

ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE UPDATE

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CURL FOR A CAUSE 2024 THANK YOU!

The community came together on March 23rd, 2024 at the Fergus Curling Club for Curl for a Cause, raising just over \$50,000! The event hosted 16 curling teams, and Fraberts prepared a delicious lunch with a generous donation from Thatcher's Farm. There was also a silent auction full of wonderful local items. We thank all the curlers, volunteers, sponsors and donors for making this event a success and we are very grateful to the Curl For A Cause Team!



THE ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE: OUR VISION IS TO BRING HOSPICE CARE CLOSER TO HOME, WITH A NEW, TEN-BED RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE IN RURAL WELLINGTON COUNTY, LOCATED IN THE WELLINGTON PLACE CAMPUS.



ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE: OUR PAST AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Aboyne Rural Hospice Advisory Committee had a wonderful start to 2024. Our work in Fundraising, Building Planning, Community Communication, and the Ministry of Health application have been particularly active at this point in the year.

OUR ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

- Our Fundraising Campaign continues; we are actively accepting and seeking support of any amount. We have many [naming opportunities available](#) and welcome Founding Donors to help fund our Capital Campaign. We welcome anyone who would like to know more to reach out to us at aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com. We have made very encouraging progress towards our interim goal of \$2.5 million for Ministry of Health approval. This is one stepping stone in our estimated \$13 million Capital Campaign goal.
- We continue to work with Wellington County to assess the possibilities and design considerations of the site they donated. We were grateful for the opportunity to present to the Information, Heritage & Seniors Committee in April 2024 and welcomed their questions and interest in the site preparation that is required prior to building.
- Our Ministry of Health application continues to move along the road to approval. Our application has now been approved by the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team and Waterloo Wellington Home and Community Support Services without reservation. We have completed the requirements to be able submit to Ontario Health West, which is the next step in submitting our final application to the Ministry of Health for approval.

NEXT STEPS INCLUDE

Our North Wellington outreach has begun, and we continue to connect with and learn from our North and Rural Wellington community. We have run focus groups with community members and had various invitations to present to North and Rural Wellington service clubs.



We welcome opportunities to present to your group!



LA 1st Vice President Cindy Sketcher, Dr. Clarissa Burke, and LA President Celine Clarke

ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE PRESENTS!

We presented to some wonderful audiences and participated in a variety of great local events including the Active Living & Retirement Show at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Pine Meadows Seniors Committee Wednesday Koffee Klatch, Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora Meeting, April Arthur OptiMRS Meeting, and the Township of Wellington North Volunteer Celebration & Newcomers Welcome.

Upcoming events include: The Elora Lions Meeting on April 24th and Arthur Lions Meeting on May 1st.

We welcome opportunities to present to interested groups, service clubs and gatherings of many kinds. If you think your group would be interested in a presentation, please reach out to us at aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com

**DONOR SPOTLIGHT:
THE FERGUS LEGION BRANCH 275 LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Fergus Legion Branch 275 Ladies Auxiliary has been contributing to our community for over 80 years, having been bestowed a charter on June 3, 1942 by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Since then, they have tirelessly championed veterans, students, healthcare, and other worthy causes. Their committed team organizes many fundraising events annually, such as the Spring Craft Show & Bazaar and Ladies Auxiliary Bingo. In addition, they provide a critical service of Funeral and Celebration of Life lunches. In February 2024, we were deeply appreciative of their generous support!

COMMON QUESTIONS

- During our presentations, we received many excellent and thoughtful questions. Common questions include:
- Q. When will construction begin?** A. We hope to have “shovels in the ground” within the next three years. The timing to begin will depend upon our Ministry of Health approval, fundraising success and preparation of our site to begin construction.
- Q. How many resident rooms/beds will there be?** A. Ten resident suites are planned.
- Q. Where will you be located?** A. Our two-acre site donated by Wellington County is just west of Beatty Line, off Frederick Campbell St, near to Groves Memorial Community Hospital.
- Q. Doesn't the government pay for hospices and hospice care?** A. Hospices receive most of their funds from community support. We anticipate the Ministry of Health will provide \$2.5 million towards our initial capital costs, roughly 20% of our initial capital campaign, and about 40% annually towards operating costs thereafter.
- Q. Do patients or their families/caregivers pay for hospice care?** A. No, there are no costs to the patient or those who support them. Hospice services are provided free of charge. The cost of providing hospice care comes in part from Ministry of Health funding, but also heavily depends on community fundraising as well as the support of many volunteers.
- Q. Are you formally connected to Hospice Wellington or Groves Memorial Community Hospital?** A. We are very grateful to have open communication with both excellent organizations, and glad to receive their advice and support as we move forward. We are, however, separate organizations with separate Boards and fundraising campaigns. As such, donations made to Aboyne Rural Hospice are only directed to our project.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO BRING THE ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE INTO REALITY

Ways To Support Us:

DONATIONS

We welcome any **Pledges, Gift in Memory, Gift of Thanks, Gift of Securities, Monthly Donations and/or One-Time Donations.**

For information regarding our donation options, please visit our website:

www.aboyneruralhospice.org

Website Link:



If you prefer to e-transfer your gift, please direct the transfer to aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com and add your contact information in the notes section to receive a tax receipt.

Please submit a separate completed donation form to the same email address.

<https://www.aboyneruralhospice.org/download/campaign-donation-form-11092023.pdf>

If you prefer to send a cheque: Please enclose a completed donation form with your cheque and send to:
Aboyne Rural Hospice, PO Box # 3004, Elora, Ontario, N0B 1S0

PRESENTATIONS

Our Aboyne Rural Hospice Advisory Committee is happy to meet with any groups or organizations interested in connecting with our efforts. We would be happy to give a presentation to any group interested in learning more about the Aboyne Rural Hospice and how they can be involved. We have a variety of handouts and presentation formats that can be shared. For further information, please email our team at aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

For further information, please email our team at

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Follow us on Social Media for news and updates!

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