



## **MPP Piccini Announces Final Approval for Ed's House, Northumberland Hospice Care Centre**

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On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> supporters of Community Care Northumberland's, Ed's House gathered along with MPP David Piccini at Hamilton Township Municipal Building. The event was an opportunity to hear the news that the government of Ontario has given approval of the Capital Program application for the site of Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. The contract for the building has been awarded and development of the hospice care centre is able to move forward.

The provincial government has allocated \$1.2 million in capital funding and \$630,000 in operational funding to support Ed's House. This is an important and exciting announcement for Community Care Northumberland, for the project team and for the residents of our community.

This announcement allows Ed's House to begin construction of their 18,800 square foot hospice hub with six operational beds located on Ontario Street in Hamilton Township. Ed's House will be a hospice hub providing residential hospice care 24/7 at no cost to those receiving the service.

The approval means more people in Northumberland and across Ontario can access end-of-life care in a home-like setting thanks to the investment by the government of nearly \$33.6 million to build 193 new hospice beds.

"Ed's House will provide our residents with quality, compassionate end-of-life care in a comfortable setting that is close to home," said MPP Piccini. "All of our residents and families deserve access to dignified end-of-life care and our Government fully supports the remarkable Hospice teams around our community."

"Congratulations to Community Care Northumberland, and the entire ED's House project team for their dedication and hard work to make this hospice a reality," said MPP Piccini. "Special thank you also to the community for the overwhelming support of this project to-date."

"On behalf of the Board for Community Care Northumberland I wish to express our thanks to the Province of Ontario for approving this stage of our capital project. We are excited to be able to move forward with entering a construction contract and starting the building of Ed's House." said Ray Lobban, Chair of the Board for Community Care Northumberland.



Pictured at the event left to right are: Patti & Gord Ley (Campaign Co-Chairs), MPP David Piccini, Diane & Ed Lorenz (Donors), Trish Baird (CCN Executive Director, Stephen Beauchamp (CCN Vice Chair), Kym Read (Donor), Stewart Richardson (Building Committee Chair).

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