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Nothing feels as good as home. That's why we're building the new Dundas Manor!

Dundas Manor resident Joan Dunlop says she can't wait to move into the new Dundas Manor, and she has a plan: "On the first day, I'm going to lay down on my bed, read, and eat candy!"

Joan and the other residents that call Dundas Manor home will soon be realizing their dream. They will also welcome 30 additional residents. Construction on the new home is about to begin and an \$18 million fundraising campaign is underway to make this dream a reality.

"Magic happens every day at Dundas Manor – despite the many limitations of an old and crowded building," notes Administrator Susan Poirier. "That magic will continue in our new home, and we can't wait to welcome Joan and our other residents on moving day!"

For 45 years, Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home in Winchester has helped to keep families together – even when they are living apart due to health challenges. Dundas Manor is warm and cozy – but also crowded and dated. It was built in 1978 for 60 residents. While 38 beds were added over the years, no other areas were expanded. It's time for a new Dundas Manor.

The new Dundas Manor will have four resident home areas, called Homesteads. Each one will have a wonderful gathering space as well as beautiful outdoor gardens nearby. Hallway dining will be a thing of the past as there will be four large, bright dining rooms with enough space for everyone. Rooms in the new home will have only one or two residents — and everyone will have a window. The new two-storey building will be more than double the size of the current home.

"We are so excited to tell everyone about the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign and we want to thank everyone who has made a donation to date," notes WDMH Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman. "Our community has always been so supportive of health care close to home – and Dundas Manor is an essential part of our local healthcare system. Please join us by giving as generously as you can to help build the new Dundas Manor and help expand the circle of compassionate care!"

The estimated cost of the new building is \$63 million. The provincial government is providing approximately \$45 million. Our campaign goal is \$18 million. And we're well on our way! To date, more than \$11.1 million has been given by our generous community. We are so grateful!

For more details about the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign, please visit www.dundsamanordream.ca or contact the WDMH Foundation team at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 or 6169.



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