

# CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEW HILL HOUSE HOSPICE



“Life is about living. You can’t look at (hospice care) as a place to die because that’s not the truth, it’s a place to live. Hill House is full of life”  
— **Kathy, resident at Hill House Hospice**

## ABOUT HILL HOUSE HOSPICE

Hill House was the first hospice residence in York Region and the second hospice to be built in Ontario. Since our founding in 1998, our goal has been to lead by example and serve as a model for exemplary hospice care in York Region.

Hill House offers hospice residence care in a home-like setting, supporting people to live life as fully as possible with dignity and respect in the final stage before death. In addition to hospice residence care, Hill House provides an interdisciplinary and integrated care team approach, pain and symptom management, anticipatory grief and bereavement counselling, caregiver and family support, wellness programs, onsite complementary therapies, culturally inclusive programming, spiritual care, health and palliative care education, and serves as a hospice mentoring and teaching site for medical professionals.

## MEETING THE URGENT NEED FOR HOSPICE CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY

York Region is experiencing rapid growth, and as the senior population ages, there is a significant shortage of hospice beds to meet the rising demand. The province of Ontario recommends a minimum of at least 5-6 hospice beds per 100,000 residents—yet the region currently falls far short of this benchmark by over 35+ beds. At Hill House Hospice, our three-bedroom hospice home is consistently over capacity, with a referral list of approximately 40 patients on most days and a waitlist that often exceeds 10 individuals, all in need of end-of-life care.

**To meet this growing demand, Hill House must expand from 3 to 12 bedrooms. This vital expansion will enable us to provide compassionate care to more individuals, ease the burden on overcrowded hospitals, and contribute to a more sustainable and cost-effective healthcare system.**

# THE FUTURE OF HILL HOUSE HOSPICE

## OUR NEW HOME

The new Hill House Hospice will feature 12 private bedrooms with ensuite washrooms and space to host loved ones overnight. Each room will open up to the outdoors and provide a private outside patio space for each family. Additional spaces in the home will include a family kitchen, living and dining room. The building will also include a non-denominational spiritual room, complementary/music/art/therapy room, massage therapy room, active family area, reflective courtyard, dining room and meditation areas.

## LEADER IN LEARNING

Hill House will serve as an educational hub for the community and it will offer healthcare professionals - physicians, nurses, and personal support workers, social workers and others - with a place to receive specialized hospice mentorship and hands-on training.

## SPECIAL INNOVATIONS

The new Hill House Hospice will expand support through ensuring that multi-lingual services will be offered to make hospice care more inclusive to the mosaic of cultures that make up our great community. We will also offer enhanced onsite grief and bereavement support for residents and their loved ones, emphasizing open discussion around individual experiences, reactions and feelings about death.

## ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

Funding Source	Amount
Government Funding	\$2 million
City of Richmond Hill	Long Term Lease of 36 Wright Street Richmond Hill
Community Fundraising	\$13 million
Total Project Cost	\$15 million



Mockup of the new hospice

## OUR FUTURE IMPACT



Every year, our 12-bedroom hospice would provide over 4,000 nights of comfortable care to our residents.



Every year, Hill House Hospice could support over 2,400 residents and their families.



Every year, we could provide compassionate and expert hospice care to over 480 families at no cost.