

The BRIDGE HOSPICE

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Welcome to another historic event in the life of The Bridge Hospice - the first issue of our regular biannual newsletter!

You have been so supportive of the hospice vision; we want you to know what has been happening and what is planned for the future. We are also developing an e-mail newsletter to go out every 2 months. So, please e-mail us at info@thebridgehospice.com to put your name on our list.

Our goal is to provide a comfortable, home-like setting for those who are dying and their families. It is our firm belief that by providing compassionate care for the patient and family we will help our community to live and die well.

Dr. Bob Stephens' fund raising committee has been gratified by the generosity of the community. We really live in a wonderful place, where people are prepared to give of their time and finances to support a cause they believe in.

The plans for the building have progressed from ideas in people's minds to the point that they are now in the hands of an architect. We expect to start construction in the spring, and all things being equal, we should be able to receive our first client early next fall. This is very exciting indeed and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of many.

Since becoming chair of the board this past spring, I have been truly impressed by the number of people in and around Trent Hills who are committed to seeing this vision become a reality. As anyone who has built a home knows, there are always surprise costs, so please continue to support this project. The need for ongoing operational funds is just as important. We are looking for donors willing to make longer term pledges to underwrite those costs.

There are many other ways you can be involved. We need those who are interested in direct patient care and we need people with other skills - building trades to help reduce costs, gardeners, cleaners and administrative support workers. If you would like to be involved send us an e-mail or phone 704-924-9222.

Dr. Bob Henderson, Chair



The story behind The Bridge Hospice

Over the next three newsletters we would like to introduce you to the women who started all this - our visionaries. They had a dream that our community needed a residential hospice and this past summer their dream became a reality. The Bridge Hospice bought an acre of land on Old Hastings Road in Warkworth which will be the site of our residential hospice.

Today we are introducing Pauline Faull. Pauline now lives in Port Hope, but when she lived in Toronto she was instrumental in starting the Bayview Community Hospice. In 1992 she finished her Master's Degree which was about the "marriage" of volunteer organizations and business. She has worked at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany, N.Y. and trained with Dr. E. Kubler Ross. She has volunteered at Trinity Hospice in Toronto and also at Lakeshore Hospice in Cobourg. Her enthusiasm and experience make her a wonderful asset to our Fund Raising Committee.

Pauline is passionately committed to hospice and her enthusiasm is infectious. When she was returning home from Ireland this past year she started talking to the man in the next seat about her legacy in life. She said that her personal search for meaning is hospice. He told her his mother had died in a hospice in Indianapolis and how grateful he was for the loving care she and the family received there. It reminded Pauline about her own family's experience when her mother was in a hospice in Ireland, so they had something in common. When she stood up to get off the plane, he handed her some money for "Her Hospice". She told her daughter and sister this story and her daughter took out the money to count.

Her daughter said "How much do you think is here?"

Pauline thought perhaps \$100.00 then maybe \$200.00. She was stunned when she learned it was \$1,000.00. Pauline's ability to touch the heart of everyone she meets is our secret weapon on the Fund Raising Committee.



L to R Our Visionaries are: Lynda Pecora, Pauline Faull, Rosaleen Dunne. Seen here at the sign unveiling on the lot at Old Hastings Road, Warkworth.

Fundraising Events

This past year has been extraordinary for The Bridge Hospice. Aureen Richardson was the first major donor to our fund raising campaign with a very generous cheque of \$50,000. That wonderfully supportive gesture started us on our way to the goal of raising \$350,000 to build the first residential hospice in Northumberland County. The journey that Aureen began continues today as more and more people become committed to the vision of a residential hospice. With the support of private individuals, the community and corporate sponsors, we have raised enough money in one year to buy the land and we look forward to putting the shovel in the ground in the spring.

The community has rallied around this cause and all our special events have been very well attended. We started in the spring with a spectacular Wine and Cheese evening to thank those who have been so supportive of our vision and to “friend raise”. A Black and White Ball was organized in June by Bev Roy, who donated the proceeds to The Bridge Hospice. Stella Stacey took on the job of running our first Golf Tournament in August which was such a huge success we want to continue it every year. Bev Roy also put on an amazing “Girl’s Night Out” Fashion Show in September and once again donated the profits to The Bridge Hospice. Bryce Miller’s Annual W8 Run in October was bigger and better than ever. Over the years Bryce has raised \$10,000 for the hospice. We are thrilled that the community continues to show their support with their enthusiasm, their time and their money. Thank you everyone.

On the corporate side we have been blessed by several donations. The most recent is a very large donation of \$75,000 from the Parrott Foundation in Belleville. We are very grateful for the continued acknowledgment by the corporate community of the importance of building a residential hospice.

Putting this all together means that we are very near our goal of \$350,000 for the building, the equipment and for the initial operating expenses for the hospice. We continue to need your support, both financially and as a volunteer as we reach this critical point. We are very grateful for your faith in this project and look forward to celebrating the opening of the hospice in 2011.

Dr. Bob Stephens, Chair Fund Raising

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The Build

The Board of The Bridge Hospice approved the selection of an architect for our building and the contract has been awarded to Chris Wallace of Port Hope. Chris is a very experienced designer and his previous work has shown that he has a real talent for re-creating Ontario “cottage” architecture, updated to the present with appropriate materials.

Our “shovel” date is early April 2011 and over the next few months we will be approving drawings. We will be seeking competitive bids on the construction, with a provision for a significant amount of volunteer work in the finishing of the interior such as drywall, trimming, cabinets and painting. If you have talents in any of these areas, we would like to hear from you!

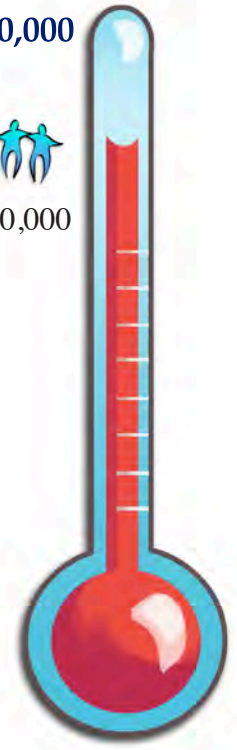
Sincere thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we move towards the actual construction date. Things will now move quickly and we expect to meet our target of the first patient in September of 2011.

If you would like additional information or would like to offer your talents please contact Sonny Lennon at 705-924-1877 or Dean Peters at 705-924-2802.

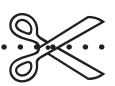
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