



A Time to Build

Neshama Hospice Case for Support

Our Mission

To build Canada's first residential hospice based on Jewish values, open to all, where residents receive compassionate, individualized and family-centred end-of-life care.

Our Vision

Neshama Hospice is a national leader in the provision of holistic end-of-life care at our vibrant, community-based residential hospice. We attend to the individual's physical, emotional and spiritual needs and provide support, palliative care and bereavement services in a collaborative environment. We educate healthcare professionals and the public. We partner with, and serve as a resource to our residents and families.

Business Model

A not-for-profit initiative, Neshama Hospice relies on the generous donations from our community, foundations, corporations, government support, fundraising efforts, and the sound management of our developing endowment.

All Torontonians Can Benefit from a Hospice Based on Jewish Values

As Canada's first residential hospice based on Jewish values, Neshama Hospice will address the needs of Toronto's Jewish community while embracing the values of acts of kindness (gemilut chesadim), repairing the world (tikkun olam), and visiting the sick (bikur cholim). These values mesh perfectly with the ethos of hospice, a philosophy of care that focuses on the palliation of an individual's pain and symptoms, while attending to emotional and spiritual needs.

Neshama Hospice will welcome people of all religions, giving support to whatever their faith requires to ensure comfort and dignity in their final days. It will be an environment in which all members of Toronto's Jewish community will feel comfortable and welcome. Our residents will range from religiously observant to those who identify as secular or culturally Jewish. Some will choose Neshama Hospice to ensure that their Jewish practices are supported and others simply to find comfort living in a culturally Jewish environment.

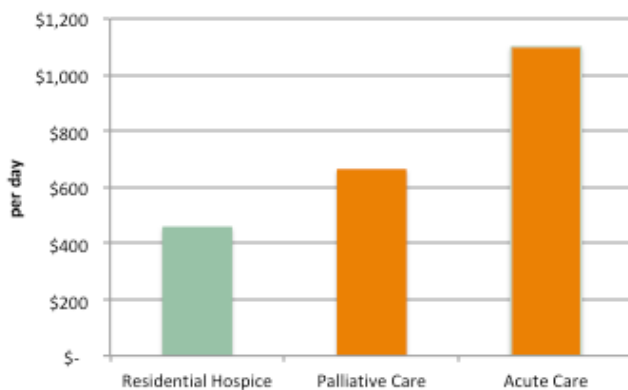
Toronto's Jewish population numbers over 200,000. The community has a deep and proud history of taking a leadership role in developing medical and social service agencies to serve its own as well as all other Torontonians. We believe there is a place for hospice care alongside the wonderful established care provided by Baycrest's palliative care unit, Mt. Sinai's Temmy Latner palliative care team for patients at home, and Jewish Family and Child's home hospice program. Neshama Hospice will further enhance and strengthen this network. Our trained staff and volunteers understand that death is not only a medical event. Hospice staff members provide emotional, spiritual and practical support that add a qualitative difference to the individual's life and to their families throughout bereavement.

Lisa's Story. "When my time comes to die, if at all possible, I want it to be in a warmer, more home-like environment than my father experienced at his death. I don't want my loved ones constrained by beeping machines, impersonal care and sharing space with suffering families who are strangers to us on the other side of a thin curtain. Hospice answers this need. Jewish hospice goes a step further. It comforts me to think that I will be in a home-like environment, embraced by a team of people who are sensitive to my cultural and spiritual background."

It's Time to Build. We Need your Support.

Neshama Hospice is undertaking an \$18 million capital campaign to move from concept to completion. So far, we've secured more than \$10 million in support from our generous donors. In 2018, we purchased an undeveloped site and two adjacent properties close to Bathurst and Wilson in North York. We are currently focussing on planning, acquiring permits and determining community needs and look forward to breaking ground. Your gift at any level is welcome. If you'd like to support this compelling and exciting initiative, please contact Robert Kamen, Director of Operations, at 416-930-0607.

Sound Economic Sense



Hospice costs half as much as hospital acute care

Responsible Stewardship of Our Healthcare System

Ontario's end-of-life care, when delivered in palliative care units or acute care hospital rooms, is expensive, and hospice beds are in short supply. In a 2014 report, the Ontario auditor general estimated that we need up to 809 new hospice beds to meet demand. The province currently has 271. In our city, per 100,000 population, Toronto's Central East LHIN has no hospice beds at all, the Central LHIN has 0.2, Central-West 1.2 and Toronto Central 1.4. With an aging population, the growth in demand for end-of-life care could reach levels where people have no choice at the end of life for the kind of compassionate, personalized care that hospice delivers.

About Us

Neshama Hospice will be located in a quiet, tree-lined residential neighbourhood, enjoying easy access to both public transit and major arteries. Our purpose-built, home-like residence will comprise 10 rooms, a resource centre, rooms for quiet reflection and a kosher kitchen among other areas. We expect to serve up to 250 individuals a year and innumerable family members and friends by extension. We are guided by a leadership team with extensive experience in palliative medicine, nursing, social work, community care, chaplaincy and ethics. Neshama Hospice is dedicated to excellence in care. We foster an environment where practitioners and community members learn from each other.

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