

Spring, 2016



HOSPICE HAPPENINGS

newsletter

www.chathamkenthospice.com

Changing moments, changing lives.

Our mission is to provide care that changes how families live the important experiences near the end of life.

Please join us for a tour of
our new residential hospice!

You are invited!

Open House

Saturday, April 9th, 2016

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 10th, 2016

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Meet in the Katherine Clements Hall in St. Andrew's Residence to start the tour.
Parking available at the following parking lots: Downtown Chatham Centre, former
No Frills parking lot, old Cinema Six.

Thanks to the
generosity of our
community
**Chatham-
Kent Hospice**
will be offering
compassionate
end-of-life care to
our community.

Soon our friends
and family will
no longer need
to travel beyond
Chatham-
Kent to get the
compassionate,
end-of-life care
that a residential
hospice can
provide.

Evolution of Chatham-Kent Hospice

2011 April
CK-Residential Hospice Leadership Group, led by Jon Wood first met in the basement of CKHA

2012 August
Submitted a Proposal for a Residential Hospice for the Chatham-Kent to the ESC LHIN

2013 June
Funding received from LHIN

2013 July
Hospice Board formed

2014 February
\$5 million Capital Campaign launched
Began with the education initiative

2014 September
Public Campaign Launched

2015 April
Construction begins
Hospice Hope Chest Campaign launched

2015 June
Dr Robert Mayo named as Head Physician

2015 February
First Volunteer Information Session held, 61 people attended!

2015 October
Hiring for Hospice Care Team

2016 January
Week 43 of construction

2011

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2016

2012 June
Completed Feasibility Study
Strong Community Support Evident

2013 March
Jennifer Wilson elected to lead committee

2013 November
Municipality of C-K approved \$1.5 million to project

2014 August
Obtained service of local architect ROA Studio Inc.

2014 December
Completed Capital Campaign total raised \$5.8 million

2015 March
Westhoek Construction Ltd. awarded construction contract

2015 June
Week 11 of construction

2015 August
Week 23 of construction

2015 December
Hospice Hope Chest Campaign Completed

2016 April
Grand Opening Construction completed within 12 months

Community Support



Thank you to Farm Credit Canada. The Chatham-Kent Hospice received \$15,000 from the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund. The funding will be used towards the purchase of furniture and equipment for our new residential hospice.



Jim Stein, OTF Volunteer, Jennifer Wilson – Chair, Chatham-Kent Hospice Board of Directors, Michelle O'Rourke – Director of Hospice Services, Rick Nicholls – MPP Chatham-Kent, Essex

Thank you Ontario Trillium Foundation, The Chatham-Kent

Hospice received \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant. The funding will be used to purchase furniture and equipment for the Support Programs, the Family Great Room, as well as purchasing communication equipment for the 10 residential suites.

Community Events

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

May 28th, 2016
Soccer Dogs 3 on 3 Tournament

The 4th Annual Soccer Dogs 3 on 3 Tournament is set to kick off at 9am at the Blenheim Centennial Soccer Fields on May 28th 2016. This year all the proceeds raised will be split 50/50 between the Chatham-Kent Hospice and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwestern Ontario.



Visit www.soccerdogs3on3.ca for more information!

Half's for Hospice - Chris Foster

Chris has been running half marathons all around Canada and the US raising money for Chatham-Kent Hospice and has raised over \$1,600 to date! To sponsor Chris, simply go to our Donation page (<http://chathamkenthospice.com/donate/>) and apply your donation to "Half's for Hospice".



- April 24 - London, Ontario
- April 30 - Nashville, Tennessee
- June 12 - Trot to the Beach -Blenheim, Ontario
- October 23 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

We are grateful to ALL the individuals and community groups who have organized an event to benefit Chatham-Kent Hospice – Thank You! If you have an event idea, please contact us or visit our website to learn more about how we can help you.

Message from the Chair

As I toured the hospice recently, one thought came into my head – now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. For those of you that have worked on building this hospice – our fundraisers, staff, architects, carpenters, electricians - and the many, many volunteers who sit on design advisory committees – you might think this a strange thought, after all haven't we already been working hard for the past 11 months?

Everyone who tours the hospice will notice the great care that has gone into getting each small detail correct. The families we serve, and the staff and volunteers who will work in the building, will be very grateful to the hard work of so many who have followed the mantra - this will be more than just a building.

So, first of all, congratulations to everyone for building a beautiful space; a place where important, life changing transitions will occur. I believe we have built a space worthy of that significance – no small feat! Well done Fundraising Committee! Well done Construction Committee! Well done ROA! Well done Westhoek!

While we built the structure, many people have been working behind the curtains to build policies, develop procedures, train volunteers, hire staff - basically to design a culture worthy of the building. Well done Volunteer committee, Quality Committee, Governance Committee, Finance Committee and our partners at St. Andrew's Residence, CKHA and VON.

All this activity will culminate in 'doors open' in a few short weeks!

So why do I think it's 'time to roll up our sleeves'? Because our beautiful building and our clever innovative policies will mean nothing without one essential ingredient - love. It is time to bring the love into the building. It will be carried in the hearts of the staff, volunteers and families. It is time to get our building, our policies, our staff and volunteers to work together to create the magic that is hospice and the one essential ingredient that changes our very wonderful building into something so much more – is love.

Today let's celebrate! Then let's get to work!



Jennifer Wilson
Chair, Chatham-Kent Hospice Board



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