

*Community Care Northumberland Breaks Ground for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre*



Cobourg, ON – April 24th, 2019 - Community Care Northumberland Board of Directors hosted today an official ground breaking for Ed’s House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. Surrounded by donors, and community members, representatives from Community Care Northumberland, Ed’s House Building and Campaign Committees, MPP David Piccini and representatives from Dalren Limited along with local dignitaries, the group using ceremonial shovels broke ground to signify the start of construction for Ed’s House.

“This is a very exciting day for our organization” states Ray Lobban, Chair of the Board for Community Care Northumberland, “It is the culmination of a tremendous effort by dedicated volunteers including the Board of Community Care Northumberland, the Building and Campaign Committees for Ed’s House, along with the tremendous generosity of the community and the support of the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Health and Long -Term Care.”

“Our government is committed to working with our community to improve access to comfortable, end-of-life care for more people who are in need. Through providing operational and capital funding our Government is supporting this vital hospice and many more around Ontario,” said MPP, David Piccini. “I know that the vision for creating Ed’s House has been one that involves many in this community and has been a result of many years of tremendous effort.”

Community Care Northumberland has been delivering community hospice services through a multidisciplinary team since 2010. In March of 2017 the

agency received approval to move forward with plans to build a Hospice Care Centre, incorporating current community programs with a Hospice Residence creating Ed's House, Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. The focus of the centre will be on patient care from time of diagnosis of a life limiting illness to end of life care in our hospice suites including bereavement supports for caregivers, family and friends. Ed's House will be located in Hamilton Township just north of the 401 on Ontario Street at Oliver's Lane.

"In selecting a builder for Ed's House the Board of Community Care Northumberland had the expertise of our architectural firm Barry Bryan & Associates and our Building Committee led by Stewart Richardson" states Ray Lobban. "After a successful prequalification and tendering process, and a review by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Capital branch, Community Care Northumberland is pleased to have approved local builder Dalren Limited to build the new Hospice Care Centre."

"All of our employees and management are extremely pleased to be a partner on this important and highly anticipated local project" stated Matt James, Dalren Owner and President. "It is exciting to be a part of something that will have such a huge impact on so many people in our community."

The goal of Community Care Northumberland and its Building Committee is to build the best hospice care facility in the province. Ed's House will be a 18,000 square foot facility that will provide compassionate end of life care 24 hours a day 7 days a week, at no cost to those receiving the service. Ed's House will be built as a ten-bed facility opening with 6 beds operational and 4 future suites.

"With construction starting immediately it will take approximately one year to complete" states Trish Baird, Executive Director of Community Care Northumberland. "We look forward to working with Matt James and the Dalren team during the construction of Ed's House".

The Capital Campaign for Ed's House was launched in November of 2017 and on May 22nd Community Care will host a Celebration of Support at the Baltimore Community Centre. This celebration will thank and recognize our donors and the community for their outstanding support of the capital Campaign lead by Campaign Co-Chairs Gord and Patti Ley.

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