



# MARIGOLD

HOSPICE CARE

NEWS & VIEWS - WINTER 2023



## CELEBRATING A MILESTONE: MARIGOLD HOSPICE CARE BREAKS GROUND



Mayor Foster, Provincial Cabinet Ministers, Councillors and Marigold Hospice Care Board Members put shovels in the ground.

Surrounded by supporters, volunteers and community leaders - Mayor Foster, Provincial Cabinet Ministers and Councillors on a beautiful autumn morning, the eagerly anticipated groundbreaking of the Marigold Hospice Care residence took place on October 13, 2023. The groundbreaking marks a significant milestone after more than six years of preparation, planning, fundraising and overcoming obstacles.

Located on a quiet site surrounded by nature, the new Marigold Hospice Care facility is set to be a beacon of comfort, dignity and compassion for individuals and families facing end of life care. The facility aims to deliver a home away from home and a peaceful and supportive environment for residents and their loved ones.

“The groundbreaking marks the realization of a dream that has been nurtured by the Marigold Hospice Care team and the wonderful community around us,” said Melodie Zarzeczny, Board Chair. “This event symbolizes our commitment to providing compassionate care during one of life’s challenging moments.”

Construction is set to begin this fall/winter and is expected to take 14-18 months. To date, the community has raised more than \$8 million. Fundraising continues to support much needed furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

## WHAT’S IN A NAME? THE STORY BEHIND MARIGOLD HOSPICE CARE

Formerly known as Durham Hospice Clarington, Marigold Hospice Care has recently adopted its new name, and it comes with a story.

It begins with a generous donor, selflessly giving a project-changing sum of money to a cause they felt passionate about. With that donation came the ability to name the facility. Many would have used a business name, or perhaps a family name, but instead, Dominic Tassone asked his family for help.

His daughter Sarah took on the task head on and after much discussion, research and reflection, Marigold was chosen.

Marigolds have long been associated with rich symbolism in cultures around the world. They are known for their vibrant orange and yellow blooms, symbolizing comfort, warmth, compassion, strength and love. In other cultures, marigolds are also used to recognize mourning, sadness and grief.

“Overall the Marigold is a representation of these two conflicting emotions at once and I hope as the hospice moves forward into the building process and taking in residents that the image of finding light in the dark times can stick,” said Sarah Tassone.



Dominic Tassone speaks at Marigold Hospice Care Groundbreaking ceremony.





## 1ST ANNUAL HIKE OR BIKE FOR CLARINGTON HOSPICE RAISES OVER \$130,000

On September 24th, 2023 the community came out in full force to walk, run, cycle or support with the goal of raising much-needed funds for the Marigold Hospice facility at the first annual “Hike or Bike for Clarington Hospice” event.

“The overwhelming success of our first annual event showcases the compassion and commitment of our community,” said Board Member Jill Richardson. “The money raised will make a significant difference to those in need right here in our community.”

More than 100 walk/runners, nearly 40 cyclists and our many generous sponsors not only met, but blew past our expectations. **The event raised an incredible \$134,379.75!**

A huge thank you to our sponsors, participants, volunteers, corporate donors and the community for making the first annual “Hike or Bike for Clarington Hospice” a resounding success. We are looking forward to building on this success in the years to come!



Regional Chair John Henry, Regional Councillor Granville Anderson, Board Member Jill Richardson, Mayor Foster, Board Member Leo Blindenbachbach



On your mark, get set, WALK , RUN, HIKE!



On your mark, get set, BIKE!

## THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GIVE



### Lakeside Process Control Inc.

Thank you Lakeside Process Control for your generous donation of \$30,000 to support Marigold Hospice Care.



### Old Newcastle House Tap & Grill

Thank you to Kevin Adams and the Old Newcastle House Tap & Grill who donated the proceeds from their summer fundraiser and for all their years of support.



### Orono United Church

A shout out to the small but mighty Orono United Church congregation who recently donated \$25,000!

# OUR GOAL



## WHY I GAVE A DONOR'S STORY

We sat down with Eleanor Damant, AIIC, CAIB, CCIB - Former owner of James Insurance Broker Limited, to find out her reasons for donating to Marigold Hospice Care.

Q: Why is supporting our campaign important to you?

A: Hospice will give our community the care and compassion that everyone deserves to have when they are nearing the end of their life. The hospitals cannot do this as they do not have the resources or staff to give our loved ones the peace and understanding that we all want our loved ones to have, when they can no longer stay at home and be cared for.

Q: Why is hospice an important charitable priority?

A: When my mother-in-law was in palliative care in the hospital, I witnessed so many poor souls who had no one to help them, to hold their hand because they were frightened or pull a blanket around them, or just sit and listen to their stories. It was heart breaking. The nurses were wonderful, but they truly do not have the time to spend with all those who are facing their final days.

Q: What options did your mother-in-law have for care?

A: My mother-in-law did not want to go to the hospital, and we tried to care for her at home, but honestly there is not enough support to do this, and there was no other choice but the hospital. If she had been able to go to hospice her final days would have been so much more peaceful, and that is what I know having hospice in Bowmanville will do for many people. Hospice may not be home, but it is not the sterile environment of a hospital and that alone will make a difference.

Q: Why did you decide to support having a hospice in your community?

A: I ran a successful business in town for many years, therefore, I know that it's important to help your community grow and to prosper. Improving our healthcare is very important for our residents, employees and their families. For these reasons, I made a personal donation of \$50,000 to the campaign.

Thank you to everyone who has **made this possible for our community.**

Funds Raised to  
Date  
**\$10 Million**

September 2023  
Municipality of  
Clarington Grants  
**\$1.25 Million**

September 2023  
1st Annual Hike or  
Bike for Clarington  
Hospice Raises  
**\$134,379.75**

Petitioning for a  
tenth bed

Funds still  
required  
**\$1.5 Million**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every single donation will help bring Marigold Hospice closer to our community. Please consider donating today to support hospice care in Clarington.

**Donate online at [www.marigoldhospicecare.ca](http://www.marigoldhospicecare.ca)**

**Donate by cheque to P.O. Box 20008, Newcastle, Ontario L1B 1M3**

For more information on our campaign, goals and fundraising opportunities, visit our website [www.marigoldhospicecare.ca](http://www.marigoldhospicecare.ca).



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As the end of the year draws near, we'd like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support. Thank you for being with us on this journey and we wish you a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

## HOW FAR WE'VE COME - OUR JOURNEY



Our journey to bring a much-needed hospice to Clarington began in 2017 with an idea sparked by a few community members. When people learned how much money needed to be raised, many thought we were dreaming. We pushed on.

Since the beginning, we have worked tirelessly to meet municipal and provincial requirements and a lofty fundraising goal. In 2020 and 2021 along with the rest of the world, we were greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic including delays to fund raising, increased construction costs, labour and supply shortages. We pushed on.



Through two building re-designs and tender processes, we persevered. These setbacks and delays never daunted the spirits of the dedicated board, volunteers and the generous community surrounding us. The success we have achieved to date has been attained with very few resources. We do not have an office or board room; we do not host any fancy special events. Our small staff team all work part-time. We do, however, have many dedicated volunteers who are putting their hearts and souls into making the dream of Marigold Hospice Care a reality.

We push on.

**Want to Keep in Touch? We're going virtual! If you'd like to continue receiving this newsletter and other communications, please sign up for our email mailing list by visiting [www.marigoldhospicecare.ca](http://www.marigoldhospicecare.ca).**

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Thank You Everyone...

**We Are Not Done and We Need Your Help**

We need your financial support to reach our financial goal to fund the hospice in Clarington. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss a donation, pledge or a Planned Gift contact admin@marigoldhospicecare.ca. You can also make a donation online at [www.marigoldhospicecare.ca](http://www.marigoldhospicecare.ca).

**Your donation will make a difference**

