

# ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE UPDATE

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## UPCOMING EVENT!

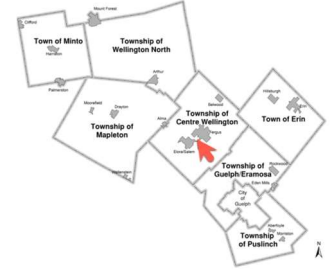
ECFTA Collaboration Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

We are excited to collaborate with Elora Centre For the Arts (ECFTA) to launch a new speaker series. **Vibrant Visions: Bridging Arts, Community & Wellness** is a three-part speaker series that will explore community- and arts-based approaches to health and wellness.

The first talk, *The Creativity Connection: How Art Contributes to Meaningful and Healthy Futures for Children with Disabilities and Developmental Differences*, takes place on **Sunday, Sept. 22, from 2-4 pm, at ECFTA**. Julia Hanigsberg, president and CEO of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, is the featured speaker.

Ticket sales support both Aboyne Rural Hospice and ECFTA. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased here: <https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/event/speaker-series-the-creativity-connection-how-art-contributes-to-meaningful-and-healthy-futures-for-children-with-disabilities-and-developmental-differences/>

**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: OUR PAST AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

The work to build a new residential hospice for rural Wellington County continues! The Aboyne Rural Hospice Advisory Committee meets monthly throughout the year and our work continued through the summer.

### 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](mailto:aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com). We are thrilled to have reached our interim \$2.5 million goal. This is a crucial stepping stone in our estimated \$13 million Capital Campaign goal and is particularly important to our Ministry of Health application.
- Our Ministry of Health application continues to navigate the appropriate channels to approval. We have had excellent feedback from Ontario Health West, and their assessment of our local need reinforces that our region is underserved relative to other regions in the province. Our strong community support is a major argument behind the success of our project.
- We have subscribed to the DonorPerfect system and are updating our communication channels and donation portals. This upgrade is aimed at enhancing our interactions with supporters and simplifying the donation process. You may note a change to the mailing address or appearance of some of our next emails – stay tuned as we roll out these changes!
- Our North Wellington outreach is ongoing, 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.

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WCMA Car Show – Top: L-R: Dave Phillips, Hannah Pickard, Michelle Phillips, Jeff Ostic & Logan Pickard; Bottom: Cory McKay, Andrea Hall & Robert Turner

We are thrilled to share that the Grand River Agricultural Society has pledged \$250,000 towards the development of our Hospice Kitchen. This kitchen will provide nutritious, locally-sourced meals to our future residents, as well as their families, friends, and visitors. We are truly grateful for this partnership with an organization whose philanthropic efforts have significantly improved rural life.

### ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE IN THE COMMUNITY

We participated in some exciting events this summer: The Water Cycles Bikes & Blues Festival and the Wellington County Museum & Archives (WCMA) Antique & Classic Car Show. We had a wonderful time seeing the community enjoying summer fun, and we were grateful for support from our amazing volunteers.

### ARTHUR LIONS SUPPORT ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE

We were incredibly grateful to share the Arthur Lions' \$25,000 donation this summer. This incredible club will be celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and has a vibrant and hard-working team in its active membership.



Arthur Lions Cheque Presentation

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](mailto:aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com)

### COMMON QUESTIONS

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

**Q. When do you hope to begin construction?**

We hope to begin building within the next three years.

**Q. Do you currently require volunteers?**

The work to reach our goal of building a new hospice includes many helping hands along the way, and when the hospice is in operation, volunteers will serve as a backbone of the care we provide to residents and their caregivers. At present, our volunteer needs revolve primarily around events where assistance can be required for: spreading the word, requesting donations, and many tasks during the events themselves. Soon, we anticipate requiring additional help with our fundraising efforts. We are grateful to have an active list of interested volunteers to whom we reach out as opportunities arise and are thrilled to add new names to the roster.

**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, 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:

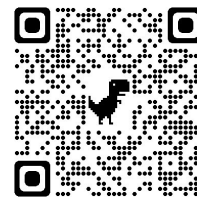
### DONATIONS

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](http://www.aboyneruralhospice.org)

Website Link:



Online Donations can be made through our new portal:

[http://weblink.donorperfect.com/aboyneruralhospice\\_donate](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/aboyneruralhospice_donate)

If you prefer to e-transfer your gift, please direct the transfer to [aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com)

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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