the province. Patients who qualify for services in one area of the province may not have access to similar services in another area.”

Ontario Gov't announces funding for new hospice beds

- News of the new hospice bed funding first came in February when it was announced that Ontario's budget for 2016 contained a significant increase in funds for community hospice palliative care.
- This number came to \$75 million over the next three years, and at the end of those three years, the annual government funding will be \$55 million per year.
- Specifically, 200 new hospice beds will be funded.

Funding Hospices

- All capital must be raised locally to build and furnish the hospice
- Ont. Gov't will provide \$105,000 per bed per year for operating costs for LIHN approved hospices (70-80% of annual operating costs)
- Huron County has been identified by the SWLIHN as the County most in need of a residential hospice
- SW LIHN asked for funding for 10-12 beds to fund an ***integrated Huron-Perth solution***

Unique Location

Specifically, by building a residential hospice in Exeter we would have the greatest potential to relieve stress on more hospitals than if the residential hospice was situated anywhere else in Huron County. Nowhere else in Huron-Perth would there be that much positive effect on as many area hospitals ensuring a much larger long-term cost-saving and sustainability model.

We have the desire, the finances, the volunteers, and the donations to build and sustain the hopsice.

Progress to Date

- South Huron Hospital Foundation made the motion to fund the expansion of palliative care resources including but not limited to the creation of a small residential hospice (March 2016)
- A steering committee has been formed
- The steering committee has developed a business plan
- We have created an integrated Huron-Perth solution

Funds Are Being Raised

- South Huron Hospital Foundation Gala raises \$292,000 for Jessica's House, June 2016
- Local organizations, local projects, and funeral bequests have all started coming in for Jessica's House
- A lot has been donated
- In-kind donations have started to come in (e.g drawings)
- Despite not having launched our formal fund-raising campaign, Jessica's House has already captured the hearts and minds of South Huron

Request of Council

- ✓ A formal letter of support
- ✓ Awareness of the project and vocal support for it
- ✓ Encouragement of financial and In- Kind donations

South Huron Hospice Steering Committee

- Lindsay Barton
- Cass Bayley
- Mitch Homuth
- Dave and Lorelee Marshall
- Dr. Mark Nelham
- Pat O'Rourke
- Kimberley Payne
- Michelle and Rob Reid
- Patty Relouw
- Todd Stepaniuk (CEO of South Huron Hospital)
- Kim Winbow