

# United Churches helping hospice

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The United churches in the area, including St. Paul's United Church in Carp, are joining together to raise funds for the new Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice in Kanata.

The United churches in Stittsville, Richmond, Carp, Kanata, Glen Cairn, Bells Corners and perhaps Fallowfield have set a fundraising goal of \$50,000 to raise for the Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice over the next year. A number of activities will be held throughout the year, providing an opportunity for the members of these churches and others in the community to take part in this fundraising initiative. The \$50,000 goal is not a limit, with the hope being that it will be exceeded in this fundraising project.

The funds will go to help with construction costs for the new nine-bed residential hospice now under construction at the former Trinity Presbyterian Church site on McCurdy Drive in Kanata. In addition, the

funds will go to help with ongoing costs for the hospice.

This initiative by the United churches in the area follows a similar joint fundraising campaign by the Anglican churches in the area to raise \$100,000 for inclusion of a "quiet room" in the new residential hospice complex.

Hospice Care Ottawa provides a number of programs and services including day programs, caregiver support, bereavement support, transportation services and at-home care. It also provides end-of-life residential care. Currently, Hospice Care Ottawa operates a number of end-of-life beds at a temporary location at the Embassy West Hotel site on Carling Avenue near Kirkwood Avenue. The new nine-bed residential unit at the Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice in Kanata will replace these temporary beds.

All programs and services offered by Hospice Care Ottawa are provided free of charge as per the hospice tradition.