

COMMUNITY *of* CARE

In the heart of Dundas, there exists a place where compassionate care knows no bounds, and the journey of life is honoured with dignity, respect and unwavering support. At St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice, we are privileged to witness the profound impact of our care on individuals and families facing life's most challenging moments...

This is Debbie's Story



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My sisters, Lori, Carolyn and I come from a family of girls. Our parents met as teenagers in Falmouth, Cornwall, England and shared a 69-year love story. It all started at a local football game, when our mother offered my dad a date square, and he cheekily replied, "I'd rather have a date". Their life journey brought them to Canada where they raised our family, and they were always heavily involved in their church and community.

Life took a challenging turn when our mother began showing signs of dementia. Despite his advanced age, our Dad did his best to care for her, but when he fell and suffered a heart attack, the family faced a crisis. Dad was 93 and could no longer care for Mum. We have

always been a family of "doers" but we realized we needed help.

Desperate for a solution, we turned to our community. We found solace in St. Joseph's Villa for mum. The care she receives there is nothing short of extraordinary. The staff treat her like family. She's always clean, well-fed, and her hair is beautifully done. They make sure she's comfortable and happy, attending to her every need.

When our father ultimately needed hospice care, we discovered Margaret's Place Hospice just steps away from the Villa on the same healthcare campus. Margaret's Place is nestled beside Spring Creek Ravine and is surrounded by nature and wildlife. It was a blessing. Dad was admitted to the hospice, and we were able to wheel Mum over from the Villa to visit him daily. They held hands, watched the birds, and we sang hymns together. It was a miracle during a dark time.

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As Dad's condition worsened, the family was deeply supported by the staff at Margaret's Place. They provided unwavering support, allowing us to spend precious moments together. I stayed overnight one night with Dad, and the staff tended to our every need - setting up a sleeper for me in Dad's room and provided all the comforts of home. The next morning I woke up and outside his window, a family of deer stood quietly looking in. It was like nature itself was offering us peace and comfort.

The hospice staff went above and beyond, even helping care for Mum when she visited. They truly treated us like family, offering not just medical care but emotional support and kindness. It was the perfect environment for Dad's final days.

I can't say enough about Margaret's Place Hospice and St. Joseph's Villa. The staff are incredible and have provided care on a level that we could have never imagined. It is a blessing to have both of them cared for so well.

Today, we continue to visit mum daily at the Villa, support the Villa's fundraising events and participate in daily life with our Mum. It has become a home away from home for us as well.



A message from our President

As the sunny days of summer surround us, we are reminded of the profound impact that warm, compassionate care has on individuals and families in our community. The story of Debbie's parents beautifully illustrates the unique and invaluable support provided by St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice, and their journey highlights why our Campus of Care is so essential to our community.

This support is only possible because of the generosity of people like you. Your contributions allow us to sustain and enhance the exceptional care and services we provide. Your kindness ensures that every person who enters our care receives the compassion, dignity and respect they deserve.

Please consider making a gift today. Your support means the world to families like Debbie's and ensures that we can continue to offer the care that makes a real difference in our community. With heartfelt Gratitude,

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



Ways to Support

Compassionate care is at the heart of what we do. Your gift to the St. Joseph's Villa Foundation will support the most urgent needs of St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice, directly impacting the quality of life for our residents today and in the future. Tax receipts are provided for all gifts over \$20.

General donations:

Your generous contribution will directly enhance the quality of care and services we provide on our Campus of Care and offer dignity, respect and compassion to every individual who walks through our doors.

Your Impact on Compassionate Care

Making a donation in your will

Each year, we are honoured to receive donations from visionary individuals who believe in the programs and supportive services we provide at St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice. We are deeply grateful to those who have remembered St. Joseph's Villa Foundation in their wills or estate plans.

Your planned gifts, regardless of size, are vital to sustaining the exceptional care you expect. These contributions ensure that we can continue to support you and your families for generations to come.

Planned giving also provides significant tax benefits, allowing you to make a meaningful impact while receiving financial advantages. Even a small percentage of an average estate can become a significant donation, making a profound impact in our community. If you have already arranged a gift to St. Joseph's Villa Foundation in your estate plans, we sincerely thank you for your foresight and generosity. Please consider informing us of your gift so we can personally express our gratitude and ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

To learn more about how you can leave a lasting legacy, please connect with Lori Carey, Manager, Planned Giving at lcarey@sjv.on.ca



At St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice, every dollar you donate addresses our most urgent needs through a carefully prioritized capital list, ensuring that your contribution has a profound impact.

Margaret's Place Hospice

Your generosity allows us to continue providing compassionate, end-of-life care at no cost to residents and their families. Your support ensures that those in our care experience comfort, dignity, and unwavering support during their most challenging times.

Despite provincial funding covering a portion of our annual operating budget, it falls short of meeting all our needs. Your contributions will bridge this gap, supporting essential programs and services such as bereavement counseling, music therapy, nutritious meals, operational expenses, and so much more, allowing us to deliver the comprehensive care our residents deserve.

St. Joseph's Villa

Your contributions are vital for acquiring urgently needed capital equipment not covered by government funding. This includes essential upgrades to our facility, care, and medical equipment. These improvements are critical for maintaining high standards of care and ensuring our residents live in a safe, comfortable, accessible, and modern environment.

Monthly giving:

Join our Monthly Giving Program and become a pillar of ongoing support. Your monthly contributions ensure we can provide compassionate care and essential services throughout the year.

In Honour:

Donate to honour someone special who is celebrating an occasion, achievement, birthday, anniversary or retirement. This gesture not only celebrates their milestone but also supports our mission of care.

In Memory:

A memorial tribute gift is a meaningful way to honour the memory of a loved one's life. Your donation ensures their legacy lives on through the compassionate care we provide.

The St. Joseph's Villa Foundation supports the greatest needs of our Campus of Care



The total provided to Villa upgrades was close to \$500,000



St. Joseph's Villa

Our generous donors have made a significant impact on essential care needs throughout the Villa, including:

- **Dietary Department Upgrades:** Thanks to the exceptional generosity of some very special donors, \$170,000 was donated to replace outdated equipment in our dietary department. With new ovens, an 80-gallon soup kettle, a tilting skillet, and induction burners, our staff can now efficiently deliver over 1,500 delicious and nutritious meals to our residents every day.
- **Adult Day Program (ADP) Renovations:** To meet new infection control protocols and enhance the environment for our program participants, we renovated the ADP space. The kitchen was rebuilt, and all three program washrooms were renovated to be fully accessible. Additionally, new flooring and a fresh coat of paint throughout the kitchen, bathrooms, and hallways brightened up the space.
- **New Resident Bath Chairs:** We acquired new bath chairs equipped with weigh scales to meet the latest Ministry requirements.
- **Therapeutic Bathtubs:** Two new therapeutic bathtubs were installed in resident home areas.
- **Additional Critical Needs:** Numerous other critical needs were met, ensuring our residents receive the best possible care.

In total, approximately \$500,000 was provided to the Villa for upgrades this past year.

Margaret's Place Hospice

In addition to our ongoing commitments to the Villa, our Foundation is dedicated to supporting Margaret's Place Hospice with an annual financial commitment of \$860,000. This funding bridges the gap left by provincial funding, covering essential programs, services, and operating costs. Over the past year, our contributions have enabled:

- **Comfort for Residents and Families:** Four new recliner chairs for hospice residents and their families.
- **Enhanced Kitchen Facilities:** Additional kitchen equipment to improve meal preparation and service.
- **Therapeutic Programs:** Music therapy programs to provide emotional and psychological support.
- **Grief and Bereavement Support:** Specialized therapy programs to help families navigate the challenges of loss.

These investments ensure that Margaret's Place Hospice can continue to offer compassionate and comprehensive care to all who need it.



Please consider making a Gift today. Your support will impact families today and into the future. Your generosity is a testament to the spirit of compassion that defines our community.

Our foundation provides a commitment to \$860,000



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THANK YOU!

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