



Keaton's  
House

PAUL PALETTA  
CHILDREN'S  
HOSPICE



*From left to right: Paul Paletta, Bruce Squires, Danielle Zucchet, MPP Donna Skelly and Mayor Andrea Horwath*

## A MILESTONE IN OUR JOURNEY

On May 23, 2024 a great milestone was celebrated: the ceremonial ground-breaking of Keaton's House – Paul Paletta Children's Hospice on its future home at 41 South St. West.

MPP Donna Skelly, on behalf of Minister Jones and Premier Ford, announced the approval of \$2.5M in capital funding and annual operational funding of over \$2M once the doors open in 2027. Mayor Horwath delivered the news that Hamilton's City Council unanimously voted to ratify the details of a kind and fair long-term lease for the land.

What does this mean? The children's hospice officially moves to a construction phase. Two clear priorities have crystalized - raising the funds and raise the walls.

## OUR VISION

If the world were a fairer place, no child would face a serious illness or a shortened life. Our vision is to provide a place where infants, children and youth receive world-class care and support in a home-like setting. This compassionate and holistic care will provide wrap-around supports and services in partnership with McMaster Children's Hospital and many other community specialists. Innovation, synergy and excellence stand as the pillars guiding the way forward.

*Keaton's House - Paul Paletta Children's Hospice* will be a safe place where our young patients and their families can find joy, live well, and create lasting memories.



### Campaign Chair, Joe Mercanti

"As a Board Member at Kemp Care Network since 2019, I was honoured to be asked to serve as the Chair of Keaton's House - Paul Paletta Children's Hospice. As we enter a half-way point in the campaign, I reflect on meeting with so many leaders in Hamilton and beyond who have stepped up to make a difference in the lives of children who will benefit from hospice palliative care once we open the doors. I have met with those children and their families as well, grounding and inspiring me daily. I will continue to meet community leaders, caring businesses and grassroots individuals who will meet me at the finish-line in 2027.

## FUNDING NEED

The Kemp Care Network has set a bold and courageous campaign goal of \$25 million. Reaching our goal will depend on collaborative and committed support partially from government but mostly from leaders, industry and grassroots sources. Today in Ontario, only 10% of capital funding is provided by the province.

While we are about half-way in the campaign, your gifts, advocacy and networks are essential.

**Together, we're making this dream a reality.**

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*Paul Paletta gifts \$5 million dollars to the campaign in 2023*



Having worked with various pediatric hospices across Canada and in the UK, I cannot understate the value of pediatric hospice in the lives of children affected by life-threatening conditions and their families. And yet, throughout those beautiful experiences, I have been haunted by the knowledge that my home, South Central Ontario / Hamilton, and its people including my family and friends, do not have access to such critically important resources".

*-Dr. David Lysecki, Medical Director (KHPPCH) and Physician, McMaster Children's Hospital*

# OUR PLAN

We plan to build a children's hospice that will embrace children, families, and caregivers throughout their journey by providing a comfortable, supportive second home filled with love and the diverse resources needed to support the unique needs of children with serious illnesses.

Keaton's House - Paul Paletta Children's Hospice, will be a community hub for days, weeks or perhaps years. With state-of-the-art design, children and their families may stay for days or weeks for end-of-life or respite care, drop-in for symptom management, medical clinics or day programming and most certainly remain part of the hospice family for the duration of their journey and beyond, including bereavement supports.

While the hospice will be located in Hamilton, an estimated 1000 children in Southcentral Ontario will have access to our services. In addition, the hospice will be critically located within a 10 minute drive to McMaster Children's Hospital.



# HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 bed residential suite wing for end-of-life, respite, pain and symptom management and transitions
- Community wing for wellness programs, medical clinics and the Centre of Excellence for Grief and Bereavement
- Bright and accessible play and gathering areas, both inside and out
- Kitchen and dining space
- Garden space
- Private and quiet areas for families
- Classrooms and activity space
- Space for complementary therapies such as massage, movement, recreation and music /art
- Specialized outreach supports and services
- Access to experts and resources for families and caregivers

Hospice care is what we do. Kemp Care Network has been delivering excellence for over 30 years. The time is now to fill the gap in our community for infants, children and youth.

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