



Media Release

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ARCH Hospice Receives \$51,400 Grant for New Boilers via the Ontario150 Community Capital Program

MPP Ross Romano presents ARCH Hospice with funding that contributes to the Hospice Expansion project and brings comfort to local families.

Sault Ste. Marie - On October 20, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ross Romano presented ARCH Hospice Executive Director, Theresa Mudge, with an Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant of \$51,400. The funding, part of success ARCH Expansion capital campaign, will partially cover the cost of replacing and installing new boilers. These boilers provide heat and hot water for the Hospice, essential elements to offering residents and families comfort and care.

"ARCH is an invaluable resource to our community and provides a warm, safe and supportive environment for families to share quality time with one another when they are at their most vulnerable," said Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie. "Having a terminally ill loved one is a very difficult time. The dedication ARCH provides to ensure that residents have a loving space to carry out their final days with dignity is appreciated by our families. The community is so grateful to ARCH and all their partners and volunteers who carry out their mission to provide quality and compassionate care to terminal patients in the Algoma District."

"We are extremely grateful for the support of the Ontario150 Community Capital Campaign Program and the Ontario Trillium Foundation," exclaimed Mudge. "By contributing to ARCH Expansion, the province recognizes the importance of palliative care in our local communities, and the integral role Hospice plays in providing quality care to the Algoma District."

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants are helping non-profit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant has been designed to help honour Ontario's past, showcase the present and inspire future generations.

The boilers which heat the building used to provide care to local families, needed replacement. The grant covers 50% of the total replacement and installation cost of \$102,800.

ARCH Hospice provides quality, compassionate care through end-of-life to Algoma District families at no cost. The emotional, spiritual, and physical comfort of our residents and their loved ones is our highest priority. We offer a home-away-from-home during one of life's most important moments: the end-of-life journey. ARCH Hospice is only partially government funded, requiring \$750,000 annually in community support as well as the generosity of over 140 volunteers to provide our services to the community. For more information and updates on ARCH Hospice Expansion, please visit our website www.archhospice.ca or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/archhospice/>.

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Photo Captions:

ROSS AND THERESA WITH OTF BANNER.jpeg - *Member of Provincial Parliament, Ross Romano and ARCH Hospice Executive Director, Theresa Mudge, hold up the Ontario150 Community Capital Campaign Program banner.*

ROSS OFFERING THERESA CERTIFICATE.jpeg - *Romano presented Mudge with a certificate commemorating the Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant.*

NEW BOILERS.jpeg – *The boilers were recently installed thanks to funding from the Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant.*