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County invests in building up residential hospice care

Midhurst/November 6, 2023 – This morning, County of Simcoe Councillors joined representatives from the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance at Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene to celebrate the County's nearly \$500,000 investment to support local residential hospice services across the region.

These funds are part of the County's five-year \$2.5-million commitment between 2021 to 2025, to support with community expansion and capital projects, along with Infection Prevention and Control upgrades at regional hospice centres.

This year's allocation of was issued in the following amounts to Alliance partners:

- Hospice Georgian Triangle - \$134,799
- Hospice Simcoe - \$139,656
- Matthews House Hospice - \$177,609
- Mariposa House Hospice - \$96,336

The Alliance was formed to look at regional planning and project capital needs across Simcoe County for area hospice centres. This group is comprised of representatives from [Hospice Georgian Triangle](#) in Collingwood, [Hospice Huronia](#) in Midland, [Mariposa House Hospice](#) in Orillia, [Matthews House Hospice](#) in Alliston, and [Hospice Simcoe](#) in Barrie. From 2017 to 2019, the County also provided \$1.5 million as part of its previous three-year commitment towards creating greater access.

Hospice palliative care aims to relieve suffering and improve the quality of living and dying. Residential hospices provide expert care to patients, families, and friends at one of the most vulnerable times in their lives.

Quotes

"Hospice is a care area that requires attention and funding support. County Council is pleased to lend a hand and to invest in building up residential hospice care to help ensure that our residents and their families receive the high quality of care they deserve at end of life." - County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke

"Capital funding for hospice residences is crucial – each hospice is a small, charitable organization that relies on donated and public funds to provide exceptional end-of-life care to residents and their families and friends. It means so much that the County of Simcoe recognizes the value of this care in each of our communities and is willing to support us with important capital projects that are necessary to ensure sustainability." Annalise Steneke, Executive Director, Mariposa House Hospice

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Photo Caption: Representatives from County of Simcoe Council and the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance joined at Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene to celebrate the County of Simcoe's continued support of building up residential hospice capacity across the region.