HOSPICE HAPPENINGS newsletter

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From left: Ralph Ganter - Acting CEO of Erie-St Clair LHIN, Rick Nicholls - MPP Chatham-Kent-Essex, Jessica Smith - Executive Director of Chatham-Kent Hospice and St. Andrew's Residence, Derek Robertson - Chatham-Kent Councilor, Jennifer Wilson - Chair of Chatham-Kent Hospice Board of Directors

Summer, 2016

Chatham-Kent Hospice

Compassionate end-of-life care in a home-like setting

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Tremendous response to Chatham-Kent Hospice Grand Opening

In the first month of operation, Chatham-Kent Hospice served over **30 families** with the length of stay ranging from **24 hours to 19 days.**

Much like the beginning of this project, ribbons were an important part of the Grand Opening Ceremony for Chatham-Kent Hospice.

An official ribbon tying ceremony was held on April 5, 2016 to officially mark the opening of our new residential hospice, the first in Chatham-Kent. Each ribbon colour is symbolic. Red represents compassion, blue represents peace, yellow represents joy, purple represents honour and green represents encouragement. These symbols together made this project a reality and are important elements in what we do at Hospice.

A Public Open House was held on April 9th and 10th to give the community the opportunity to tour our new 10-bed residential hospice and over 4,000 people took us up on our offer.

If you missed the opportunity to tour the hospice, we invite you to take a Virtual Tour available on our website (www.chathamkenthospice.com).

The building was designed by ROA Studio Inc. and constructed by Westhoek Construction Ltd both of Chatham. Highlights of the design include a Central Courtyard with a reflecting pool and waterfalls; state-of-the art Resident Suites; Reflection Room and Great Room and Kitchen.

The construction of the new facility was made possible through the generosity of the community and Chatham-Kent Hospice will continue to rely on donations to cover operating expenses.

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Introducing the

Chatham-Kent Hospice
FOUNDATION

Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation Board of Directors
Front L-R: Rachel Schwarz, Nathan McKinlay, Aileen Murray, Jennifer Wilson, John Lawrence - Chair, David Shambrook Back L-R: Jodi Maroney - Executive Director, Marilyn Lyons, Don 'Sparky' Leonard, Sandra Kearney, Steve Walker – Vice Chair

Now that our residential hospice is operational, we have created the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation to be responsible for the fundraising activities needed to support Chatham-Kent Hospice.

Donors should see little change other than donations will now be directed to the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation. Helping make this transition is Jodi Maroney who moves from Director of Development to Executive Director of the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation. We will continue to be committed to excellence in everything we do and strive to exceed the expectations of our donors and community partners.

The benefit of creating a Foundation is that it now has a dedicated board of volunteers whose main focus is to secure contributions to support the hospice, foster relationships with donors and manage their contributions in a responsible and transparent manner.

For more information about the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation, please visit our website www.chathamkenthospice.com

To contact the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation:
Email: foundation@chathamkenthospice.com **Phone:** 519-354-3113
By mail to: 34 Wellington Street East, Chatham, ON N7M 3N7 **Charitable Status#** 809001597RR0001

Community Events

Here is the list of upcoming events in support of Chatham-Kent Hospice. Visit our website for more information.

July 10, 2016
- ***Sandy Price Memorial Golf Tournament***

July 16, 2016
- ***Randy Atkinson Memorial Golf Tournament***

August 6th, 2016
- ***9th Annual Nik McLeod Moustache Golf Tournament***

August 17, 2016
- ***Chatham-Kent Police Association Golf Tournament***

August 27, 2016
- ***Golf Tournament in Memory of Bradley Eltervoog***

We are grateful to ALL the individuals and community groups who have organized an event to benefit Chatham-Kent Hospice – Thank You!

To see results of past events or if you have an idea for a new event, please contact us or visit our website.

Accessing Hospice Care

Are you or is someone you love struggling with a life limiting illness?

Residential hospice care may be something to consider. To access residential hospice care the first step is to call the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) at 519-436-2222. The helpful staff will ask questions to better understand your needs. Then, you will either be connected with a Care Coordinator, or you will be referred to the program or service that is right for your needs. This may include services offered by Chatham-Kent Hospice.

Volunteers

The enthusiasm, talents and skills that our volunteers bring from the community to hospice is so welcoming and appreciated. The compassionate care that hospice provides would not happen without them! Currently, we have over 100 volunteers, working 4 hour shifts; about 10 volunteers a day!

Volunteer Opportunity - We are currently looking for volunteers interested in working in the kitchen. If you have an interest in cooking and baking and would like to volunteer please contact Melanie Watson, Volunteer Coordinator mwatson@chathamkenthospice.com, 519-354-3113 extention 2401 or visit our website at www.chathamkenthospice.com

Hospice *Heart Quotes*

Read about our hospice residents and their family experiences made possible by our generous donors - THANK YOU!

"We are treated like family"

"This place is beautiful and the staff are amazing... My papa just recently passed away here and they were amazing every step of the way I honestly have never met people that are so compassionate and love their jobs they were so great with my papa thank u so much!!! I can't express enough what you people did for our family! Thank u. Beautiful place with great caring staff!"

"It's so much more than what you would expect, and I am so glad I'm here."

"This is better for me and my wife….we don't have to worry about the medical side of things."

"We are so thankful we can take him out into the courtyard in his bed."

"The nurses are so kind, compassionate and funny at the same time."

"The sweet, compassionate way they treated Mom and us was beyond our expectations. No detail was left out. We spent 10 days there and it became home."

If you have a story to share, we'd love to hear it! Contact us at info@chathamkenthospice.com or call 519-354-3113

Message from the Chair

Our hospice journey has been characterized by three things - courage, faith and community.

34 months ago we didn't have a hospice, in fact we didn't have a piece of land or a stick of furniture.

But there was a desire and a need. So with courage and faith the ESC LHIN board agreed to provide some operational funding (June 2013) and the community did the rest!

Starting with the presentation to municipal council in November 2013 which resulted in a $1.5 M leadership grant, the community has been an essential part of the hospice project and the community`s fundraising support, quite frankly, blew our socks off!

The results of our fundraising campaigns - the Thanks for Giving, the Hospice Heroes, the Hospice Hope Chest campaigns and many community fundraisers – all stand as concrete examples of the courage, faith and community intrinsic to this hospice.

Indeed there is a long list of community partners who helped to support, design and drive the hospice project: St Joseph's Healthcare Society, St Andrew's Residence, VON, CKHA, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, faith based organizations and service clubs. This hospice "community" worked collaboratively to benefit the whole community.

Construction started April 17, 2015 by tying a ribbon on the construction fence to honour a loved one. Less than a year later on April 5, 2016, we celebrated the official opening of Chatham-Kent Hospice, the start of residential hospice care in our community.

It took only 34 months to raise the money, design not only the building, but also the programing, hire and train staff and volunteers and build the hospice. How did we do it so well and so fast?

It took courage, faith and the most important part, it took community– congratulations Chatham-Kent, you did it! You built yourself a hospice!

Jennifer Wilson
Chair, Chatham-Kent Hospice Board

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What a wonderful way to make the most of your donation.

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Online: www.chathamkenthospice.com

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