

CLOSER BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS: Huntsville Hospital Foundation Announces Location Change

Friday, November 10, 2017, Huntsville Ontario - The Huntsville Hospital Foundation announced today plans to move its office closer to the hospital, overlooking the Garden of Honour.

"We're excited to strengthen our relationship with patients and donors by relocating closer to the hospital with enhanced visibility of our office," says Katherine Craine, Huntsville Hospital Foundation Executive Director. "The Howland Building has served us well for nearly two decades, but we think this will be a great way to improve everyone's access to us."

Two aspects of the new location are unique: first, the physical space will actually be a small modular home - a bunkie-style building as befits our region and; second, much of the cost of building, materials and relocating is being offset by generous gifts in-kind from local businesses.

"Our focus this year and for many years to come is to build the capacity of this hospital for a changing world," says Ms. Craine. "Part of that process is ensuring we're closely connected to the hospital, our health care team and the patients we all serve. Our partners and donors stepped up wonderfully, and we can't thank them enough for making this positive change possible."

Green Terra Homes created the bunkie and additional local businesses that helped with the project include:

Greystone Project Management Inc Project Lead		
Axiom Audio	Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare	Allan & Margaret Skinner
Duncan Ross Architect	Muskoka Crane	Tasso Lake Heating
Green Terra Homes	Muskoka Lumber Office Source	Titanium Transport
HLD Contracting	Sarjeant Co. Inc.	Tulloch Engineering

The location in the Garden of Honour is right beside the hospital and a new entrance to the garden will be created to allow better access. Our sincere thanks to current honour garden donors, Mary Sinclair, Alberta Beaman and Roger Beaman for their kind understanding during these changes. Site preparation for the Huntsville Hospital Foundation 'bunkie' is scheduled for the week of November 13. It is estimated that the new digs will be ready for move-in in the early New Year.

"Our goal is to inspire giving that supports healthcare for life, here," concludes Ms. Craine. "The generosity of local partners inspires us and we encourage everyone at the hospital and in the community to let a visit to our new home inspire you too."

The Huntsville Hospital Foundation raises funds throughout the community to purchase technology and equipment that is not covered by tax dollars or the provincial ministry. The Foundation goal is to raise \$3 Million annually through partnerships, community fundraising events and, primarily, through the generosity of individual donors.

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