

Transportation Stretcher Service Presentation

January 23, 2023

- We currently have 2 vehicles retrofitted with the capability to secure a stretcher
- 2 Stretchers with a weight capacity of 550lbs and 600 lbs
- A set weight limit has been set at 225lbs or less, due to staff safety. This was determined based on equipment and our drivers individual ability to lift the weight the required distance.
- Training was first set up and completed with Ashley (kinesiology staff). This was training with our staff on proper movement techniques for lifting, pulling and moving mechanics
- In March 2022 we started service strictly to Ed's House Hospice Centre
- In September 2022 we revamped the training, having an opportunity to have a 30-year Paramedic, Jim Anderson work with staff/drivers to understanding the strategies and correct usage of the stretcher
- We completed 2 x Two-hour sessions for all casual drivers and PSWs that would be performing the service
- Able to get clarity of being able to load and move clients. As well as the safety features and proper way to handle the stretcher while in use and transporting.
- There is a stretcher available in the West (Cobourg) and North (Campbellford). This allows for less travel time, and makes easy access to the storage locations.
- Since March 2022 we have completed more 2 dozen transfers via stretcher
- We have transferred to Ed's House, LTC, Hospital and Hospice Centre Warkworth
- After training was complete, staff and drivers were confident at handling and transporting clients for our In-Home services began in October 2022
- Currently we are doing approximately 8 transfer Ed's House and the In-Home HAL service
- Many clients have been very appreciating of the service and the efficiency we are able to get to their home or location for service and have the transfer completed
- Not only are we generally able to accommodate within hours, but often at a fraction of the cost that others are able to.