

FROM HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ONTARIO

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE FEB 2016 ANNOUNCEMENT

- Hospice Palliative Care Ontario wants to thank the Government for recognizing the need and the benefits, and providing additional support for community hospice palliative care.
- Government support is crucial in helping the sector meet the inevitable demand for care.
- Hospice Care in Ontario has most often been a community driven initiative, supported by local donors and volunteers.
- Support for end of life care demonstrates the government's compassion and understanding, as well as fiscal responsibility.
- Quality hospice palliative care is more desirable and less costly care.
- Coordinated community end of life care prevents costly and often unnecessary hospital visits and stays.
- With the aging population, the demand for end of life care could overwhelm the health care system unless we expand access to hospice palliative care now.
- We particularly want to thank MPP John Fraser who led the work over the last year.
- Government support is crucial to ensure the need for care can be met.
- It's not just about the one who is dying. Families and caregivers receive much needed support.