

Ed and Diane Lorenz
Name Northumberland Hospice Care Centre
"Ed's House"



Photo by Peg McCarthy

June 5, 2018 At today's launch of the new Northumberland Hospice Care Centre campaign a very special naming opportunity was announced. Ed and Diane Lorenz have provided an extraordinary gift of \$ 1,500,000.00 to the Centre. In recognition of this support the Centre will be named "Ed's House", Northumberland Hospice Care Centre.

Ed and Diane with their son Peter, have enjoyed living in the Cobourg area for the past fifty years, and are owners of a very successful business Lorenz Conveying Products. "Ed and I were fortunate with our business, that continues to flourish under our son Peter and the present staff," said Diane Lorenz.

Ed and Diane are active members of the community, Ed is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cobourg and has been a member of the Club for over 30 years. Diane recently received her 50 -year pin for the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and for 10 years Diane was a member and Chair of the Cobourg & District Hospital Board. They are generous donors and supporters of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation.

"Ed and I believe that people deserve to die with dignity – no matter what walk of life they come from. Death is not always happy or easy", said Diane Lorenz. "Hospice care is good for the present and future generations – it may even help change the attitude towards death and dying." "It sure takes a special person to do this kind of work," said Ed Lorenz. "The hospital is so busy and we see the importance of dedicated palliative care"

“It has been an exceptional six months as we have met with donors and donors have come forward to support the new Northumberland Hospice Care Centre, said Gordon Ley, Campaign Co-Chair “The gift from the Ed and Diane is very personal for them and the naming of the Centre “Ed’s House” will ensure that home like feel for the new building”, said Patti Ley, Campaign Co-Chair.

“ Community Care Northumberland and its Board thank Ed and Diane for their generosity towards the Northumberland Hospice Care Centre Campaign”, said Trish Baird, Executive Director. “We are so fortunate to have such generous and thoughtful donors in our community who see the vision and the need for the new Hospice Centre”.

The Northumberland Hospice Care Centre Capital Campaign has set a goal to raise \$9.3 million dollars. The public phase of the campaign kicked off today at the Baltimore Community Centre where it was announced that \$8.1 million dollars has been raised to date towards the \$9.3 million dollar goal. The funds raised include \$1.2 million dollars of capital funding from the Province of Ontario.

The Northumberland Hospice Care Centre will be a six bed facility with 4 future suites that will provide hospice palliative care 24 hours a day seven days a week at no cost to clients. The Centre will be located on Ontario Street north of Hwy 401 in Hamilton Township and will build upon the continuing development in the province of hospice hubs model of care, a Centre of excellence in hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement support.

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