

St. Joseph's Villa celebrates the opening of Margaret's Place Hospice with lead donors and dignitaries

DUNDAS, ONTARIO – On Wednesday, August 25, St. Joseph's Villa & Foundation welcomed lead donors and dignitaries to Margaret's Place Hospice to celebrate its opening and community support with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This event marks the completion of a four-year project and a new era for St. Joseph's Villa's Campus of Care. Through the generous support of its community, St. Joseph's Villa has expanded its scope to include hospice and end-of-life care, serving a crucial need in the West Hamilton region.

Ribbon-cutting event

Among the invitees were community philanthropists and lead donors of hospice care at St. Joseph's Villa, Margaret and Charles Juravinski. "It was important to us that we support an initiative so close to home," said Margaret. "There is a desperate need for more spaces to care for the end of life, and I'm so grateful that Charles and I are able to help make that possible."

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby was in attendance at the ribbon-cutting event and spoke to the importance of giving to hospice care. "We felt it was important to support initiatives that allow individuals to enter the next life with utmost peace and dignity," said Bishop Crosby. "To have such a grand vision of this in our hometown, there was no question we [Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton] would get behind it."

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott, also attended the opening. "As part of our plan to end hallway health care, our government is building capacity to create an integrated health care system centred around the needs of patients, families and caregivers," said Minister Elliott. "Margaret's Place Hospice will ensure that patients and their families have access to the comfort, care and compassion they deserve, closer to home."

About Margaret's Place Hospice

Nestled on the Spring Creek Ravine, Margaret's Place Hospice is a 10-bed hospice accepting residents of all ages facing life-limiting illnesses. The tranquil setting of the hospice is reflected throughout its interior, including features like Douglas-fir columns, natural stone, floor-to-ceiling windows and state-of-the-art amenities to provide a serene experience for residents and their loved ones. Admissions are currently scheduled to start September 7, 2021.