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### **A New Name for a Growing Vision: Townsend Smith Foundation Becomes North Halton Hospice**

As part of its continued growth and commitment to the community, the Townsend Smith Foundation will now operate as **North Halton Hospice**, effective immediately. Alongside the new name, the organization is introducing a new logo and visual identity that reflect its evolving role and ongoing commitment to compassionate end-of-life care.

This change marks an important step forward as the organization continues its work to build a residential hospice in North Halton, while laying the foundation for future programs in hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement support, and community wellness. The name North Halton Hospice more clearly communicates the care and support the organization is working to provide to individuals and families.

The new logo has been thoughtfully designed to reflect both place and purpose. At its centre is the Ontario trillium, a symbol of the province and the communities served. The design also draws inspiration from stained glass, echoing the windows of Hillcrest United Church in Georgetown, where the future hospice will be built. At the heart of the trillium, the central circle represents the future hospice location, while the three petals reflect the organization's primary service areas across North Halton: Milton to the south, Acton to the west, and Georgetown to the east. The use of light, colour, and form represents reflection, comfort, and the coming together of community during life's most meaningful moments.

While the name has changed, the foundation of this work remains the same. From 2012, the Townsend Smith Foundation was built through the vision, generosity, and dedication of the Townsend and Smith families, and their legacy continues to be an essential part of the organization. The care being developed reflects the kind of support that Ron Townsend and Tessie Smith themselves would have benefited from. Since that time, Founder Lyndon Smith has also passed, leaving the Townsend family to carry forward and represent the shared legacy of both families. The transition has been shared with the Townsend family, and North Halton Hospice remains committed to honouring both families in meaningful and lasting ways within the future hospice, ensuring their contributions are recognized for generations to come.

For the community, this transition provides greater clarity about the organization's role and the care it is working to provide. North Halton Hospice remains the same organization, guided by the same mission and commitment to compassionate care and support. While the name has



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evolved, the work continues without pause, including partnerships, community relationships, and the ongoing effort to build a residential hospice.

“This is an important step forward for our organization and for the community we serve,” said Kim Kohlberger, Executive Director. “The name North Halton Hospice more clearly reflects the care and support we are working to provide. Our focus remains on ensuring individuals and families have access to compassionate care close to home.”

“This moment reflects both where we began and where we are headed,” said Ty Shattuck, Chair of the Board of Directors. “The care we are working to bring to North Halton exists because of the generosity and belief of the Townsend and Smith families. As we move forward under a new name, we do so with a clear responsibility to carry that history forward in a way that continues to serve our community with compassion and integrity.”

To learn more, visit [northhaltonhospice.ca](http://northhaltonhospice.ca) or follow the organization on social media.

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### **About North Halton Hospice**

North Halton Hospice is a community-based organization dedicated to providing compassionate hospice palliative care, grief and bereavement support, and wellness programs for individuals and families across Milton, Halton Hills, and surrounding communities. The organization is working to build a 10-bed residential hospice in Georgetown to ensure that high-quality, dignified end-of-life care is available close to home.

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