

***Honouring the Journey Campaign Achievement announced at the Celebration of Support for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre***



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At the Celebration of Support event hosted by Community Care Northumberland, Patti and Gord Ley Campaign Co-Chairs announced the Honouring the Journey Campaign achievement for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. The capital campaign goal announced this past June was to raise \$9.3 million dollars to support a 10 bed Hospice Care Centre. Patti and Gord were very pleased to announce that the campaign had reached and exceeded that target by raising \$9,810,998.

"It has been an exciting 18 months for us as we worked with the Campaign Team and the community to build momentum and support for Ed's House", states Patti Ley. "We have been involved in a number of capital campaigns and this one is very special for both us, it has been an incredible journey and we thank Community Care Northumberland for asking us to lead this effort and the community for their tremendous warmth and generosity towards Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre", states Gord Ley

The Honouring the Journey Campaign was announced in November of 2017 to raise \$7 million dollars for a 6 bed hospice care centre. As the Campaign moved through the quiet phase it became apparent that donors would prefer to see a full 10 bed facility built. In June of 2018 at the launch of the public phase of the Campaign – it was announced that the goal would be \$9.3 million dollars to build a 10 bed facility, 6 of the beds would be operational on opening with 4 future suites in place. The Ministry of Health and Long -Term Care has committed \$1.2 million dollars of Capital funding to the project along with operational funds for 6 beds at \$105,000 per bed.

The Board of Directors for Community Care Northumberland congratulates Gord, Patti and the Campaign Team on exceeding their goal of \$9.3 million dollars” states Ray Lobban, Board Chair, Community Care Northumberland. “We express our thanks to the many generous donors who have supported the campaign for Ed’s House, Northumberland Hospice Care Centre and to the Ministry of Health and Long -Term Care. Your generosity and support have made it possible for Community Care to move ahead with this project and we are very pleased to have broken ground in late April.”

“On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Patti and Gord Ley, the Campaign team and to Community Care Northumberland for their incredibly successful capital campaign”, stated MPP David Piccini. “This success is a testament to the hard work and generosity of so many in our community and to the understanding of the importance of Ed’s House. The Government also understands the importance of providing hospice care in our community and is very pleased to support Ed’s House through capital and operational funding.”

At the Celebration of Support, it was announced that an Ed’s House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre Foundation would be established by the Board of Directors of Community Care Northumberland. This Foundation will be established within the next 8 to 12 months and funds raised by the Foundation will support ongoing operational costs for Ed’s House.

Ed’s House will be a two level building, located in Hamilton Township at the cross roads of Ontario Street and Oliver Lane. The new facility will contain a main level, focused on patient care and a lower level focused on outreach and education. The main level will include 10 Hospice Care suites, 6 operational and 4 future suites, a family dining room and living room with a children’s play area. The lower level will include an education room along with many support rooms where a variety of services will be offered.

Ed’s House will continue to offer our current programs and services, along with providing end of life care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to those receiving the service.

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