HAZEL BURNS HOSPICE

September 24, 2026

Supporters and Community Members – Proposed Integration of Community Hospice Services

Dear Supporters and Community Members,

We want to share an important update about the future of community hospice care in our community.

The boards of Dorothy Ley Hospice and Hazel Burn's Hospice have approved a proposal to integrate Hazel Burns Hospice's community services with Dorothy Ley Hospice's community hospice program. The proposal is now subject to the required review and approval process with our funder, Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health.

If approved, Hazel Burns Hospice's community services would become part of Dorothy Ley Hospice's community hospice program, and Hazel Burns Hospice would wind down its operations. If approved the integration is expected to take effect on **April 1, 2027**.

This proposed change is grounded in our shared commitment to compassionate, person-centred care. By bringing our community hospice services together, we hope to strengthen access to community hospice care, improve coordination, and create a stronger and more sustainable service for people and families now and into the future.

There are no immediate changes to current services while the review and approval process is underway. Our teams remain focused on providing the compassionate care and support that people and families depend on.

We know that our community, donors, volunteers, and partners may have questions about what this means for the future. Your perspective is important as we work through this proposed integration, and we want to hear from you. Please take five minutes to click the survey link below and share your thoughts and feedback. Your input will help inform the process and ensure the voices of our community are considered.

New address: 630 Roselawn Avenue, Suite #812, Toronto, ON M5N 1K8

[Complete the 5-minute survey] Link is in the email.

We are committed to communicating openly as the process progresses and will share more information as decisions are confirmed.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported Dorothy Ley Hospice and Hazel Burns Hospice over the years. Your generosity, partnership, volunteering, advocacy, and trust have helped make community hospice care possible for so many people and families.

We believe this proposed integration will allow us to create a stronger community and more sustainable community hospice service for the future, one that ensures individuals and their families in our community have access to the compassionate high-quality hospice services when they need it the most.

Thank you for being part of our hospice community and for continuing to support this important work.

For any questions regarding the proposed integration please reach out to: Karen Emsig, karen.e@hbhospice.com or Dipti Purbhoo, dpurbhoo@dlhospice.org .

Sincerely,

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