

Hospice Cornwall



*It's never too late to care
Le souci n'a pas de retard*

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“After so many years of investigating the need and the feasibility of a hospice I am delighted that we will finally complete the dream of having a facility with a home-like atmosphere and specially trained caregivers that can care for the terminally ill. I must commend all that have worked so hard to see the final results.”

Dr. Pat Irwin, Honorary Co-chair

“A hospice will complete the options of care for the terminally ill patient and provide medical care for the individual as well as emotional and spiritual care for the patient and family and it will be staffed by professionals that have specifically chosen palliative care and by a community of volunteers with their individual talents for helping others.”

Dr. Mary Jane Randlett, Honorary Co-chair

What is a Hospice?

Hospice palliative care is **end-of-life care**.

It is the combination of active and **compassionate therapies extended to comfort** and support the patients and their family members and caregivers.

It is patient-focused and strives to meet the physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the individual and their caregivers.

A hospice provides **personal professional nursing care 24 hours-a-day**.

It is a **home** when **home** is no longer possible or practical, making the last days of a person's life with his or her family together peaceful, comfortable and meaningful.

Who is Carefor Health and Community Services?

“Carefor”, **formally known as VON** (Victorian Order of Nurses) has been serving Cornwall and the United Counties of S D & G with dignity since 1915.

How is Hospice care different?

- ✓ The focus is on pain control and symptom management
- ✓ It is both physical & psychological support
- ✓ It is specialized services that are provided by experienced healthcare providers
- ✓ There is a continuity of trained medical staff & caring volunteers support
- ✓ Consistent liaison with, and involvement of family physicians is ensured
- ✓ Various family & bereavement supports are provided
- ✓ Meals are served on demand as requested, not timed like in a hospital environment

"We believe a hospice is a very important part of end-of-life care. We encourage everyone to do what they can to support the hospice that will provide special care to the patients as well as peace-of-mind to their family members."

Mike and Linda Moyer, Campaign Co-chairs

Is this not a duplication of hospital services?

Not at all, Hospice Cornwall will actually complement our excellent hospital care. Our new hospice will be the final link in palliative care for our community.

A hospital's mandate is to provide acute care. Palliative care patients needing complex care can still be admitted to the hospital.

Hospice Cornwall will provide **compassionate, end-of-life care for individuals who prefer not to be in a hospital and can no longer stay at home**. Liaison with home and family physicians will be maintained.

Why a hospice in Cornwall?

Recognizing the need of Cornwall and the United Counties' aging population, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care agreed to fund part of the ongoing operational budget for the hospice once it opens, leaving Carefor's Board with the daunting task of deciding **to raise the necessary funds** to build the hospice from a community that some would argue suffers from donor exhaustion.

None the less, Carefor's long term vision was undeterred in its goal **to provide hospice end of life care with dignity in a home-like facility for the citizens of Cornwall and the United Counties of S. D. & G.**

Our need for hospice palliative care is escalating as our population ages. **Additionally, our community needs for a hospice have grown over the years as the number of terminal disease cases has increased among our young people as well.**

Where will Hospice Cornwall be located?

The facility will sit on 1.1 acres of land graciously donated by St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church. **The site is behind the church on Second St. West at Riverdale Ave. in Cornwall.** Hospice Cornwall will be a free-standing building with new construction of approximately 12,000 square feet which will include 10 private beds including a pediatric / teen room.

"We see ourselves in a position to co-operate with Carefor and serve the needs of our fellow citizens in a way which clearly aligns with historic Christian values of caring for people at the end of their lives."

**The Rev. Peter Hincke, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Donors of Hospice Cornwall building site Second St. at Riverdale Ave.)**

Who can receive hospice care and what are the costs?

Hospice Cornwall services are totally **non-denominational** and available **free-of-charge** to all people regardless of age, gender, race or religion.

Is this good value for our health care dollars?

Yes. The Ontario Ministry of Health is funding the operations of residential hospice programs when they already fund palliative care in hospitals because the Ministry is aware that many Canadians would prefer end-of-life palliative care outside of a hospital setting. It also makes tremendous economic sense...

A regular hospital bed costs \$1,200.00 per day

A private hospital bed costs \$1,400 per day

A hospice private bed costs only \$300 per day!

Hospice Cornwall not only works for our community on a compassionate basis, it potentially frees up badly needed health care dollars and hospital beds.

How can I help?

We understand and respect each individual's personal preferences and capacity to give and **certainly no gift is too small.**

While some may want to make anonymous donations, others may wish to make a public gift to pay for a specific item or for other naming opportunities in the hospice in honor of their family or company. A significant gift to Hospice Cornwall would have an enormous impact in providing the much needed end of life care with dignity and this would become part of your family's or company's legacy in our community.

Once again, **no gift is considered too small** and there are many creative options to consider in order to maximize your gift to include: cash donations, cheques or credit card donations, the gift of stock or share transfers, etc... **To make it easier to give, your gift can be spread out and paid on a monthly basis and / or over a 5 year period. As an example, a \$5,000.00 donation can be given as \$1,000.00 yearly or spread out over 5 years at \$83.33 monthly. That amount may actually be less when you consider the tax benefits of giving to you personally and / or through your company.**

By contacting Carefor at 613-932-3451, we can put you in touch with a member of our Hospice Cornwall Fundraising Committee that will be happy to **confidentially** discuss and explore the many ways we can help you make a donation that is comfortable for you.

It's never too late to care...

We sincerely believe that when it comes to **an individual's end-of-life care, regardless of age, gender, race or religion... *it's never too late to care.***

And whether you are considering a gift of money or a gift of your time as a volunteer... ***it's never too late to care.***

On behalf of the **Carefor Board of Directors** and the dedicated members of the **Hospice Fundraising Campaign Cabinet and Fundraising Committee** we wish to sincerely thank you in advance for your support.

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