



SENIORS SERVICE CONTINUES IN APSLEY

Spruce Corners now operated by Red Cross and Peterborough Housing Corporation

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For Ruth Wood and her fellow residents living at Spruce Corners, an 8-bed supportive housing residence in Apsley, it's "business as usual" after the Board of the residence completed an integration with the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS) and the Peterborough Housing Corporation (PHC).

A number of challenges prompted the Board of Apsley and District Satellite Homes for Seniors (ADSHS) to seek out a new health service organization that could take over and continue providing services in the building at 30 Simeon Crescent.

Since last fall, a team comprised of representatives from the ADSHS, the CRCS, PHC and the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) have worked together to transfer the responsibility for maintaining and managing the property to PHC and the responsibility for service delivery, including food preparation, light housekeeping, laundry and personal support, to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Because of this seamless and successful integration, Ruth, who has lived at the home since 2009, is continuing to receive the high quality care that has allowed her to maintain her independence and participate in a number of activities including shopping trips, physician appointments and social gatherings.

QUOTES

"Our Board is extremely proud of the service we have been able to provide to our community since opening our doors to the first resident of Spruce Corners back in 1993. Our staff and dedicated volunteers have been committed to the goal of supporting seniors to remain in their own community rather than having to go to a long-term care home, but realized a number of months ago that we didn't have the time and resources available to carry on," said Jean Henning, Chair, Apsley and District Satellite Homes for Seniors, Board of Directors. "We're pleased that both the Canadian Red Cross

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Society and Peterborough Housing Corporation have the same commitment and goals and that Spruce Corners will continue to thrive.”

“The Canadian Red Cross is very thankful to have had the opportunity to work with the Apsley and District Satellite Homes for Seniors Board of Directors on this important initiative,” said Craig McCleary, Manager – Central East, CHS - Operations. “Equally, we are excited and honoured to continue the provision of Personal Support and Home making services to the residents of Spruce Corners and are looking forward to working closely with the Peterborough Housing Corporation into the future.”

“We are extremely pleased, as Board and staff, to be able to assist the community by taking responsibility for Spruce Corners and to continue the good work done by the ADSHS Board over the past two decades. We are delighted that the facility is adjacent to our 20-unit building Whispering Pines and allows us to extend our property management services to both buildings,” said Bonnie Clark, RN, Board Chair, Peterborough Housing Corporation.” Supportive housing is allowing our tenants to age in place in their own apartments, in a community setting that they are familiar with. We would love to replicate the Spruce Corners experience everywhere, it is such a unique and wonderful model. We look forward to a terrific partnership with Red Cross and the tenants for many years and welcome the participation at the building of the members of the original corporation in an advisory capacity.”

“The LHIN was very pleased to facilitate the integration discussion. It’s extremely important that health care providers and their local partners continue to work together so that local seniors can remain in their own homes for as long as possible,” said Wayne Gladstone, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors. “I’d like to congratulate the Board of Apsley and District Satellite Homes for Seniors for working with the LHIN to identify new partners that could maintain the program, and also thank the Red Cross and Peterborough Housing for their ongoing leadership in caring for seniors in their local communities.”

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QUICK FACTS

- Apsley and District Satellite Homes for Seniors was first formed in 1989 after the local community identified a need for supportive housing for local seniors.
- The facilitated integration process first began in September 2011 when the LHIN put out a call for potential partners to work with the ADSHS Board.
- The integration planning team completed their work in March 2012 when the accountability for service delivery was transferred to the Canadian Red Cross Society – Central East Region and the building to the Peterborough Housing Corporation.

LEARN MORE

For more information on other integration activities currently underway in the Central East LHIN, please visit the Central East LHIN website at www.centraleastlhin.on.ca and see [“Resource Documents – Integration.”](#)

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