

# ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE

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## UPCOMING EVENT

### Sept 15th Community

**Information Event** – we have the generous support of Wellington Place to hold a large community information event on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, ~4:30-7:30pm. Final details are pending, but we envision an open house event, with information stations and presentations to inform the community about our plans for Hospice, as well as food and music to bring everyone together.

**Please Save The Date!**



**ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE**  
CARE IS CLOSE TO HOME

*Our new proposed logo, a work in progress*

## ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE: OUR PAST AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Core Hospice Advisory Committee has met regularly since our last update, and we continue to move forward with our plans for a residential hospice. The new working name for our project is the **Aboyne Rural Hospice**.

### OUR ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

- Wellington County Council has supported the development of a new rural residential hospice facility on the Wellington Place campus in Aboyne with the provision of a two-acre parcel of land.
- We are partnered with the Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora, who have designated the Hospice as their major project and pledged \$500,000 over the next ten years. We are so honoured to have their support and look forward to many years of working together on Hospice.
- Tours of provincial hospices of similar size have been completed and have helped inspire goals for our own local hospice.
- We have the support of Fryett Turner Architects Inc. in moving forward with the building design and planning.
- We are thrilled to have achieved incorporation on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with the professional assistance of SV Law's Vince Starratt, Robert Graham and team.
- Murray Short of RLB has been advising our group as we progress through these stages and will also be a great source of accounting expertise as we apply for Charitable Status.

### NEXT STEPS INCLUDE:

- Legal steps to create our Aboyne Rural Hospice: With the success of Incorporation, we will be pursuing our Charitable Status Application.
- Meetings with Ontario Health Team representatives are ongoing and hopefully prepare us for Ministry of Health approval and funding of new hospice beds.
- Sourcing letters of support from our community. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 we were excited to receive an official letter of support from the Township of Centre Wellington, and will continue to reach out to local government, health groups and relevant community services for similar letters. Our MPP Ted Arnott is well aware of our project and MPP Matthew Rae has also expressed his support. We have had meetings with Senator Rob Black, MP Michael



Wellington Place campus

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Chong, Mayor Shawn Watters and Councillor Barb Evoy and appreciate their interest and whole-hearted support.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

This is probably the most common question we are hearing right now! A community residential hospice will be a vital landmark in our rural community, and we are excited to see it happen. We also want a sustainable hospice that will be a long-lasting fixture with room to grow and expand over many decades.

**Donations and Volunteers** will be crucial parts of both bringing our hospice into being and continuing its ongoing services.

At present, we are not in a position to accept financial donations but hope to be accepting donations very shortly after receiving our Charitable Status approval. Our goal is to have our accounts in place by late summer 2023. Please stay tuned as we appreciate everyone's enthusiasm!

Donors who are interested in becoming major Founding Donors are encouraged to reach out to our team for more information at [aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com](mailto:aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com).

Our Core Hospice Advisory Committee is also happy to meet with any groups or organizations interested in connecting with our efforts.

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Thank you for your interest!

Please **Save the Date** for **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, present timing 4:30-7:30pm

Please Stay Tuned for more information regarding Donation and Volunteering Opportunities

For further information, please email our team at [aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com](mailto:aboyneruralhospice@gmail.com)

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