



Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors

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 Attn: Alicia Davenport

June 8, 2020

Margaret's Place, Hospice at St. Joseph's Villa is under construction!

We would like to extend our thanks to the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors for your support of Margaret's Place. We are fortunate to live in a generous community that supports the quality end-of-life care that will be provided by this much needed facility. Your significant gift, along with the generosity of many others in our community has made it possible for us to bring our vision of care into reality.

We are pleased to share with you that construction remains on schedule and on budget. The construction contract for the hospice was awarded to local Hamilton-based firm, Ira McDonald Construction, one of six companies that were pre-qualified in the summer of 2019.

Utilities including sewers and electrical for the site have been completed and the building foundation is currently being poured. The construction phase of the project will span approximately 14-16 months. We expect the doors of Margaret's Place Hospice to open late Spring of 2021. We look forward to serving families and patients and providing the compassionate care that St. Joseph's Villa is renowned for.

Planning also continues with the Villa's executive team in preparation for the operations of the facility. This includes staffing, recruitment and the provision of care, volunteer engagement and training, therapeutic programs (in-house and through community outreach), the development of community partnerships and in-kind resources.

The Villa Foundation is within reach of its fundraising goal to build Margaret's Place. COVID-19 has had an impact on most fundraising organizations, especially with their fundraising events. Our Foundation was not spared and we regrettably had to cancel our largest fundraiser of the year, The Villa Gala. Hospice specific events have also been affected. Despite these challenges, we are more determined than ever to reach our Capital Campaign goal and then move forward to fundraising for hospice annual programming and services. Our Foundation has committed \$520,000 annually.

We look forward to sharing further updates with you in our December 2020 report and the opportunity to host members of the HFF Board of Governors for a tour of the construction site when the current covid situation has passed. Thank you again for the dignity, comfort, peace and compassion you are helping to provide for patients and families in our community.

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Don Davidson
 President & CEO, St. Joseph's Villa Foundation



MARGARET'S PLACE
Hospice at St. Joseph's Villa

**MARGARET'S PLACE HOSPICE
BUILDING SITE
AT ST JOSEPH'S VILLA
PERSPECTIVE VIEWS
DUNDAS, ONTARIO, MAY 20TH, 2020**

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MARGARET'S PLACE HOSPICE
BUILDING SITE
AT ST JOSEPH'S VILLA
WEST WING VIEW
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