

Name Announced for New Kitchener Hospice +VG Proud to be Chosen to Provide Architectural Services for the New Facility

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Representatives from Lisaard House, Waterloo Region's first residential hospice, announced today that the new hospice to be constructed in southwest Kitchener will be named Innisfree House.

The name is a reference to the W.B. Yeats poem The Lake Isle of Innisfree, which describes the poet's longing to escape to a tranquil setting of natural beauty and simplicity where he can find peace.

According to Sheila Ainsworth, President of Lisaard House's Board of Directors, the name chosen for the new hospice reflects the organization's mission in providing quality palliative care to residents and their families through their end-of-life journey.

"By providing professional, compassionate care outside of a hospital setting, Innisfree House will support both patients and their loved ones through the final stage of terminal illness," Ainsworth continued. "The additional hospice palliative beds that Innisfree House will provide for those facing end-of-life diseases will help to meet the evident and increasingly urgent need for such care in our growing community."

Innisfree House, to be completed in Fall 2014, will provide around-the-clock palliative care in a home-like setting at no cost to patients or their families. Funding for nursing and personal support services will be provided by the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network through the Waterloo Wellington Community Care Access Centre.

Like the original Lisaard House, Innisfree House will rely on direct support from the community to provide more than 50 per cent of annual operating costs.

Planning and development for the new hospice is well underway. The Brantford firm +VG Architects (The Ventin Group) has been chosen by the Board of Directors to provide architectural

services for the new facility, and Scott Patterson, a Principal of Labreche Patterson & Associates Inc., has been engaged to provide planning services. A contractor for the project has not yet been named.

The total capital cost of the project, to be raised through a community fundraising campaign, is estimated at \$4,000,000. Innisfree House is targeted for completion in Fall 2014.

For updates on the Innisfree House project and information with regard to making a donation for the new building, please visit <http://www.innisfreehospice.com>



What is the project?

Lisaard House, Waterloo Region's only residential cancer hospice, will build a new residential hospice in Kitchener for patients who require palliative care. The new hospice, Innisfree House, will be built in southwest Kitchener on lands owned by Conestoga College. The college has agreed to provide the land on a long-term lease at nominal cost to Lisaard House. The new hospice will provide end-of-life care for individuals with all palliative diagnoses.