

2025-2026 COMMUNITY IMPACT & GENEROSITY REPORT



OUR PROMISE

At Hospice Huronia, no one should have to face a life-limiting illness, caregiving or grief alone.

Our promise is to meet people where they are, at Tomkins House, in their own homes and throughout our community, with care that is compassionate, personal and free of charge.

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*Hospice truly felt like home.
We always felt safe, supported
and cared for.*

- Pamela Brodie

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It means helping someone remain comfortable and surrounded by the people they love. It means giving a caregiver a place to turn to when they are exhausted and unsure of what comes next. It means sitting beside someone in grief long after everyone else has gone back to their everyday lives.

Every person who comes through our doors brings a lifetime of stories, relationships and memories. We see the person before the illness. We care for families as well as patients. And we believe that even in the most difficult moments, there can still be comfort, connection, laughter and dignity.

This is the promise our community makes possible.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

This past year has been one of change, growth and renewed focus at Hospice Huronia.

Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the extraordinary care provided every day to people and families across North Simcoe.

With all six beds at Tomkins House now in operation, our team continues to provide compassionate, around-the-clock residential hospice care. Beyond our walls, our grief and bereavement, supportive care, home visiting and palliative navigation programs are helping people at different points in their journey, often long before, and long after, someone comes to Tomkins House.

This year, we also focused on strengthening the organization behind that care. We strengthened our leadership structure, clarified roles, improved systems and continued building a culture centered on quality, accountability and respect. This work may happen quietly, but it gives our staff and volunteers the foundation they need to focus on what matters most: the people who turn to us for support.

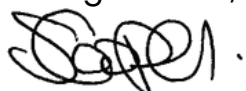
We see daily reminders that Hospice Huronia belongs to this community. Volunteers have given thousands of hours of their time. Families have honoured loved ones through memorial gifts. Businesses, service clubs and community groups have supported our work in countless ways. Donors have trusted us with their generosity.

That trust is something we never take for granted.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on improving the quality of our care, strengthening access to hospice and palliative supports across North Simcoe, preparing for accreditation and building a sustainable future for these essential services.

Thank you for being part of Hospice Huronia and for making this care possible.

With gratitude,



Stacey Cooper
Executive Director



Brian Scott
Chair, Board of Directors

OUR YEAR *at a glance*

TOMKINS HOUSE

Residential Hospice Care



152 People
Cared for at
Tomkins House



72% Bed
Occupancy



49% From Home
41% From Hospital
10% From Retirement
Home



Ages 40-103
People cared for
at Tomkins House



12 Days
Average Length
of Stay



2,684
Meals Served

CARE BEYOND TOMKINS HOUSE

Community Programs & Support



247 Grief &
Bereavement
Clients Served



312 Grief Group
Participants



118
Active
Volunteers



56 People
supported
through
Supportive Care



4,607 recorded
Volunteer hours
generously
contributed



27
People supported
by our Nurse
Navigator

A YEAR OF Progress



Leadership & Organizational Renewal

We welcomed new leadership and strengthened roles, systems and processes to support our exceptional team and the families we serve.



Care Capacity

The first full year with all six beds at Tomkins House in operation – providing 24/7 compassionate hospice care close to home for more families.



Care Beyond our Walls

Our Nurse Navigation, Supportive Care, and grief programs continued to grow – reaching more people earlier in their journey and supporting families long after a death.



Quality & Accreditation

Significant progress was made in preparing for HPCO accreditation and strengthening quality and safety across all areas of care.



Community & Generosity

From Hike for Hospice to Gbay Gals Give, OTF investment and countless acts of kindness – our community continues to make hospice care possible



OUR YEAR IN PHOTOS



CARE, COMFORT & DIGNITY



At Tomkins House, our six private rooms provide a peaceful, home-like setting where people approaching the end of life can receive specialized palliative care around the clock. Our nurses, personal support workers, physicians and volunteers work together to manage pain and symptoms while also caring for the person beyond their illness. Sometimes that means a favourite meal, music in the room, family gathered close by, fresh linens, a warm bath or simply someone sitting quietly at the bedside.

During 2025–2026, 152 people were cared for at Tomkins House. Families came to us from across North Simcoe, with many residents arriving directly from home.

Care at Tomkins House is about more than the person in the bed. Families are welcomed, supported and given space to simply be together, often after weeks or months spent navigating appointments, medications and caregiving responsibilities.

There is no charge to stay at Tomkins House. Community generosity helps make this level of care available to every family who needs us.

TWO LOVED ONES

One Hospice

Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House gave our family the greatest gift we could have asked for: Compassion and Care.

– Submitted by Pamela Brodie



Barb & Murray Tait

My 86-year-old mother-in-law, Barb Tait, recently passed away at Hospice. Prior to being admitted for end-of-life care, she had spent four weeks in the hospital as her dementia progressed.

Caring for a loved one with dementia requires endless patience, understanding, and unwavering day-to-day support. As Barb's health deteriorated, our family knew that Hospice was the best place for her to receive the care and dignity she deserved.

Two years earlier, Barb's husband, Murray Tait, had also passed away at Hospice after a courageous battle with stage 4 lung cancer. Our family had already experienced the extraordinary care provided there, and it had left a lasting impression on all of us.

Murray's time at Hospice was filled with special moments that our family will always cherish. When he was too weak to shower, he was given a warm bubble bath. The staff helped us celebrate his 90th birthday with cake, candles, balloons, and the entire family gathered. Most importantly, they gave his wife and three sons the precious gift of being by his side as he took his final breath.

Two loved Ones - One Hospice (continued)

Hospice truly felt like home. We always felt safe, supported, and cared for. Volunteers prepared warm, home-cooked meals and baked goods, while the dedicated, knowledgeable, and empathetic staff spent countless hours helping our family understand the stages of dying, offering comfort, guidance, and support through our grief.

During Barb's stay, the staff planned for her to spend time outdoors, enjoying the warmth of the sunshine. They also treated her to a warm bath and a gentle hair wash—simple acts of kindness that preserved her dignity and brought her comfort.

My experience at Hospice changed me. As a child, I was sheltered from death and grew up fearing the dying process. Hospice showed me something entirely different. It showed me that death can be met with comfort, dignity, peace, and love.

We are incredibly fortunate to have this remarkable care available within our community. Thank you to every staff member, clinician, and volunteer who makes Hospice not just a place, but a home—a place where compassion, grace, and love surround patients and their families during life's most difficult moments.



YOUR INVESTMENT IN CARE

Community generosity makes hospice care possible

WHERE DID OUR FUNDS COME FROM



47%

Government Funding
\$1,223,220

Ministry of Health funding for nursing and community programs



38%

Community Generosity
\$995,743

In memoriam gifts, events like Hike for Hospice, third-party events, annual appeal letter, bequests and grateful families.



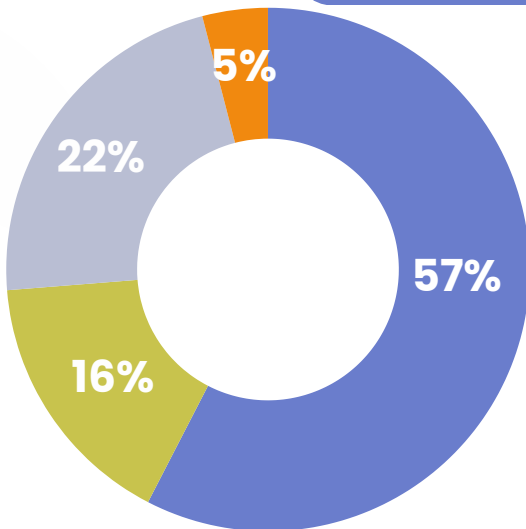
15%

Grants & Other Revenue
\$402,134

Other grants, Ontario Trillium Foundation grants, investment income and amortization of deferred contributions

Community generosity provided nearly **4 of every 10 dollars** that supported Hospice Huronia this year.

HOW WERE OUR FUNDS USED



57% Residential Hospice (Tomkins House)

16% Community Programs

22% Administration, Building & Operations

5% Fundraising

14¢
To raise every \$1

These funds support 24/7 care, grief & bereavement services, community programs, building operations, equipment, training, and the dedicated team and volunteers who make it all possible.

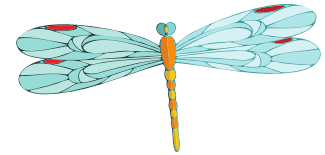
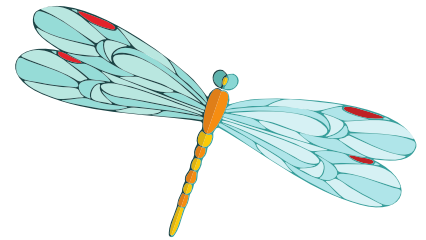
2025-2026 financial information is based on the audited financial statements of Hospice Huronia. Full audited financial statements are available at hospicehuronia.ca

SUSTAINING CARE

Month after Month

Monthly donors provide dependable support that helps Hospice Huronia offer compassionate care at Tomkins House and throughout our community. Their generosity gives us stability, helps us plan with confidence and ensures that hospice care remains available at no cost to the individuals and families who rely on us.

- Roberta Agresti
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- Rebecca Duke
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- Sarah Schell
- Tammy Vaters
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- JoAnn Warren

WITH GRATITUDE TO

Our Major Donors

The generosity of individuals, families, estates, businesses, foundations and community organizations allows Hospice Huronia to provide compassionate care at Tomkins House and throughout North Simcoe.

These significant gifts help us respond to growing needs, strengthen our programs and ensure that hospice care remains available at no cost to the individuals and families who turn to us.

We are deeply grateful to the following donors for their exceptional support during 2025–2026.

- Ron & Joan Asselin
- Teresa Babcock
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- ♥ Estate of Sally Ann Shirley
- The Trunk Family
- ♥ Estate of Betty Valentine
- An Anonymous Donor

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Your generosity helps ensure compassionate hospice care is here for the next person, the next family, and the next difficult moment.



We are deeply grateful for your support.

OUR TEAM 2025-2026



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Arthurs**
RPN



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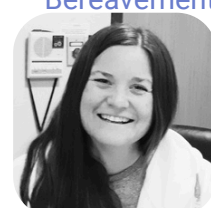
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YOUR NEXT ACT OF CARE

Many ways to make a difference



GIVE MONTHLY
Help provide reliable care all year.



Monthly gifts provide steady, dependable support that helps us plan ahead to ensure care is always here for the next person, next family and next difficult moment.



LEAVE A LEGACY
include Hospice Huronia in your will.



Planned gifts help ensure hospice care will be available for generations to come. Your legacy can bring comfort and dignity to future families.



MAKE A GIFT IN MEMORY
Honour someone who mattered.



Memorial gifts are a meaningful way to celebrate life and create a legacy of compassion that continues to support others.



VOLUNTEER
Give your time, skills and compassion.



Our volunteers are at the heart of what we do. Whether in the hospice, in the community, or behind the scenes, every contribution makes a difference.

Be a part of something meaningful.

Your support today ensures that no one in our community faces a life-limiting illness, caregiving, or grief alone.



Together, we can bring comfort, care and compassion when it matters most.

Thank you.

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To every person who has trusted us with their care, welcomed us into their lives, volunteered their time, shared their expertise, made a donation or simply told someone about Hospice Huronia - thank you.

Your support allows us to provide compassionate hospice care at Tomkins House and throughout our community, at no cost to the individuals and families who need us.

We are deeply grateful to be part of a community that continues to show up for one another with such generosity and care.

Because of you, Hospice Huronia is here when it matters most.

Thank You