

Why I Gave ... to Durham Hospice Clarington ...

For the Ones We Love



Why do my husband and I feel it's so vital to have a Hospice in Clarington?

So many reasons. We were both raised in Durham Region and taught the importance to be both knowledgeable and involved with the needs of our community. Through my past work experience as an RNA, Administrator of Community Care Oshawa and my volunteering at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, I saw first hand the need for more services in our community that support independence, health and quality of life.

More recently I experienced my father dying from cancer; his only options then were die at the hospital or home. His wishes were to die at home. This choice was a demanding experience both physically and emotionally, trying to ensure he received the best care possible.

When Oakridge's Hospice, Port Perry opened in April this year, I applied to volunteer and am currently volunteering at their front desk. It is so satisfying to see the residents and their families supported in a lovely environment receiving compassionate, expert care.

Randy and I were excited to hear that the Clarington Hospice has gone to tender – with ground breaking hopefully in 2022, and trying to spread the word that donations are still needed. Our company, Ranfar Steel, is one of the supporters of the Handbags for Hospice – one of the many events to raise funds for this much needed hospice.