

Annual IMPACT REPORT 2025-2026



Serving South Simcoe & Surrounding Communities *with gratitude*



Matthews House
Hospice

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Hospice Foundation

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*"All the staff is very **welcoming and comforting** during these hard times . Keep up the good work. I honestly don't know how you do what you do each and every day it's **absolutely wonderful.**"*

- Family of Residence Client

From the CEO

Another special year has come and gone at Matthews House Hospice. The hospice continues to increase its care and services to the South Simcoe Community, and we are constantly working to strengthen the community's awareness of these services. Our goal is to ensure that any person who is eligible, knows about our services and how to access them.

The Hospice Board continues to be guided by our three-year strategic plan, which was created with input from a wide range of community members. There are five main goals that the staff are addressing:

- Continuous Quality Improvement & Risk Management
- Education & Empowering Staff
- Enhancing Community Involvement & Awareness
- Leveraging Technology & Innovation
- Fundraising & Financial Support



Margaret Bachle, CEO

For the past year, the staff have been preparing diligently to be accredited by Hospice Palliative Care Ontario. By achieving accreditation status, the hospice can assure the community that the exceptional care and services provided at Matthews House Hospice also meet provincial standards for palliative care.

This community continues to be incredibly generous to our Hospice. Our December 2025 Annual Giving Campaign demonstrated that generosity through donations both large and small. As our most successful holiday giving campaign to date, we are deeply grateful for the kindness and commitment shown to our Hospice by the members of our community. Recently, I had a resident invite me to his room and introduce me to his family members visiting from England. After expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the care he had been receiving, he handed me a \$10, 000 cheque for the Hospice.

I want to thank the Board of the Hospice Foundation, the leadership team, staff, volunteers, and especially the community for all their generosity and the outstanding support given to me over my four years as CEO. In all my dreams I never imagined that I would end my career in such a fulfilling, rewarding job and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity.

Chief Executive Officer, Matthews House Hospice and Matthews House Hospice Foundation

From the President

As I complete my four-year term as President, I want to take a moment to say thank you and reflect on what we've accomplished together.

It has been a privilege to serve this Hospice and work alongside such dedicated people. Over the past four years, we've faced challenges, celebrated successes, and remained committed to providing compassionate care for patients and support for their families.

I want to thank my fellow Board members for their guidance, thoughtful discussions, and commitment to good governance.

A very special thank you goes to our CEO, Margaret Bachle, for her outstanding leadership. Her dedication, vision and commitment have helped strengthen our organization and ensured that our Hospice continues to provide exceptional care. Margaret, thank you for everything you do.

To our staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters, thank you. Your compassion, generosity, and commitment make our work possible.

Serving as President has been an honour. I leave this role with confidence in the future of our Hospice. We have a strong Board, exceptional leadership, and a caring community that believes in our mission.

People often say it takes a village. Our hospice is proof of that. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve over the past four years. It has been a privilege, and I will always be grateful.

Thank you,

Cathy Morden

President, Matthews House Hospice Board of Directors



Cathy Morden, President



OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Mission

To offer caring and compassionate hospice, home, and community care for those who are experiencing a life-limiting illness, facing end of life, or grieving a loss. At Matthews House we support not only our clients, but also their caregivers, families, and friends through our residential, outreach, and bereavement programs.

Vision

Inspired by the strength of those we serve, we strive to be the place of choice for living life fully, dying with dignity, and coping with bereavement.

Values

CARE: Compassion

Access

Respect

Empathy



Steven's Story

I remember walking through the doors of Matthews House and thinking, "This is where I want Steve to be."

At the time, Steve was still at home, and he didn't know that I had come to see Matthews House. I knew his prognosis and wanted to make sure that when the time came, he would have a place where he could be cared for with dignity, compassion, and kindness.

Steve and I were avid bridge players. We met at a bridge tournament, were together for nine years, and had planned a December wedding. In November, Steve was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. He became very ill in December and was admitted to hospital. He was released the day before our wedding but was too ill to attend the reception. Despite everything, we were able to share that very special time together.

In December, I visited Matthews House with a friend. After a brief tour, I remember saying, "This is where I want Steve to be."

Over Easter, Steve was admitted to hospital again. Two days later, we were asked, "Where do you want to do palliative care?" I said, "I've already checked out Matthews House in Alliston. I'm getting on the phone right now to see if they have a bed." There was a bed, and Steve was transferred that same day. This facility is incredible. Steve was so impressed that he turned to me and said, "I'd like to do a

donation." That meant so much to me because it showed how he felt about the place.

Since Steve was here, I have spoken about Matthews House with nothing but the highest praise. If I hear about someone who is ill or facing the end of life, I tell them, "You really do need to check Matthews House out."

Matthews House is not just Matthews House. To me, it's Matthews Home. It's a home where everybody comes together as a family. The care Steve received here is something I will never forget.



Debby with husband Steve



-Debby Ingram, 2026

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan, 2025 - 2028

In May of 2025, our final Strategic Plan was finalized and approved after several months of development.

Strategic Direction

As we conclude the first year of our three-year strategic plan, we are encouraged by the strong foundation we have established. Our strategic priorities remain focused on ensuring sustainable growth, enhancing the quality of care we provide, and fostering a supportive, adaptable environment for both our staff and the individuals we serve. The progress achieved in this first year positions us well to continue advancing these goals over the next two years.

Strategic Goals

-  **Continuous Quality Improvement & Risk Management** - We have analyzed and made changes to our payroll and financial documentation. We have reviewed Alayacare processes, and made improvements based on Alayacare educator's recommendations.
-  **Education & Empowering Staff** - Staff attended the Alayacare conference, and will attend the HPCO annual conference for the first time this year. This extensive consultation process yielded valuable perspectives on organizational strengths, opportunities, and areas for enhancement, informing MHH's strategic direction to better serve the community and achieve its objectives.
-  **Enhancing Community Involvement & Awareness** - Our Corporate Care program has continued to grow, with many businesses coming in more than once. This gives us the opportunity to share what the Hospice is and what it offers. We continue to build our outreach programs, providing information at many community events as well as on social media, and in donor newsletters.
-  **Leveraging Technology & Innovation** - We have implemented additional components of the Volunteer Impact program, increasing effectiveness of managing volunteers. A plan is in place to implement MS365 at the beginning of the next fiscal year, allowing us to improve the organization of Hospice documents.
-  **Fundraising & Financial Support** - We have made it a priority for Foundation and Hospice staff to support each other financially and with fundraising. The Foundation counts on the Hospice to assist with Fundraising activities where possible.

By focusing on these strategic goals, we are confident in our ability to navigate the complexities of hospice care and continue providing high-quality compassionate support to our clients and their families.



*Scan the QR Code to view
the full Strategic Plan*

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HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

This past year our volunteers once again demonstrated the heart and dedication that make Matthews House Hospice possible. Together, 128 active volunteers gave an incredible 12,842 hours of their time, an average of 100 hours per volunteer, supporting patients, families, and staff across every corner of our community. Their generosity is the quiet backbone of the care we provide, and this report is a celebration of their impact.



June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers Award



We are thrilled to celebrate **Lorrie Quinn**, Matthews House Hospice's 2026 recipient of the *June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers Award*. Lorrie was recognized alongside 70 exceptional volunteers from across Ontario at the Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO) Conference.

A dedicated Matthews House volunteer for more than a decade, Lorrie has supported our organization since our original hospice location and was among the first volunteers to welcome visitors to our current home. She has also played an important role in fundraising initiatives, including our annual Gala.

Lorrie's greatest impact, though, is through her compassionate support of clients and families. She co-facilitates four different support groups, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those navigating serious illness, caregiving, and grief.



No. OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

128

VOLUNTEERS

No. OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

12,000+



HOSPICE RESIDENCE UPDATE

This past year has been one of meaningful growth and continuous improvement at Matthews House Hospice Residence. With an **occupancy rate of 73%**, we had the privilege of supporting residents and families through life's final journey, providing compassionate, person-centered care in a warm and welcoming environment.

Throughout the year, we focused on enhancing both the **quality of care and comfort** of those we serve. To provide greater support for residents and families, we increased the number of Personal Support Worker hours within the residence, ensuring additional coverage and hands-on care. We also updated our scent-free policy to create a more comfortable environment for residents, visitors, volunteers, and staff, and added protective covers to remote controls in every resident room to support infection prevention and control.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the **LeRoy Foundation**, we received several important pieces of equipment, including a new ice machine, chair alarms, a bariatric bed, a blood pressure monitor, and two transport wheelchairs. We are also grateful to **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 171**, whose grant funding enabled the purchase of a vitals monitor and ear otoscope set. These additions enhanced resident care while supporting accessibility and compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards.

Our commitment to **staff education** remained a key priority. Nurses participated in education on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), completed wound care training, and were offered a Person-Centred Decision Making course, which became mandatory for all charge nurses. Staff also received Lift and Body Mechanics training, and all CPR certifications were updated to ensure continued readiness in emergency situations.

Safety continues to be at the forefront of our operations. This year, we completed maintenance and testing of our automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and welcomed representatives from the Ministry of Labour for a workplace safety review. Their assessment resulted in no recommendations or corrective actions, reflecting the strong safety culture maintained by our team.

These accomplishments were achieved through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Board members, donors, and community supporters. Their ongoing commitment allows us to strengthen our programs, enhance resident care, and create a safe and supportive environment for everyone who enters our doors.

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the progress we have made and grateful for the support that makes our work possible. Together, we remain committed to providing comfort, dignity, and compassionate care while continuing to build on these successes in the years ahead.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM MESSAGE

Our **Community and Grief and Bereavement Programs** have had a productive and meaningful year providing programs and services to our clients.

We had several new programs this year including **Soul Care, Art and Soul Therapeutic Art Sessions, and Touch the Heart of Healing Therapeutic Touch Workshop**. We also brought back our **Community Dinner** for clients who are newly bereaved or anyone else who may be eating alone and needing company and community. Our **Mindfulness Ambassador Program** also returned. This program teaches participants mindfulness skills to help cope with the challenges of everyday life.

Our **Memory Care and Dementia Day Program** continues to run on weekdays. Our day program team continues to learn and bring new ideas and strategies to support our clients with cognitive changes so that they have the best experience while they are in our program. We received a wonderful donation from a past client's family of a new buffet for our program and are so grateful for this furniture.

Our yearly memorial events, an **Evening to Remember** in June and **Light Up a Life** in December, were both very meaningful and supportive to all who attended this year. Our bereavement counsellors also hosted a lunch for community members and clients on National Grief & Bereavement Day in November. **Camp Chrysalis** was also a great success last summer for our young clients who have lost a significant person.

We continue our partnerships with several community organizations including the Alzheimer's Society, Parkinson's Canada, and Your Support Services Network (YSSN) to provide education and services for our clients and their loved ones and to ensure that they are connected with the appropriate supports.

Our **Hospice at Home program** continues to support clients who are palliative and needing additional personal support at home to help with their care needs and provide respite for their caregiver. We are grateful that we are able to provide this support to our clients if they prefer to remain at home.

We continue to provide **outreach and programs** at various locations in our community including bereavement support and education at several schools, Kingsmere Retirement Home, LOFT, and Community Living Association of South Simcoe (CLASS). We increased awareness of Matthews House Hospice Programs through presenting at St. Paul's United Church, CHATs programs in Beeton, Alliston Probus Club, and St. James Church in Colgan on our services and palliative care and grief education.

As we look ahead to the 2026-27 fiscal year, we hope to continue to strengthen our community programs to meet the needs of our community.



BY THE NUMBERS

By The Numbers: Compassionate, Exceptional Care

RESIDENTIAL CARE

End-Of-Life, Pain & Symptom Management, and Caregiver Relief

No. OF CLIENTS
CARED FOR IN
RESIDENCE

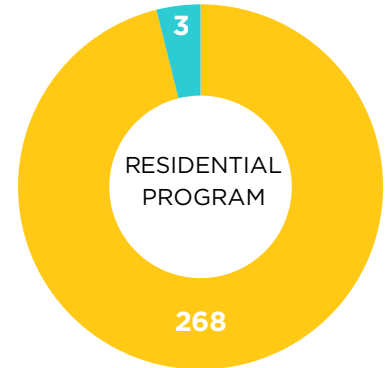
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AVERAGE LENGTH
OF STAY IN
RESIDENCE

9.7
DAYS

● End-Of-Life

● Caregiver Relief



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Grief and Bereavement Counselling, Memory Care and Dementia Day Program, Education and Workshops, Group Support, Illness Support, Social Groups, Complimentary Therapies (Reiki, Therapeutic Touch), Caregiver Support, and more!

No. OF
COMMUNITY
CLIENTS

869

No. OF
GRIEF & SOCIAL WORK
COUNSELLING SESSIONS

975

No. OF
COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS

40

TOTAL No. OF
COMMUNITY MEMBER
& CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

11,003

HOSPICE @ HOME

Support provided by Personal Support Workers in Client Homes

No. OF
HOSPICE @
HOME CLIENTS

102

TOTAL No. OF
HOSPICE @
HOME VISITS

2,676

MEMORY CARE & DEMENTIA DAY PROGRAM

No. OF
DAY PROGRAM
CLIENTS

63

No. OF DAY
PROGRAM
VISITS

2,728



13,679

TOTAL NO. OF INDIVIDUAL ENCOUNTERS WITH
COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND PROGRAMS

HOSPICE MOMENTS



The Raposo Family drops off a huge donation of items from our holiday wish list



A delicious Easter lunch donated by the family of a resident



Some special visitors dropped by the Hospice to visit the residents



An Evening to Remember Memorial Event in June



MP Scot Davidson stops by the hospice for a tour



Sheldon Creek Dairy is an ongoing supporter of our residence



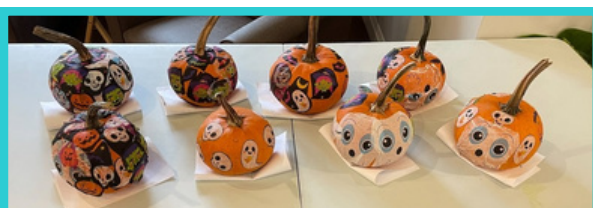
TerraGen Solar lends a hand through our Corporate Care Volunteer Program



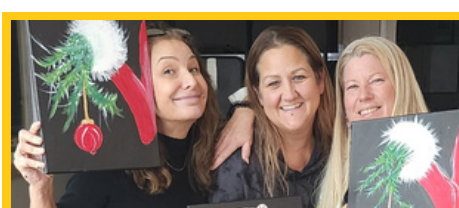
Beautiful quilts donated by Alliston Quilting Guild



Beautiful butterfly wings donated by Shawn Weldon



Spooky Pumpkins created by our Day Program clients



"Getting Crafty with Norma Raynor" donates proceeds



Hard at work on our annual giving campaign

*"The **care and compassion** and the daily check-ins were more than we could have expected. The Hospice team **provided exceptional care** for my mom and our family from the moment we arrived."*

- Family of a Residence Client

HOSPICE FINANCIALS

Did you know?

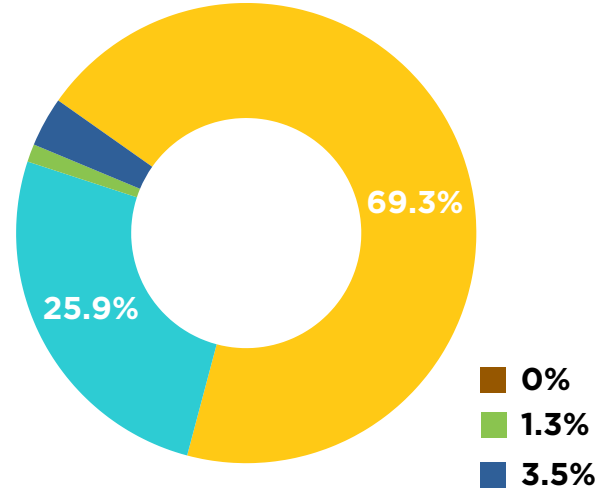
THE AVERAGE COST OF
RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE
CARE PER DAY IS

\$450

Revenue

- Ontario Health at Home Funding **\$2,788,995**
- Donations **\$1,041,355**
- Fundraising and Events **\$0**
- Other Grants **\$50,460**
- Other Income **\$140,321**

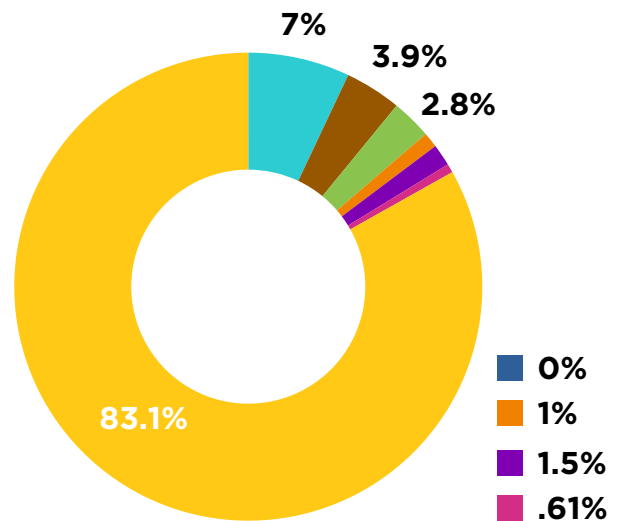
Total \$4,021,131



Expenditures

- Admin & Advertising **\$281,972**
- Amortization **\$156,569**
- Building Occupancy **\$111,225**
- Fundraising & Events Expenditures **\$0**
- Program Expenditures **\$42,114**
- Residence - Operating Expenditures **\$60,330**
- Staff Training & Recruitment **\$24,424**
- Wages & Benefits **\$3,336,527**

Total \$4,013,161



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Audited Financials*

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*"Thank you to the entire staff for all you did for us. It was a **peaceful and loving place** and we were made to feel like **we were welcome**. We knew my mom was in good hands and being taking care of in the way that she wanted, so that we could spend our last days with her in a beautiful setting and **simply be with her**."*

- Family of a Residence Client

MATTHEWS HOUSE HOSPICE FOUNDATION

From the ED

This year marked the Foundation's **second full year of operations**, and I am pleased to share that we have established a strong and stable core upon which to build. Through prudent financial stewardship, strategic community partnerships, and the extraordinary generosity of donors like you, we have continued to strengthen our ability to support Matthews House Hospice and ensure its long-term sustainability.



Mandy McCurdy,
Executive Director

The 2025-2026 fiscal year was one of tremendous momentum and achievement. We celebrated successful Signature Events, bringing together participants in support of our mission. Community fundraising initiatives, corporate partnerships, and special events continued to flourish, demonstrating the incredible spirit of philanthropy that exists throughout our region. We were also inspired by the dedication of our volunteers, whose countless hours of service help create meaningful experiences for residents, families, and program participants every day. We are particularly grateful for the continued support of our corporate and community partners whose investments extend far beyond financial contributions. Through sponsorships, volunteerism, in-kind gifts, and collaborative initiatives, these partnerships have strengthened our programs and enhanced our ability to provide compassionate care to those who need it most.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we recognize that our work is far from complete. Matthews House Hospice must continue to raise significant funds annually to sustain hospice operations and expand programs and services that respond to the evolving needs of our communities. The demand for hospice and community-based wellness services continues to grow across South Simcoe. As our communities experience significant population growth and demographic change, the need for compassionate end-of-life care, grief support, caregiver resources, and wellness programming has never been greater. Your support ensures that Matthews House Hospice remains prepared to meet these increasing needs with dignity, excellence, and care.

As we look ahead, I do so with tremendous optimism. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the many individuals and families whose lives have been touched by Matthews House Hospice, thank you. Your generosity is creating moments of comfort, dignity, connection, and hope during some of life's most difficult times.

With sincere appreciation,

Mandy McCurdy

Executive Director, Foundation

From the President

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck not only by what Matthews House Hospice has accomplished, but by the remarkable community that continues to stand behind our mission. Every milestone we have reached has been made possible by people who believe that everyone deserves dignity and compassionate care.

This has been a year of continued growth and renewed opportunity. Together, we have strengthened the Foundation by expanding community engagement and built new partnerships that will help sustain hospice care for years to come. These achievements are a testament to what is possible when a community comes together with a shared purpose.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I extend my sincere gratitude to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners. Your generosity extends far beyond financial support. Every contribution, regardless of size, is an investment in humanity. I would also like to recognize the extraordinary staff and volunteers of Matthews House Hospice. Their professionalism and unwavering commitment are the heart of this organization. Every day, they provide exceptional care while supporting families through some of life's most challenging moments.

The Foundation Board remains committed to strong governance and responsible stewardship, and we continue to build a sustainable future for Matthews House Hospice. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their dedication and service throughout the year: Sheila Kaarlela, Cathy Morden, Sabina Morell, and Dan Hambly. It is a privilege to work alongside individuals who are deeply committed to advancing our mission.

The needs of our growing communities continue to evolve, and so does our determination to ensure Matthews House Hospice reflects our changing demographics. Together, we are creating a legacy that will benefit families today and for generations to come. Thank you for believing in our mission and for making this important work possible.

Brad O'Neill

Acting President, Foundation Board of Directors



Brad O'Neill,
Acting President



THANK YOU TO OUR \$1,000+ EVENT SPONSORS!

Hike for Hospice

Alliston Physiotherapy & Sports
Rehabilitation
Betty Keating Charitable Gift Fund
Drury Funeral Centre Ltd.
Flightpath International

Herbert's Boots and Western Wear
Infilise Foundation
Nexus Financial Resources Inc.

Rock Solid Computer Services
Roy Craik
Shirley Phillips
Walmart Alliston
Zander Sod Co. Limited

Annual Golf Tournament

Alumavent Ventex Inc.
Allangrove Investments Ltd.
Canadian Tire Alliston
Daikin Comfort Technologies
Fore the 3 Of Us Holdings Ltd.

Hi-Tech Concrete Cutting
Honda of Canada Mfg.
Moffat Mazda
RBC Phillips, Hager & North
Trillium Ford

Giving Hearts Gala

Alicia Regier Real Estate
CI Global Asset Management
Drury Funeral Centre Ltd.
Fidelity Investments Canada
Gabriela Marcu

Honda of Canada Mfg.
Taylor's Jewellers
TD Wealth
TempAir Control

Wallwin Electric Services
Ward & Uptigrove CPAs
W.D. Potato Limited
W. John Thomas Funeral Home
Zander Sod Co. Limited

Thank you to our many other event sponsors, donors, and supporters!

Marv Chantler Legacy Award

The Marv Chantler Legacy Award is presented by the Matthews House Hospice Foundation to an individual, family, or organization that has made an exceptional contribution to the ongoing development, sustainability, and impact of Matthews House Hospice.

Honda Canada Manufacturing was named the recipient during the second year of this distinguished award in recognition of their longstanding and multi-faceted commitment to our organization and the communities we serve.



Bobbi Curran (Honda) with Brad O'Neill

Matthews House Hospice is deeply grateful for the support demonstrated by Honda at every level of the organization. Through generous financial contributions, dedicated volunteer involvement, and the provision of essential community assets—such as the community van—Honda has played a transformative role in strengthening the care and reach of Matthews House Hospice.

Honda Canada Manufacturing's enduring partnership exemplifies the spirit of the Marv Chantler Legacy Award, demonstrating how corporate leadership, compassion, and community investment can create meaningful and lasting change for individuals and families navigating some of life's most challenging journeys.

SIGNATURE EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

Hike For Hospice



Our **16th Annual Hike for Hospice**, held on May 4, 2025, was a tremendous success, raising more than **\$266,435.00** in support of compassionate hospice care for individuals and families in our community. This achievement reflects the generosity and dedication of our participants, donors, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and community partners. Their collective support continues to make a meaningful difference, ensuring that high-quality hospice care remains available to those who need it most.

We are deeply grateful for the community's ongoing commitment to our mission and look forward to building on this success in the years ahead.



Annual Golf Tournament

Our **14th Annual Golf Tournament** on August 27, 2025 at Bear Creek Golf Club was a spectacular day! From a sold-out tournament of golfers, local tastings on the course, and 18 holes of golf to a fantastic evening with dinner, silent auction and prizes, our golfers and teams had a fabulous time.

Thank you to all of our golfers, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers. Because of your support, we raised **\$127,865.00!** This day would not have been possible without you.



SIGNATURE EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

Giving Hearts Gala



Our **14th Annual Giving Hearts Gala**, held on October 24, 2025, was a remarkable success. The sold-out event welcomed 225 guests, including donors, sponsors, community partners, and supporters, for an unforgettable evening in support of hospice care. Attendees enjoyed live music, a delicious dinner, silent and live auctions, and dancing, while coming together to celebrate the impact of compassionate end-of-life care in our community. The generosity of those who attended helped raise a record-breaking **\$369,481.00** to support the programs and services provided by Matthews House Hospice.



Annual Giving Campaign



Each holiday season, we invite our community to give the gift of compassionate hospice care. This year, we shared Nancy O'Neill's heartfelt story of her father's journey at Matthews House Hospice, highlighting the profound impact of donor support on patients and their families. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters, we raised more than **\$395,000**, helping ensure that compassionate, high-quality hospice care remains available to those who need it most. Your generous commitment to Matthews House Hospice makes it possible for us to provide compassionate care and support to families like Nancy's during some of life's most challenging moments.

*"This was the first time we had a hospice experience and it was honestly the **best experience** under the circumstances. We **can't say enough good things** about Matthews House. Thank you!"*
-Family of a Residence Client

GRANTS AND BURSARIES



Ontario
Trillium
Foundation



Fondation
Trillium
de l'Ontario

An agency of the Government of Ontario
Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

Sincere thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its generous grant of **\$107,100**, which enabled us to complete essential flooring upgrades on the main floor and basement of our Hospice. With the high volume of daily foot traffic throughout our facility, maintaining safe and durable flooring is essential for the comfort and well-being of everyone who enters our doors.

This significant investment has enhanced the safety and accessibility of our space, and we are extremely grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for making this important renovation possible.

Maxwell & Ruth LeRoy Foundation Grant

A huge thank you to the Maxwell & Ruth LeRoy Foundation for their extremely generous grant of **\$34,910**! Their altruism allowed us to purchase several much-needed items on our list, including a bariatric bed, chair alarms for each resident's room, an industrial ice machine and coffee maker, and a hot water dispenser for the residence. We were also able to obtain an essential industrial washing machine, two wheelchairs, and some medical equipment. This grant has truly made a difference in the residential wing of the Hospice!



Royal Canadian Legion Grant

We are so grateful to the Royal Canadian Legion's Charitable Foundation and Branch 171 for the grant of **\$4,477**. This generous grant allowed us to purchase a vitals monitor and an ear otoscope set for the residence, which have both been instrumental in continuing to provide exceptional care to our clients.

*"We all felt an **instant relief** when we arrived at Matthew's House. The building makes you feel comfortable, the grounds were beautiful. The **staff are all so perfect for this journey** taking time to answer our questions, explain how things worked, let us know what we could expect as his journey was ending. We were able to spend time with our loved one in a relaxing, calm, quiet setting our family was able to **reconnect and feel safe** in this environment."*

- Family of a Residence Client

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Smile Cookies

The 2025 Smile Cookie Campaign was a great success! A huge thank you to Alliston Tim Hortons for raising an amazing **\$20,751.34** and helping us continue to provide compassionate hospice care in South Simcoe.



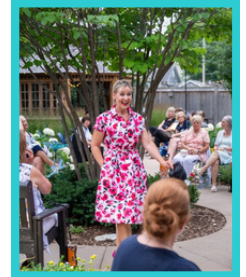
Rialto Roofing & Sheet Metal Annual Golf Tournament

Thank you to Rialto Roofing and Sheet Metal for their support through their annual golf tournament in support of Matthews House Hospice. They raised a sensational **\$18,585** at their 2025 tournament!



Nine Lives Boutique's Restyle Fashion Show

Thank you to Nine Lives Boutique for once again hosting the Restyle Fashion Show in 2025. It was a beautiful evening in the Matthews House Hospice gardens, and thanks to everyone's support this year's event raised **\$4,129.60**.



Recycled Teenagers

Thank you to the 2025 Recycled Teenagers Car and Truck show for the **\$1500** you raised for Matthews House Hospice, and for your ongoing support.



Aspira Kingsmere Retirement Living

Thank you to Aspira Kingsmere Retirement Living for raising **\$2800** for Matthews House Hospice through their Blue Heron Garage Sale. Your continued support means the world to us.



Thank you to our Community Supporters!

A Christmas Evening With Boreal
Access Glass
Alliston & District Sportsman's Club
Alliston Creamery
Briar Hill Golf Guys
Barrie Fair 50/50
Bear Creek Golf Club
Beeton Foodland
Canadour Garage Doors
Carolyn and Gord Cave
Cassidy & Joe Real Estate
Christian Labour Association of Canada
Cookstown Greens
Getting Crafty with Norma Rayner
Golfing for Bill
Jimmo's Tire and Automotive
Kevin Lord Memorial Foundation
Lady Duffer's Golf League

Looms by Em
McDonalds Alliston
Michaela's Treasure Gallery
Norcross Accounting
Part Time CFO Services
Quilting Corners Guild
RBC Dominion Securities
Real Canadian Superstore Wasaga Beach
Recycled Teenagers Car & Truck Show
Restyle Fashion Show
Rialto R&SM Inc.
Rock 95, Kool 107.5, Barrie 360
Ron Willett
Rosemont Firefighters Association
Paint with Purpose
Piper Arms Alliston
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 508 Everett
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 171 Alliston

Shelburne Foodland
Sheldon Creek Dairy
St. James Parish
Swiss Chalet Alliston
Sommerville Nurseries
Studio204
The Bradford Knights Of Columbus Council
(4915 - Holy Martyrs Of Japan)
The Flag Store
The Maxwell & Ruth Leroy Foundation
The Printing House
The Raposo Family
Township of Essa Golf Tournament
United Steelworkers Local 943
W. John Thomas Funeral Home
Wednesday Wackers Golf League
William's Café
Zehrs Alliston

FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERS

Each year, Matthews House Hospice Foundation hosts three signature fundraising events: Hike for Hospice in May, the Annual Golf Tournament in August, and the Giving Hearts Gala in October. Months of planning lead up to each of these unique events and we could not do it without our Event Committees. On the day, each signature event thrives on the team of volunteers who give up their time and lend their skills to ensure the event runs smoothly and our guests have a fantastic experience!



Giving Hearts Gala Committee

This year, we are proud to recognize the dedication and commitment of our exceptional **Giving Hearts Gala Committee**.



This committee plays an integral role in the continued success of this signature event. Throughout the summer and fall, committee members generously volunteer their time and expertise to secure sponsorships, coordinate decor, source silent auction items, engage gala attendees, and provide invaluable support on the day of the event. Their passion, hard work, and commitment help make this event possible year after year.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our 2025 Committee members: Elaine Balaka, Rosann Bertacco, Rosy Kennedy, Georgina Legenza, Patricia Middlebrook, Melissa Machado, Sabina Morell, Giulia Pincente, and Alicia Regier.

CORPORATE CARE PROGRAM

Our **Corporate Care Volunteer Program** is making an impact - one group at a time. Through this program, community organizations and businesses join our team for a morning, afternoon, or day, to help out in our kitchen or gardens.

This year we would like to feature **RBC Dominion Securities**, as one of our very supportive Corporate Care participants. Attila and his RBC team have been fantastic supporters of Matthews House Hospice, volunteering with us four times this year!



We also received generous donations (and even donuts!) from the RBC Dominion Securities group each time they volunteered. Participating in the Corporate Care Program is both a fun and meaningful team building exercise. For us at Matthews House Hospice, it helps us to spread awareness of our programs and services while showing our community we are more than they think we are as a place of caring comfort, warmth, and support.

FOOD SERVICES PROGRAM

At Matthews House Hospice, food is about so much more than nourishment—it is about **comfort, connection, dignity, and joy**. Our Food Services Program plays an essential role in the care and community experience at Matthews House Hospice.

Supporting our Programs and Community

In addition to serving patients and their families in the residential wing, our Food Services Program provides daily meals and snacks for our **Memory Care and Dementia Day Program**, support groups, community programs, and clients who may benefit from additional food support. We also prepare convenient frozen meals for our community through our Meals To Go and family-size meal programs.



A Growing Partnership with Nottawasaga Foundation

A significant milestone for our Food Services Program in 2025–2026 was the development of a new partnership with the **Nottawasaga Foundation**. The Foundation has committed **\$100,000 over five years** to support Food Services at Matthews House Hospice, with the first installment received in early 2026. This generous commitment recognizes the important role food plays in the care we provide and will help strengthen and sustain our Food Services Program for years to come.



Where our Food Comes From

As a charitable organization, we are committed to being **responsible stewards of every dollar** entrusted to us. A significant portion of the food we serve is rescued or donated. Matthews House Hospice is part of a food rescue hub that alerts us when food nearing its best-before date becomes available. Our Food Services team then creatively builds menus around the ingredients we receive. We are grateful for the ongoing support of local farms, grocery stores, businesses, and community partners who generously contribute food and ingredients to Matthews House Hospice.



FOOD SERVICES FACTS



RETAIL VALUE OF
RESCUED FOOD

\$83,409.14

Lbs. OF GREENHOUSE
GASSES DIVERTED

67,589

No. OF MEALS
PROVIDED (approx.)

19,367

Meals To Go

Our Meals To Go program provides freshly prepared, single-serve frozen meals made using rescued and donated ingredients. Meals are prepared fresh each week and offer a convenient option for people who are cooking for one, living alone, recovering from illness, supporting a loved one, or simply looking for an easy meal to enjoy at home. **Each 28 oz. meal is \$10 and includes a homemade soup or dessert.**

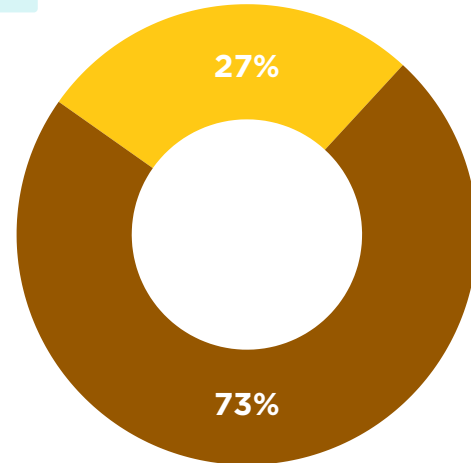
FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

Did you know ?

ALL DONATIONS TO MATTHEWS HOUSE HOSPICE ARE DIRECTED THROUGH MATTHEWS HOUSE HOSPICE FOUNDATION.

Revenue

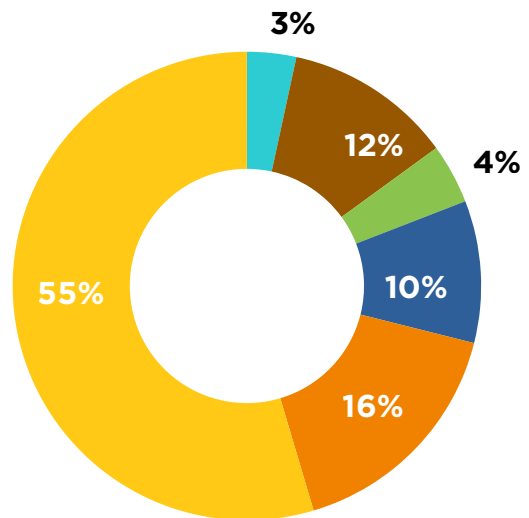
Donations	\$475, 844
Fundraising and Events	\$1,282,332
Total	\$1,757,749



Expenditures

Admin & Advertising	\$64,730
Amortization	\$221,014
Building Occupancy	\$78,774
Fundraising & Events Expenditures	\$187,085
Outsourced Services	\$314, 344
Donations	\$1,041,355

Total \$1,907,302



Scan the QR Code to view our Audited Financials



*It was our 1st experience with palliative care & being associated to a Hospice & I cannot praise the team highly enough. The words **THANK YOU seem inadequate** we were so grateful to be surrounded by so many people who cared.*

- Family of Residence Client

Thank you to all who contributed
to making this year one of compassionate care!

*You can help us continue to provide compassionate care
and reach our goals!*

Donate Monthly, In Memory

Support Matthews House Hospice and your community by making a one-time or monthly donation today! Monthly donations provide consistent funds that enable us to plan ahead for the benefit of our residents, their families, and our community.

A memorial donation is a touching tribute to the life of someone special to you.

A “Day of Care” is an incredible gift to give. You can recognize a birthday, anniversary, a day of passing, or any day that is special to you. A certificate is displayed for the day in our lobby, as well as on our social media.

Day of Care

Legacy Giving

Legacy gifts offer the opportunity to make a meaningful investment in the future of Matthews House Hospice, while offering substantial tax benefits as part of a long-term financial plan. Leaving a bequest in your Will allows you to make a charitable gift from the proceeds of your estate.

Hosting your own fundraiser in support of Matthews House Hospice is a great way to give back. Events are initiated, planned, and managed by individuals or organizations with support from MHH where possible.

Host a Fundraiser

Matthews House Hospice Store

Stop by Matthews House Hospice Reception at 131 Wellington St. East to purchase items from our catalogue, or to place a special order. Unique gifts and tribute items are also on display for purchase in reception area.



*Scan the QR Code to make
your donation or to learn more*



Matthews House
Hospice Foundation



Thank you!

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