

ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE UPDATE

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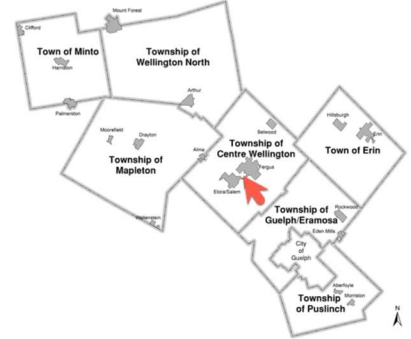
CURL FOR A CAUSE
MARCH 22nd, 2025

Get your brooms ready! Curl For A Cause is returning on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 at the Fergus Curling Club. In 2024, this wonderful event raised \$50,000 in support of the Hospice. Team Registration will be opening soon and the Silent Auction will be available online for all. Event updates will be made on the Curl For A Cause Fergus Facebook page.

VIBRANT VISIONS #2
END-OF-LIFE and the ARTS
FEB 23rd, 2025 3:30-5pm

We are excited to collaborate with Elora Centre For the Arts (ECFTA) on the second of our three-part speaker series. **Vibrant Visions: Bridging Arts, Community & Wellness** explores community- and arts-based approaches to health and wellness. The second talk will feature a panel of speakers who help bring visual arts and music to those at end-of-life and the loved ones who support them.

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



ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE UPDATES

In September, an exciting opportunity arose to secure project approval and funding from the Ministry of Health (MOH), with the announcement of new funding to build hospice beds across the province. Our carefully planned application for a new hospice was submitted, and we believe it to be very strong. We expect the Ministry's decision by mid-December 2024. As we wait, it's more important than ever to stay prepared with our fundraising and building plans.

ONGOING WORK TO BUILD A NEW HOSPICE:

- As the year end approaches, we appeal to all past and potential donors to consider our cause. Please visit our website for details: <https://www.aboyneruralhospice.org/support-aboyne-rural-hospice-make-a-difference.html>
 - We have many naming opportunities available for donations of \$5,000 or more 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.
 - Securities Donations – we are very grateful to have the assistance of Scotia Wealth Management's Stone Advisory Group to facilitate donations of securities to Aboyne Rural Hospice. Instructions and securities donation form can be found on our website.
 - In Memoriam Donations – We are grateful for the generous donations made in memory of community members we've lost. Our Donation Form and Online Donation options allow you to specify the individual being memorialized, with notifications sent to family members upon request.
- Building Planning: our Building Planning and Clinical Operations Subcommittees are working together to update our building plan to ensure best flow and function for all users of our future Hospice. Our floor plan is being critically evaluated to ensure that all patients, visitors, volunteers, staff and any others who use the space have an experience that is peaceful, comfortable and welcoming.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

SUE HOSKING WATERCOLOUR PAINTING DONATION & SALE



Sue Hosking w. her dog Skye; One of Sue's beautiful paintings.

Sue Hosking was a beloved community member who passed in July 2024. She was a trail walker, a skater and beloved skating coach, a sister, an aunt, a daughter, a friend and so much more. Sue's artistic skills were known by her friends and those she gifted paintings during her lifetime, but her talent became known to the wider community when she gifted her artwork towards the Aboyne Rural Hospice fundraising efforts. Thanks to the huge efforts of Sue's family and friends, the sale of Sue Hosking's beautiful paintings raised an incredible \$5,860!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped organize and support the event. Special thanks go to Marilyn Donkers, Dennis Novosad, Cathy Novosad, and all of "Sue's Team", Kathy and Hailey Bazinet, David Moore & Associates, the Rapid-Sell team, and Jackie Fraser & the Fraberts team for their invaluable support. If you wish to see Sue's work again, she is the featured artist at the Aboyne Library until mid-December. Eleven of her paintings are on loan from their owners for one more chance for the community to admire her talent.

ARTHUR OPTIMISTS SUPPORT ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE

We are thrilled to announce the Arthur Optimists' \$10,000 commitment. The Arthur Optimists hosted the Aboyne Rural Hospice team to share information about our vision for a local hospice, asked insightful questions about how a Hospice can enhance our community, and we were thrilled they chose to back the build.

Service clubs have formed a backbone of our support through the early stages of our journey, and we are so grateful that the huge efforts these clubs put in throughout the year can have such a positive impact on our cause.

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



Vibrant Visions #1 Speaker Event. Pictured, Top: Jeff Ostic, Mayor Shawn Watters. Bottom: Julia Hanigsberg, Annie Tobias, Molly Kleiker, Carolyn Skimson. Photo credit Dan Fischer.

COMMON QUESTIONS

During our presentations, we received many excellent questions. Common questions include:

Q. What services are offered at a residential hospice? Services may vary but include: medical care to minimize pain and other symptoms, emotional support, spiritual support, programs promoting relaxation and enjoyment (ex. music, art & pet therapy) and ongoing bereavement support after loss of a loved one.

Q. Do patients or their families/caregivers pay for hospice care? 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? 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, your donation stays in our local community and goes directly to the Aboyne Rural Hospice build.

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

Ways To Support Us:

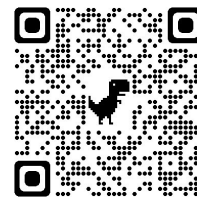
DONATIONS

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

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

www.aboyneruralhospice.org

Website Link:



Online Donations can be made through our online portal:

http://weblink.donorperfect.com/aboyneruralhospice_donate

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. Ideally, we would also appreciate a completed donation form sent to the same email address.

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

If you prefer to send a cheque: Complete a Donation Form and send it with your cheque to: Aboyne Rural Hospice, PO Box # 3004, Elora, Ontario, N0B 1S0. Note that during the Canada Post strike, we can receive donations at the Upper Grand Family Health Team office, located in the Trailside Medical Centre (6420 Beatty Line N, Fergus). Envelopes can be addressed to the Aboyne Rural Hospice.

PRESENTATIONS

Our Aboyne Rural Hospice Advisory Committee is 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 SUPPORT!

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