

Thank you

Bringing Keaton's House to life is a massive collaboration involving the Ministry of Health, the City of Hamilton, alongside healthcare workers, designers, and constructors, and you, our neighbours.

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A Special New Neighbour is Coming to Dundas



Keaton's House Paul Paletta Children's Hospice

A legacy for Dundas. Compassion and comfort when it matters most.

A Drastic Need, A Perfect Home

When a child faces a life-limiting illness, families need a place that promotes quality of life, comfort, and peace. Currently, there is a drastic need for pediatric palliative care in our region.

"Keaton's House would have filled that need for my family."

- Danielle Zucchet, CEO Kemp Care Network

Why This Community?

We knew that to build something of this magnitude, we needed a neighbourhood that represents care, empathy, and support. Dundas is the right place to bring this vision to life. Built on the nearly two-decade legacy of the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice and supported by the clinical expertise of pediatric specialists from McMaster Children's Hospital, this will be a sanctuary for families in their time of greatest need.

Keeping Communication Open

We are proud to be part of this community and want to ensure you can easily reach the right person if you have questions as the project progresses.

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A Home Connected to Nature

Over the past 24 months, Kemp Care Network and our project team have worked alongside the City to create an environment for care for children while protecting the natural systems we all care deeply about.

A true home belongs to its neighbourhood. Our design embraces the natural beauty of Dundas and the established character of the surrounding community. With this deep connection to nature integrated into the building and garden design, Keaton's House will provide specialized therapeutic care for our families.

We Are Doing This By:

Protecting the Canopy

The winding driveway access was specifically routed to preserve as much natural vegetation as possible. We are actively **protecting 136 existing trees** (nearly **80%** of the site's current canopy), removing invasive species, and re-introducing native plants to invite local wildlife back.

A More Resilient Landscape

Working in harmony with the natural landscape, our design achieves **a 25% improvement in soil infiltration**, meaning less water leaves the property, making the local ecology more resilient

Earth-Conscious Grading

We carefully designed the grading to ensure safe, barrier-free accessibility for medical mobility, while minimizing the amount of soil that needs to be trucked in or out of the neighbourhood.

Natural Filtration & Climate Resilience

The parking has been intentionally broken up and designed to reduce our footprint. This significantly reduces hardscape, supports the natural drainage of the site, and promotes robust vegetation to reduce the urban heat island effect. We are also taking steps within our site and landscaping strategy to buffer adjacent properties from car lights.

Quiet, Earth-Powered Comfort

The building heavily utilizes highly energy-efficient Geothermal heating and cooling. By relying on this earth-powered technology, we significantly reduce the building's overall mechanical noise profile, helping to preserve the peaceful character of the neighbourhood.

Net-Zero Ready

Our single-storey home is 100% electric and designed to be Net-Zero ready, meaning future solar power could make the facility entirely self-sustaining.

The Roadmap to Keaton's House

Every day we spend building is a day these children wait for care.



To keep you informed, here is the sequence of what you will see on site:

Phase 1: Initial Site Maintenance (Happening Now) Installation of our official project signage, safety fencing, and careful, City-approved selective tree removal. During this early stage, activity will be intermittent, and there will not be a consistent daily crew on site.

Phase 2: Site Services & Earthworks (Coming Soon) Crews will arrive to install essential storm and sanitary lines, underground water retention tanks, and geothermal wells. We will also perform specialized "soils improvement" below the future building footprint. This innovative technique limits the depth of the foundation, significantly minimizing the amount of soil that needs to be trucked out of your neighbourhood.

A Shift in Site Presence: During Phase 2, you will see a transition to a more consistent daily presence, including the setup of site trailers, temporary washrooms, material storage, and regular construction traffic.

Phase 3: The Building Construction Once the underground infrastructure is securely in place, the physical structure of Keaton's House will take shape. You will see the foundations poured and the framing and enclosure of our single-storey, home-like facility.

Phase 4: Site Landscape & Hardscape This is when the site truly begins to transform and naturalize. We will pave the intentionally minimal parking areas, construct the barrier-free pathways, and plant the robust native vegetation, evergreens, and therapeutic gardens to restore the canopy.

Phase 5: The Opening At this stage, we continue to be a supportive, integrated part of the community

Phase 6: A Home of Care (Ongoing) Our focus shifts to providing a peaceful environment for families during a time when they need it most.