

NEW PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS EXCELLENCE IN END-OF-LIFE CARE AT THE BRIDGE HOSPICE

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WARKWORTH – At its annual general meeting on June 11, The Bridge Hospice board of directors, membership, staff and volunteers gathered to commemorate recent accomplishments and look ahead to an exciting new community partnership – the latest development in the hospice’s innovative care model.

The hospice ended the fiscal year in a stable financial position, being mortgage- and debt-free. Funds were raised through special events as well as individual, community and organizational donations. As a charitable operation not funded by government, the hospice continues to rely on the financial support of the Northumberland community and beyond.

The board saluted all its volunteers, without whom day-to-day operations would be impossible. They continue to dedicate countless hours to resident care, fundraising, administrative duties and facility maintenance, and serve as committee and board members. Board Chair Bob Henderson gave a special thanks to the Volunteer Coordinating Team who works so diligently with volunteers, ensuring provision of the highest quality care to those who are dying, while supporting families and friends.

Looking ahead, Dr. Henderson announced a new collaborative partnership with the Saint Elizabeth Community Enterprise. Saint Elizabeth is a respected leader in home and community care within the local area and across the country. They have a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to social impact, particularly in the area of end-of-life care.

The resources that Saint Elizabeth brings to the collaboration augment existing services provided by the Community Care Access Centre to ensure the provision of professional health services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Under this agreement, Saint Elizabeth Community Enterprise will provide The Bridge Hospice with up to \$300,000 annually for five years.

The hospice is very pleased to be working closely with its community partners, including the Central East LHIN, the Community Care Access Centre, the Campbellford Memorial Hospital and Community Care Northumberland.

Dr. Henderson acknowledged the efforts of many to create, sustain, and grow The Bridge Hospice.

“As you know, great relationships don’t just happen. They take time, patience and people who want to work together. I thank first and foremost all of our donors. Your ongoing support will be critical to keep the physical hospice functioning. “I also thank Saint Elizabeth and all of our community partners for supporting our unique and innovative care model here at The Bridge Hospice.

“Our mission continues to be one of providing a home where practical care, guidance and compassion are provided for those dying and those who support them,” said Dr. Henderson.

Nancy Lefebre, Senior Vice President, Saint Elizabeth Community Enterprise echoed the Chair’s remarks. “The Bridge Hospice is a shining example of how rural communities can lead the way. We look forward to working with The Bridge Hospice team to enhance residential hospice care delivery in Northumberland County and the surrounding area.”