

Valley Hospice Breaks Ground!

On October 26 the Valley Hospice Foundation were thrilled to join the Nova Scotia Health Authority, and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness to announce and celebrate the official sod turning for the Valley's long awaited Hospice. There were plenty of cheers from over 75 "friends" of the Hospice who came out to celebrate this important event.

The Hospice will be located in a wooded area on a site near Valley Regional Hospital. It will sit on a knoll with the trees between it and Brooklyn Street in Kentville, NS. The site will connect residents to nature with each of the 10 bedrooms having their own opening outside. The site was noted by one observer to have a lifting sensation, which seems appropriate for a hospice. The energies of the trees, the hill and the river that flows below the site offers a metaphor for the circle and cycles of life.



"This is a proud moment for our Annapolis Valley communities," Valley Hospice Foundation Board Chair Diana Patterson said. "Today celebrates the vision, determination and commitment of all those who have supported hospice for Valley residents and their loved ones to receive the best end of life care, comfort and support."

DESIGNING A HOSPICE

The vision for the Hospice was brought to life through the committed work of a Hospice Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to plan the design and construction of our Hospice. We are pleased to be part of a team with our partners Nova Scotia Health Authority, their senior and front line palliative care staff, members of our community, and architect, Benjie Nycum and his design team from the firm William Nycum & Associates.

"Hospice is a really exciting project type. By placing the people who need specific services for the dying process in the appropriate environment, rather than a traditional hospital bed, burden on the rest of the healthcare system is reduced. Not only does it have the potential to significantly reduce healthcare costs, it is also a deeply spiritual and important place. This is the last space some people will see before they close their eyes that one last time. This is really profound and important work." Nycum & Associates Blog Post



OUR BUILDERS

A contract for the construction of the Hospice has been awarded by the NSHA to Rikjak Construction Limited.

The timeline for construction is 18 months.

It is exciting that our Hospice will become a reality and we look forward to providing updates as the building unfolds. Visit Valleyhospice.ca



"We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough." Helen Keller

Planning ahead to leave a gift through your estate is one of the most thoughtful ways to help others and leave a lasting impact on your community. If the future of the Valley Hospice programming is important to you, please consider leaving a gift in your Will to Valley Hospice Foundation.

A gift to the Valley Hospice Foundation will support many issues associated with hospice palliative care and will ensure that our Hospice is well equipped to offer special comforts of home to patients and families when they need it the most.

Join our mailing list or donate on line: www.valleyhospice.ca

Yes, I want to support Valley Hospice Foundation and the special comforts of home for those using the Hospice.

Gift Amount: ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Cheque is enclosed (payable to Valley Hospice Foundation) or ☐ Visa/MC

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Town: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

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