



Saugeen Hospice Inc.

A Hospice Closer-to-Home

Presentation to Grey County Council
Friday November 12, 2021

The Hospice Environment: Ontario

- Four types of palliative care in Ontario:
 - *Hospital (like Hanover, Owen Sound and others)*
 - *Long Term Care (like Rockwood Terrace and others)*
 - *Home care*
 - *Residential Hospice*
- Acute care and long-term care are expensive – 3-5 times hospice
- ...but they are 100% funded as part of health care. Hospice is not.
- Hospice concept depends heavily on the community
- Government funds \$200,000 per bed Capital. Cost is \$1,000,000
- Government funds \$105,000 per bed Operating. Cost is \$175,000



About Saugeen Hospice

- Saugeen Hospice Inc (SHI) was incorporated in June 2021 following a decision by Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce (RHGB) to stop accepting donations for a hospice in Bruce
- Board consists of 12 driven/experienced individuals with a deep interest in a residential hospice in southern Grey Bruce. Two members were formerly on RHGB's Board and left as a result
- Board is composed of corporate entrepreneurs, logistics expert, lawyer, chartered accountant, teacher, palliative nurse, environmental professional, pharmacist/CEO, firefighter, municipal councillor and diplomat/CEO
- Over 350 avid community supporters already – growing daily
- Over 400 Facebook followers





Why Here? Why Now?

- Broad need for residential palliative care in south Grey-Bruce
- Closest residential hospice is Owen Sound, an hour+ away
- Region has a markedly aging population, and climate-based mobility, particularly winter, brings hurdles to travel
- The initiative has been in play for 5 years, as a committee of RHGB. Only \$37,776 of Health's \$180,000 planning fund spent
- RHGB is now focused on its operations at Chapman House due to COVID-19-related fundraising issues
- June 30 it stopped accepting any donations for the "South Build"



Our Plan

- SHI needs to raise \$1 million to be authorized by the Ministry of Health to begin (6 beds planned)
- Thereafter, a minimum of \$400,000 annually to operate
- Fundraising and donor relations are critical
- SHI has a number of initiatives completed or underway:
 - Golf Fore Hospice raised \$150,000 in June this year
 - Hike for Hospice (Spring) has taken in well over \$100,000 annually in the past
 - Galas post-COVID average \$50,000 after expenses. Service clubs invaluable.
 - Harvest for Hospice in planning (pennies per bushel)
 - Rally for Hospice in Spring 2022
 - Major donors campaign – corporate sponsors (Chapman House was kickstarted with a \$1 million donation from Chapman's Ice Cream)

Current Status

- RHGB holds over \$707,000 in a segregated south build account for a hospice to be built in Bruce County (MoH condition)
- RHGB has charitable tax status. Ours will be approved for early 2022 but, in the meantime, there is nowhere to donate
- We have entered into formal discussions with government (local MPP's, Minister of Health and senior officials)
- We are confident of success in making this hospice a reality
- Donations continue to flow by those who do not require a tax receipt. SHI has over \$10,000 in the bank and growing
- Tax status will see a marked boost in donations (currently have \$500,000 in trusts waiting on tax status)





What Do We Ask of Grey County?

- Your full moral support for this community initiative
- Start-up capital: funds for this hospice are tied up inside RHGB until the Ministry of Health makes a decision
- Basic planning, fundraising, thanking donors all cost money
- Website building, email domains, postage, thank you cards, banking all cost money
- We are all volunteers and have paid personally to date
- In your fiscal year 2022 budget planning, we request a grant of \$10,000. All funds are transparent, and accountable, as a Not-for-Profit Ontario Corporation. Treasurer is Elaine Burrow (Hanover)

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