Hospice Whitby
Roger Anderson House

Comfort, care and dignity for all in Durham Region

OUR COMMUNITIES • OUR HOSPICE • OUR TIME TO BUILD

CASE FOR SUPPORT

Hospice Whitby
Roger Anderson House
Comfort, care and dignity for all in Durham Region

Message From the Chair

Every community has defining moments, times when we come together to build something that truly matters. For **Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, and Pickering, this is one of those moments**.

Durham Region is home to over 750,000 people and growing, yet one essential need remains unmet for residents in the central and western communities of our region: access to a dedicated end-of-life hospice residence. Without a hospice residence close to home, families in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax and Pickering, must travel long distances to access end-of-life care for their loved ones.

We are changing that! Our capital campaign to raise the funds needed to build our new hospice residence is underway, and I am happy to share that we have **raised just over $10.5 million for Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson House**. I am inspired by the commitment of so many leaders in Whitby and throughout the region who have stepped forward to champion this important project.

We are deeply grateful to the **Town of Whitby for their generous donation of the land for Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson House** as well as all of our donors whose unwavering support has brought us this far. Construction is progressing steadily, and we are on track to open our doors in fall 2026 however, we still need to **raise the final $5 million** to complete the build, fully furnish the space, and equip it to provide the highest standard for care.

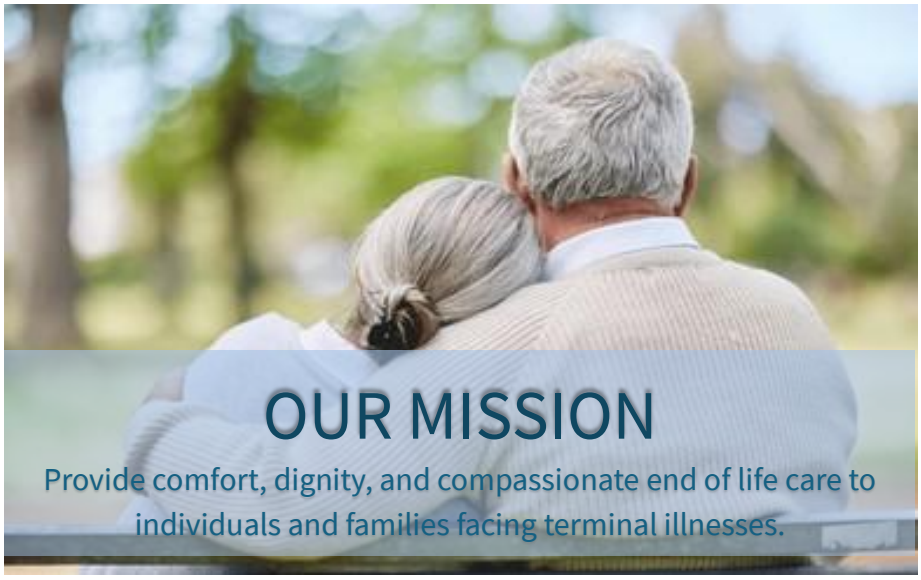
While we have made considerable progress in our fundraising efforts, reaching our goal will require continued collaboration and support from leaders, businesses, organizations, and the broader community.

With your support, we can get there! Your contribution will resonate far beyond today, transforming end-of-life care in our communities and region. Together, we can ensure that families have access to dignified, compassionate care when they need it, close to home.

With gratitude and thanks,

Eva Reti

Chair, Board of Directors



What Is Hospice Care

A hospice residence provides a specialized approach to supporting people with a terminal illness when curative treatment is no longer the goal. It prioritizes the comfort, dignity, and emotional well-being that everyone deserves at the end-of-life.

A hospice residence offers a peaceful, tranquil, home-like setting where individuals receive round-the-clock care in an environment designed to ensure proactive pain management, comfort and compassion. It gives families space to be present, to feel supported, and to be relieved of the weight of caregiving responsibilities.

As our communities grow and age, a hospice residence becomes essential, not only as an alternative to hospital-based end-of-life care, but as a reflection of our collective commitment to honouring life's final journey.

As soon as we walked into the hospice, I was overcome by how peaceful and beautiful it felt. The warmth in everyone's greetings touched my heart. "Please get yourself settled and then come to the dining room and have some lunch," were the first words said to us when we walked in. There was such genuine kindness in every smile. In that moment, I felt an unexpected calm wash over me, like I knew it was exactly where mom needed to be. Diana

Within a few hours of mom's arrival, she had her first bath in a week, her pain had been managed, she relished a supper of ice-cream and chocolate sauce and was sitting up in bed like a queen. By early evening, she was asleep, more comfortable than she had been in months. The nursing supervisor that evening greeted me with a hug, saying, "Go home. We've got this now. You focus on being a family again." I cried! Jane

Why Hospice Care Matters in Durham Region

Durham Region is experiencing unprecedented growth and an increasingly aging population. By 2051, the region is projected to welcome more than half a million new residents, bringing the total population to approximately 1.3 million, with significant growth in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax and Pickering. People in these communities, more than three-quarters of the region's population, live more than a half-hour drive from a hospice residence.

Community	Population by 2031	Population by 2051	Percentage Growth From 2031 - 2051
Oshawa	220,000	299,000	36%
Whitby	177,000	245,000	38%
Ajax	151,500	199,000	31%
Pickering	151,600	256,000	69%

The populaton is aging faster than overall growth figures suggest. Projections indicate that by 2031, one in three Durham residents will be 65 years of age or older, significantly higher than the provincial average of 22 per cent. This dramatic shift in age profile means the region must prepare for a substantial increase in age-related health and social care needs.

As the population ages, more individuals are living with chronic illnesses, reduced mobility and are facing end of life needs. Consequently, the demand for specialized hospice care is expected to rise dramatically. The ongoing influx of immigrants also contributes to this demand, as many newcomers may not have the support of extended family networks in Canada.

Hospice residences play a crucial role in supporting both residents and families through challenging times.

By offering comprehensive, personalized care, encompassing medical, emotional, and spiritual support, these facilities help ensure quality of life at the end-of-life. Having hospice residences within reach across our communities means that every resident can spend their final days in dignity, comfort, and peace, surrounded by the people they love.

Understanding Hospice Residence vs Palliative Care

	Hospice Residence		Palliative Care
Timing/Stage of Illness	Final months of life	↔	Offered at any stage of a serious illness
Treatment Focus	Comfort focused. Curative treatment usually stops.	↔	Can continue curative/life-extending treatments
Care Setting	A hospice residence, acute care in a hospital, or home with hospice support	↔	Hospital, home, long-term care, hospice programs
Goal/Core Purpose	Ensure peaceful, supported end of life experience	↔	Improve the quality of life through illness

BY THE NUMBERS

Population growth, aging demographics, and limited hospice beds highlight the urgency.

DURHAM REGION POPULATION

2023 Statistics

753,000

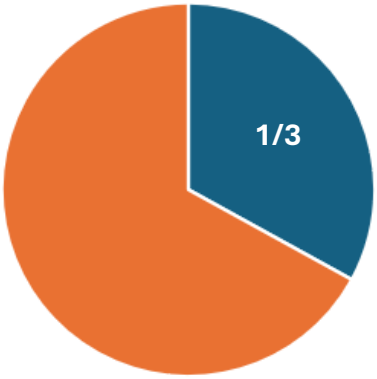
Residents in Durham Region

HOSPICE BEDS

Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering

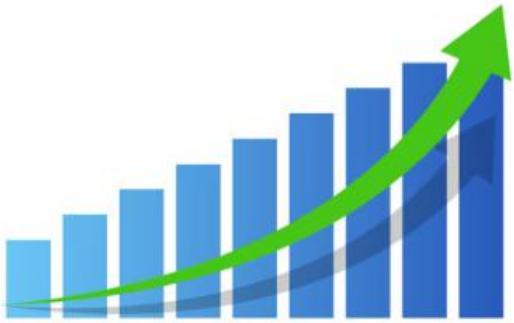
ZERO

AGING GROWTH

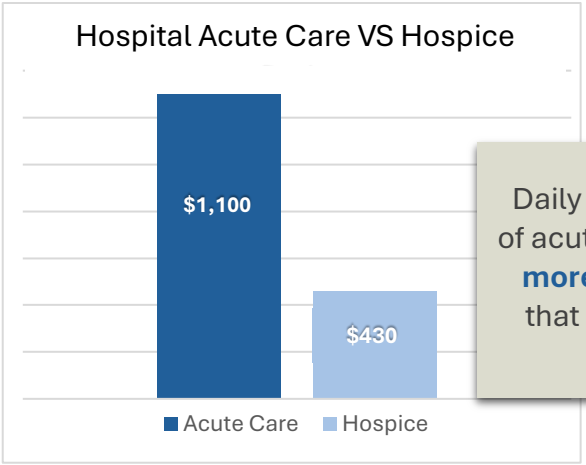


By 2031

One-Third, (33%) of Durham Region residents will be 65+



77% projected population growth across Durham Region by 2051



Daily hospital cost of acute care beds is **more than twice** that of a hospice bed.

100%

Central and western Durham Region residents needing end-of-life care must leave their communities for hospice residence care.

Our Campaign Purpose/Goal

The benefits of this capital campaign are twofold:

1 | Provide funding to build, furnish, and equip a new hospice residence for families across Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and the broader Durham Region

2 | Bridge the gap by providing more hospice beds, relieving pressure on hospitals and long-term care facilities.

OUR GOAL OF

$5 MILLION

will complete the building phase and help to equip and furnish our new hospice residence

Total Projected Cost - $15.5 M

Confirmed Investments/Gifts

- $2,500,000 – The Ontario Ministry of Health
- $2,000,000 – Durham Region Developers
- $1,000,050 – Regional Municipality of Durham
- $5, 000,000 – Other Gifts

Remaining Capital/Equipment/Furnishing Costs

- $3,500,000 – Capital
- $1,500,000 – Furnishing & Equipment

  Raised Through Community Giving

Projected Date of Completion – Late-Fall, 2026

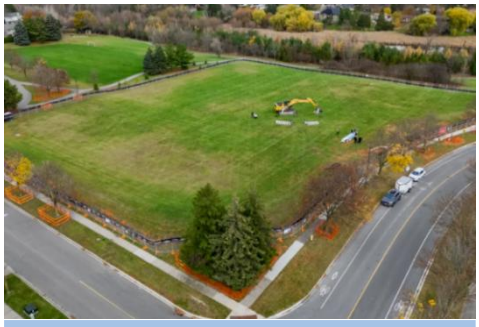
How You Can Help

Philanthropy is the driving force behind our campaign's success, and we invite you to join us. Your meaningful investment in the future of hospice care for Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and the broader Durham Region will create a legacy, one that will support and comfort hundreds of families for generations. You can:

- **Pledge a gift over time**. We can structure the time frame to best meet your needs and maximize your giving.
- **Make a Planned or Legacy gift** through irrevocable real estate, donor-advised funds, or give a gift of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds.
- **Leave a gift in your Will** to support our mission.
- **Make a One-time gift.**
- **Give Monthly** through automatic withdrawals.

By giving a **Legacy or Planned gift**, you can ensure your generosity continues far into the future, creating a permanent impact for hospice care across Durham Region. Every gift, whether pledged or planned for tomorrow, helps build a community where families can find comfort, support, and compassion when they need it most.

Follow the Progress of Construction



Groundbreaking - Nov. 15, 2024

Services Installed – Sept. 22, 2025

Framing Begins - Oct. 9, 2025

Trusses Installation Begins - Oct. 20, 2025

Enclosing the Structure – Nov. 18, 2025

Bridging The Gap in End-of-life Care

Durham Region currently falls well below provincial standards for hospice bed availability. Ontario's Auditor General recommends seven to 10 beds per 100,000 people: with currently fewer than 20 hospice beds to serve a population of 750,000. Simply put, there are not enough hospice residence beds to serve our growing region.

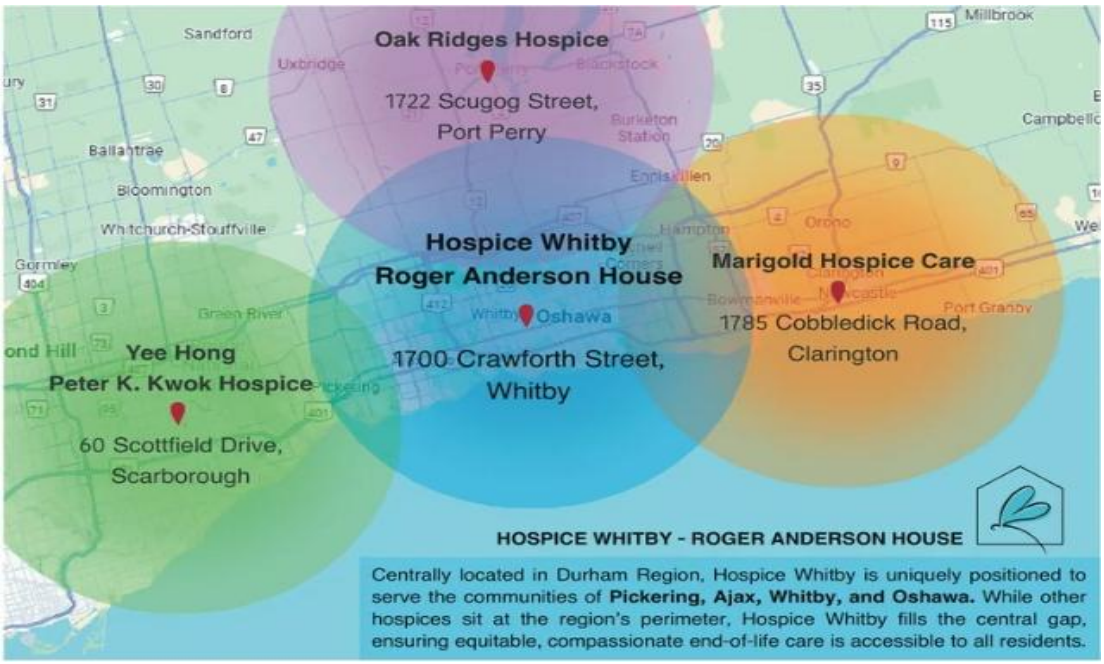
This gap in care places added pressure on hospitals, where end-of-life individuals occupy acute care beds, spaces designated for intensive medical intervention, rather than palliative support. These beds are more costly, nearly three times more expensive than hospice accommodation, and less suited to holistic needs of people nearing the end-of-life. The result is a healthcare system stretched thinly, and patients receiving care in environments that cannot fully meet their emotional, spiritual, and physical needs.

When Hospice Whitby - Roger Anderson House opens its doors, it will **immediately transform the landscape of compassionate care in Durham Region**. Joining Marigold Hospice Care in Clarington, Oak Ridges Hospice in Port Perry, and Yee Hong Peter K. Kwok Hospice in Scarborough, Hospice Whitby - Roger Anderson House will complement a vital network of hospice residences, bridging a critical gap in local healthcare systems, and offering dignity, comfort, and compassionate care close to home.

Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson House is located northeast of Thickson Road and Dundas Street, Whitby. This new hospice residence will have far-reaching, measurable, and lasting impact across Durham Region.

Hospice Residences

Whitby, Clarington, Port Perry & Scarborough



We are fortunate to have exceptional hospice residences in Clarington, Port Perry, and Scarborough, each providing compassionate care to families across the region. For the **residents in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, and Pickering however, these locations are 25–40 km away**, often requiring up to 60-80 minutes of round-trip travel daily. For caregivers balancing work, family and other responsibilities, this distance can be a significant barrier to consistent presence and support for their loved ones.

Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson offers unmatched accessibility for families in the central and western parts of Durham Region. Located just two minutes from the Durham Region Transit hub at Thickson Road and Dundas Street, Whitby, it is easily accessible by public transit or by car. This proximity ensures that families, regardless of income, mobility, or transportation access, can visit often, stay longer, and be present when it matters most.

These four communities represent over **77% of Durham Region's total population**, underscoring the urgent need for accessible hospice residence in the central and western parts of the region. **Hospice Whitby strengthens the regional network** by making compassionate end-of-life care truly reachable. It does not replace the value of existing hospices; it complements them by ensuring equitable access across the region.

It is not just about convenience, it's about compassion, comfort, and the **priceless gift of time**. Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson House ensures that no family is left navigating end-of-life care from a distance. It keeps families together and brings end-of-life care close to home.

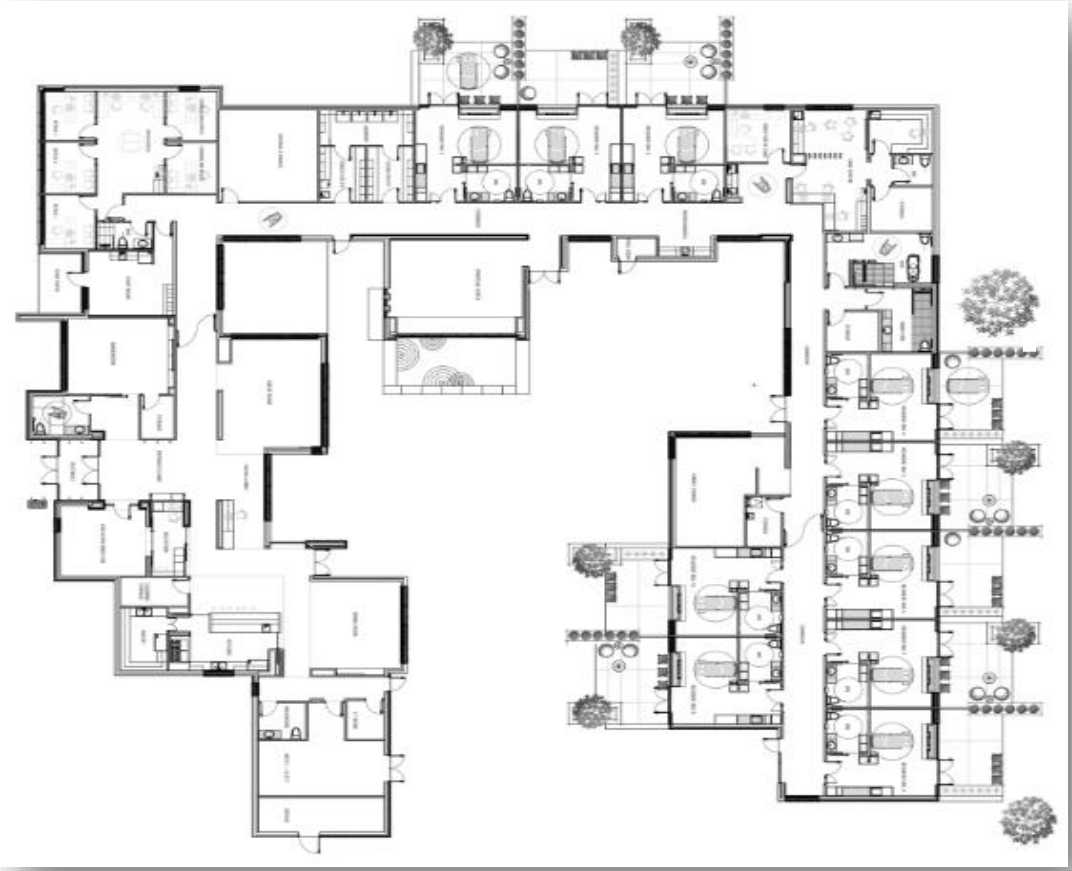
What Hospice Whitby Offers

Hospice Whitby – Roger Anderson House is purpose-built: prioritizing privacy, family spaces, and a non-clinical atmosphere that supports meaningful moments together with loved ones; features proven to improve family satisfaction and bereavement outcomes. Hospice is a place that feels like home.

What is included:

- 10 private suites overlooking green spaces each with a private outdoor patio
- 24/7 compassionate care
- Multi-disciplinary team of health-care professionals including doctors, nurses, social workers, counsellors, and volunteers who are trained in end-of-life care
- Emotional and spiritual support, arts, music, and holistic practices
- Meals based on each resident's choice
- Children's outdoor and indoor play areas
- Therapeutic resident spa room
- Unrestricted visiting hours
- Assistance with comfort measures and pain management
- Support and counselling for residents and their loved ones
- Pets welcome
- Free parking

What's Inside



- Open Kitchen & Pantry
- Dining Area for Families to Gather
- Social Lobby & Great Room
- Counselling, Grief & Bereavement Rooms
- Private Resident Rooms
- Medical Care Centre
- Therapeutic Spa Centre
- Family Washroom & Shower Facilities
- Children's Indoor Play Space
- Private Patios
- Reflecting Pool & Courtyard
- Spiritual Care Space for All Faiths & Traditions

Hospice Whitby
Roger Anderson House

Comfort, care and dignity for all in Durham Region

Join Us! Together We Can Reach Our

$5 MILLION GOAL

BUILD IT WITH US!

1615 Dundas Street East
Lang Tower West, Suite 304
Whitby, ON L1N 2L1

Email: info@hospicewhitby.ca
Website: hospicewhitby.ca
Phone: (289) 991-9088
Charitable Registration Number – #11928 4453 RR0001