



**Tender for
Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre
To Be Released in January**

December 6, 2018

Ray Lobban, Chair of the Board for Community Care Northumberland is very pleased to announce the tender to build Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre will be released in mid-January.

"The Board of Directors is very excited that we have been able to reach this milestone of Ministry approval to begin the tendering process of the project" stated Ray Lobban. "The development of Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre has been front and centre of our Board discussions and we look forward to celebrating when the shovel goes into the ground in the early spring. Congratulations to the Building Committee consisting of Leslie Benson, Denise Kearsey, Ian Lancaster, Cheryl McFarlane, Ross Quigley, Stewart Richardson, Art Seymour, and our Project Lead Sherry Gibson and Executive Director Trish Baird for their commitment and diligence in helping move this project along."

The Building Committee for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre along with the Architects for the project Barry Bryan Associates have pre-qualified five local area builders to tender on the project. Final preparations will be completed in December and the prequalified builders will receive the tender documents in early January.

"It is a very exciting time for this project as we move forward for the tender for the build" states Stewart Richardson, Chair of the Building Committee for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. "The Committee along with our Architects, and the Campaign Committee see this as a major step forward as the Hospice Care Centre moves from being a dream to a reality".

Campaign Co-Chairs Gord and Patti Ley launched a year ago the Honouring the Journey Campaign with a goal of \$9.3 million dollars and to date in excess of \$8.1 million dollars has been raised to support the project.

"The community has shown outstanding generosity for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre, we thank everyone who has donated", states Gord and Patti Ley, "

“Our Campaign team continues to move ahead raising funds and with the announcement of our move to tender for the new building we ask the community to consider a gift this Christmas to the Honouring the Journey campaign for this vital new Centre in order that we achieve our target of \$9.3 million dollars.”

Ed’s House will be a hospice hub providing residential hospice care 24/7 at no cost to those receiving the service, along with current Community Hospice programs and outreach services. It will be located in Hamilton Township on Ontario Street at Oliver’s Lane. The two-level building will include 10 Hospice Care suites, 6 operational at opening and 4 future suites with the lower level offering education and support services for the community. The Provincial Ministry of Health has committed ongoing operational funding of \$630,000 and one time capital funding of \$1.2 million dollars for the project.

For further information or to learn how you can support Ed’s House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre please take a moment to view our website at www.northumberlandhospice.ca

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