

COMPASSION IS BUILDING

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After a period of reflection and renewed planning, the Townsend Smith Foundation is moving forward with a revitalized effort to bring a residential hospice to our community. The need for compassionate end-of-life care close to home has never been greater, and our commitment to making this a reality remains as strong as ever.

Over the past year, our team has been working behind the scenes to strengthen partnerships, update plans, and lay the groundwork for the next phase of our capital campaign. As we look ahead, we are preparing to re-engage our community with new energy, new opportunities, and the same heartfelt purpose that inspired this project from the beginning. Together, we will build a place where care, comfort, and dignity live side by side for generations to come.



*"There's a real sense of excitement and renewed energy among our team and volunteers right now," says **Kim Kohlberger, Executive Director of the Townsend Smith Foundation.** "We're seeing momentum build in ways that remind us why this project matters so deeply to our community. Every new conversation, every gift, and every show of support brings us one step closer to the day we can open the doors to a hospice our community truly deserves."*



The Townsend Smith Foundation is marking a meaningful leadership transition as Astrid Lakats departs from her role as Chair after five-plus years of dedicated service and will continue to serve on our Board. We are deeply grateful for her steady guidance and unwavering belief in the vision of a hospice for our community. As Ty Shattuck moves into the role of Chair, he brings a wealth of experience, fresh perspective, and genuine excitement for what lies ahead. Together with our Board, he is ready to help guide the next chapter of growth for the hospice.

Looking ahead, we are proud to share that nearly five million dollars has now been raised toward the future hospice through the generosity of individuals, families, service clubs, and local organizations. To bring the full vision to life, an additional fifteen million dollars will be needed to fully fund the construction of the facility. While the timeline remains dependent on major gift support, we are cautiously optimistic that we could see a shovel in the ground within the next two to three years, followed by an estimated 18-month construction period. If major donors step forward earlier in the process, this timeline could be accelerated, allowing the community to see the hospice take shape even sooner.

In the stories that follow, you will meet some of the remarkable donors whose generosity and belief in this vision are helping bring the hospice closer to reality. Their compassion and leadership continue to inspire others to give and be part of something truly meaningful for our community.

FILLING THE HOLE IN THE DONUT



Bradford, Jo-Anne, and Donald Clements (pictured above, in that order) have generously contributed \$300,000 toward the building of our hospice in North Halton. They are the first to name one of the ten resident rooms that will provide comfort and tranquility to individuals and families when they need it most.

"For too long, North Halton has been the hole in the donut when it comes to hospice care in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. Communities all around us have local access to this essential service, and now it's time for Milton and Halton Hills to have the same. We're proud to help make this dream a reality by supporting the creation of a 10-bed hospice that will bring comfort, dignity, and care to our community," says **Bradford & Jo-Anne Clements**.



The Clements family has been generous supporters of the vision to bring hospice care to North Halton for several years, believing deeply in the importance of compassionate, community-based end-of-life care. Their ongoing commitment reflects both their passion for helping others and their confidence in the lasting impact this hospice will have on local families.

"The community must come together for the good of all," says **Donald Clements**. *"No one should be alone at the end of life. May we live in peace and die in peace, knowing a difference we have made."*

The leadership of families like the Clements is helping to build strong momentum for the hospice campaign, demonstrating what is possible when compassion meets community action. Their generosity sets an example for others who wish to make a meaningful difference close to home, adding to a growing wave of support that is bringing the vision of a hospice in North Halton within reach. As the Townsend Smith Foundation continues to revitalize the campaign, gifts like the Clements' not only strengthen the foundation of the project but also inspire confidence and hope throughout the region. Their belief in the importance of quality end-of-life care reminds us that this effort is about more than a building; it is about ensuring comfort, dignity, and peace for families when they need it most. The Foundation is deeply grateful for their generosity and the leadership they have shown through their example. Their support brings us one step closer to opening a place of compassion and care that our community has long needed. Together, this collective commitment is transforming a long-held dream into a reality that will serve generations to come.

LIFE OF ADVENTURE, LEGACY OF CARE



The late Ann and John Eaton have left a remarkable legacy of compassion through a generous \$1,000,000 bequest to the Townsend Smith Foundation. Their gift will help bring comfort and connection to families for generations to come by making possible the **Great Room** within the future hospice. This welcoming space will serve as the heart of the home, where families can gather to rest, share meals, and find moments of peace together. The Eatons' extraordinary generosity reflects their enduring belief in caring for others and ensuring that everyone in North Halton has access to dignity and comfort at the end of life. The space will graciously be known as the **Ann and John Eaton Great Room**.

Ann and John Eaton lived a life rich with adventure, curiosity, and generosity. In their early years, they traveled and worked around the world in a custom-built camper that served as both home and transportation, creating treasured memories that they shared for many years. When they returned, they built a business and a home in Campbellville, where they became deeply connected to their community by surrounding themselves with lifelong friends. Their love of



exploration continued throughout their lives, with Ann's passion for golf, tennis, and hosting friends, and John's fascination with mechanics, art, and photography. Together, they embodied a spirit of joy, discovery, and giving. Their enduring generosity lives on through their remarkable gift to the Townsend Smith Foundation, supporting the future hospice and ensuring that care, comfort, and compassion will touch the lives of others for years to come.



CREATE YOUR OWN LEGACY

Like the Clements and the Eatons, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of others by including the Townsend Smith Foundation in your estate plans or by making a planned gift today. Every contribution helps bring the dream of a hospice in North Halton closer to reality, ensuring that future generations have access to compassionate end-of-life care close to home. Your legacy can be one of comfort, dignity, and peace for families when they need it most.

If you would like to learn more about planning your estate, or giving strategies, join us for a free seminar with our community partners, **Momentum Financial Services Inc.**

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December 2, 2025

7:00 p.m.

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MAKING A DONATION

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