

WELCOME

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This e-newsletter marks the start of a new way of communicating with those of you who are most important to the ongoing progress of The Bridge Hospice – our volunteers and supporters. Without the many hours of work and sacrifice given to TBH by so many of you we would not have come this far and would not be able to look ahead with confidence and enthusiasm.

And we are enthusiastic! Over the past 2 years, thanks to the generosity of so many, we have raised enough support to break ground on May 3! We have people anxious to give of their time and skills in volunteer labour at the build site, and we have hired our first staff person – Yvonne Williams. Yvonne has joined us to help the fund-raising committee and we welcome her wholeheartedly.

Our fund-raising committee has many projects in the works. Don't forget the Walk-a-Thon on Saturday May 7th – pledge forms are available on our website. All of these projects take a lot of time and energy to organize and are successful because so many of you come out for some fun and to support your hospice.

Most importantly, we are all involved in this project because we care. We care that there are those spending their last days in less-than-ideal situations because they have no options. We care that many family's memories of their loved one's last hours are of standing about in hospital corridors feeling they can't provide appropriate support. Or perhaps memories of the exhaustion of trying to care for a dying family member at home – too tired from providing care to be able to sit and talk, or to grieve appropriately. That's why we're doing this. To provide a loving and supportive home-like environment for our friends and neighbours at a crucial time in their lives and the lives of their families.

So, thank you! Thanks for sharing your time, your money and your love.

Dr. Bob Henderson, Chair of the Board





The Build

The building permit is in hand, Dave Maddison our contractor & partner is ready to build (he will build the frame and seal the building). Our other partners in the sub trades are standing by. Don Campbell is excavating, the plumbing is by Murry Kirkland, the sprinkler system from Bill Hobbs, the electrical by Tom Cunningham, Ken Layton is doing the heating and AC. The Build Team is getting ready to take over the interior work from the contractor when his team has finished their portion of the job. Our Build Captains are busy getting our shopping list ready, for doors, floors, gyprock etc. as well as organizing the volunteers into work crews. We can always use more so contact The Bridge Hospice if you would like to help. Our Design Team is very busy choosing exterior vinyl and roof colour as well as the interior décor and furniture. They also are working on landscaping to make The Bridge Hospice a warm and cozy home for our clients and their families.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will be well on our way, we have had a very wet spring so far and this has delayed the start by about 10 days, but I'm sure that once started there will be no stopping our partners and volunteers from meeting our September completion date.

Dean Peters and Sonny Lennon





Coming Events

Sod Turning Ceremony

We will be starting to build in May with the sod turning ceremony on Tuesday May 3rd, 2011 at the building site on Old Hastings Rd., Warkworth.

Walk-A-Thon

Please join us for our first Walk-A-Thon on Saturday May 7, Registration 9:00 a.m. at the Warkworth Arena.

The Pledge Forms are available on our Website ~
<http://www.thebridgehospice.com/>

Golf Tournament

Our second annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday July 23rd. Watch our website for details.

Memorial Concert

Stay tuned for word of a Memorial Concert in August.

Annual W-8 Race in October

Every October we have the W-8 race in Warkworth. Watch for more information on our website.

Finances

We have raised \$335,000 to date thanks to our very generous supporters. The cost of building is always going up and we continue to need your help as we start to build.

How you can help ~

Send a cheque to The Bridge Hospice, Box 354, Warkworth, ON K0K 3K0.

If you would prefer to use your credit card, we accept VISA or Mastercard. Please phone 705-924-9222.

If you would like to use monthly preauthorized payments, please send a note indicating the amount you would like to donate each month and a void cheque to The Bridge Hospice, Box 354, Warkworth, ON, K0K 3K0.

You can also donate through the Canada Helps link on our website <http://www.thebridgehospice.com/>.

Thank you for your support.

