



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The world's worst-kept secret ... that we can't wait to share!**

In a small community like Dundas County, it's hard to keep a secret. At the WDMH Foundation, we have been quietly raising funds behind the scenes for the new Dundas Manor. As the construction start date gets closer, we are going to get louder! And we can't wait to connect with the whole community to talk about this amazing new home.

And we have more good news. The shovels will be in the ground before the end of the year!

The new Dundas Manor will be more than double the size of the current home and will be two storeys. It will have larger resident rooms, accessible spaces, more privacy and a lot more comforts of a traditional home that we all know and love. There will be larger dining and gathering spaces that bring people together. Every resident will have more privacy and their own window. And thirty additional residents will call Dundas Manor home.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will fund some of the cost of the new home, but not all of it. That's where our community comes in. Dundas Manor has partnered with the WDMH Foundation to lead the community fundraising portion of this essential project.

"Our community has shown us that you care about Dundas Manor, and we are grateful for your support," notes Kristen Casselman, Managing Director of the WDMH Foundation "We still have a significant amount of money to raise, but we know our community will be there, as they always have been."

For 45 years, Dundas Manor has been keeping families together - even though they are living apart. It is truly a gift to our community and is an essential part of our local healthcare system. Care close to home really does make a difference in our wellbeing, healing, and overall happiness. Together, we will build the new Dundas Manor.

Now that the secret is out, watch for more details in mid-June about how you can help build the new Dundas Manor, as it will take a lot of community support to make this long-awaited dream a reality. As part of our efforts, some fundraising events are being planned, including The Grand Parade on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Sapphires & Snowflakes on November 18<sup>th</sup>. More on these fabulous events later.

And if you can't wait to learn more about the new home, please contact Kristen Casselman at 613-774-2422 ext. 6169. It would be wonderful to hear why the Manor matters to you. We can share the designs of the new home with you, have you into the current home for a tour, and discuss how you would like to help.

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Cutline: Architectural drawing of the new Dundas Manor