



A Time To Build

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 emotional and spiritual needs and provide support, palliative care and bereavement services in a collaborative environment. We educate health care professionals and the public. We partner with and serve as a resource to our residents and families.

Our 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.

Neshama Hospice – Case for Support

As Canada's first hospice residence 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, spiritual and family needs.

While rooted in Jewish values and traditions, Neshama will welcome and benefit all Torontonians, 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, from the religiously observant to those who identify as secular or culturally Jewish, will feel comfortable and welcome.

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 to further enhance and strengthen the excellent established care already provided by our social service agencies and hospitals.

Our trained staff and volunteers understand that death is not just a medical event. Hospice staff members provide emotional, spiritual and practical support that makes a qualitative difference to the individual's life and to their families throughout bereavement. When families are most vulnerable, hospice care emanates compassion and understanding that can transform death into a warm and sensitive human experience.

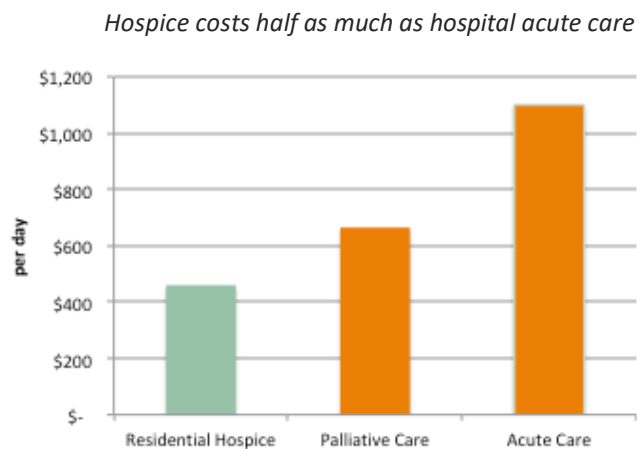
Lisa's Story

"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 shared 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 in 2020. Your gift at any level is welcome and much appreciated. If you'd like to support this compelling and exciting initiative, please visit us at neshamahospice.com/donate-now or contact Robert Kamen at robert.kamen@neshamahospice.com.

Sound Economic Sense



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 access at the end of life to 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 roadways. Our purpose-built, home-like residence will comprise 12 rooms with a private bathroom/shower, a resource centre, family areas and rooms for quiet reflection. Kosher meals will be provided.

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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