

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



John and Alyce Kunetsky

doubt, but from within a system that simply doesn't know how to do quality end-of-life care. Our family was exhausted and demoralized.

As a result of our experience I made the decision to give as much support as I can, of time and money, to ensuring that Durham Region builds the hospice residences it so desperately needs to provide quality end-of-life care, compassion and support. My family has made a major donation to the hospice residence being built in Clarington, and we will continue to support its operations once it is built. I joyfully give my time to being a board member, leading a small but mighty group of community volunteers who are all passionately committed to building and operating a hospice residence for the people of Durham Region.

At some point we will all need end-of-life care. A hospice is very important for the ones we love. I urge you to give your time, your talent and your money to support the new hospice residences coming to Durham Region.

Melodie Zarzeczny
Board Chair

Durham Region Hospice - Clarington

My parents were the epitome of pillars of the community. Active in sports, coaching, music and a variety of causes, John was an enthusiastic Rotarian, ending his tenure with trips to Africa delivering medical supplies (mostly braces for children), for Rotary International. Alyce never stopped volunteering, and was the creator of both the VON visiting hospice program and the Friendly Visiting program. They died 8 years apart, one at home and one in hospital.

In both cases, what should have been a sad time, but one filled with memories, joy, celebration of lives truly well lived, was a time of pain, round the clock nursing care provided by the family, and haphazard support from an ever-changing roster of nurses, PSWs and other professionals; all with good intentions, no