Oak Ridges Hospice



2025/2026 ANNUAL REPORT

A Letter From Our Executive Director & Board Chair

As we reflect on another meaningful year at Oak Ridges Hospice, we are reminded that our work is made possible by the compassion and generosity of an extraordinary community.

At the heart of Oak Ridges Hospice is a commitment to providing compassionate, person-centred care and support to individuals and families throughout their hospice journey. Every day, our dedicated staff and volunteers create a welcoming environment where comfort, dignity, connection, and quality of life come first. This is reflected in our mission statement, updated this past year as a result of a cross-functional strategic planning initiative:

We are devoted to creating a welcoming space for our residents and their families. By fostering meaningful connections, through compassion and service excellence, we ensure that every end-of-life journey is met with dignity and respect.

This past year, we continued to strengthen and expand our programs, deepen community partnerships, and respond to the needs of those we serve. Since opening 5 years ago, we are proud to have served over 750 residents and their families. None of this would have been possible without our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your generosity—whether through time, expertise, advocacy, or financial support—helps ensure that hospice care is available when families need it most.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to growing our impact and ensuring Oak Ridges Hospice continues to be a place of comfort, compassion, and belonging for our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and everyone at Oak Ridges Hospice, thank you for being part of our hospice family and for making this important work possible.



Christine Vos
Executive Director,
Oak Ridges
Hospice



Ann Burkholder
Chair,
Board of Directors

Who We Are

Our Mission

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Our Vision

A community where every life is celebrated, legacies are created, and love is honoured.

Our Values

Compassion in Action

We don't just offer compassion we live it.

We bring kindness, empathy, and dignity to every resident, family, and team member, ensuring that our care is not just provided - but deeply felt.

Integrity in Every Moment

Honesty, Transparency, and ethical decision making- in everything we do.

Clear, compassionate communication is at the heart of our work - ensuring that residents, families, and our team feel informed, heard, and supported. By upholding the highest standards, we create a place where families feel secure, our team is empowered, and our community knows that Oak Ridges Hospice is a beacon of compassionate, trustworthy care.

Respect with Dignity

We listen deeply, embrace inclusivity, and foster a culture of trust.

Every person's voice, experiences, and choices matter. We honor the uniqueness of every individual - whether a resident, family member, colleague, or partner - creating an environment where dignity is at the core of every interaction.

Excellence with Purpose

Upholding best practices and embracing innovative ways to improve everything we do.

We are committed to continuous growth, learning, and improvement, ensuring that every aspect of our work reflects the highest standards of hospice care. Our commitment to excellence is not just about maintaining quality - it's about continuously striving to enhance the experience for our residence, families, and team.

Teamwork and Collaboration

We work to ensure that no resident, family, or team member carries the weight of this journey alone.

Exceptional care is only possible through exceptional teamwork. We foster a culture where collaboration is valued, roles are respected, and support is always available. By working together, we ensure that every resident and family feels surrounded by a strong and compassionate circle of care.

Board of Directors

Ann Burkholder - Board Chair

Paula Van Kessel - Treasurer

Wade Jamieson - Secretary

Michael Stewart - Director

Lindsay Healey - Director

Drew Gadsden - Director

Carol Lynn Anderson- Director

Highlights

Grief & Bereavement

- Oak Ridges Hospice hosted the "Under the Oak Grief Webinar Series," offering families and community members educational sessions on topics such as financial literacy following a loss and supporting children and teens through grief.
- We continued to offer Loss Support Groups and programs such as "The Gathering Plate," creating opportunities for individuals who have experienced a loss to connect, share their experiences, and support one another.
- Our Grief and Bereavement services were expanded to support the broader community, extending access to individuals beyond those directly connected to Oak Ridges Hospice.
- We also held a one-day Grief Retreat for friends and family members of residents at Oak Ridges Hospice, providing a dedicated space for connection, reflection, and support.

Residence

- Thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Port Perry, we purchased a new bath trolley, making our bath and spa facilities more accessible and comfortable for residents.
- Residents and their families celebrated Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with home-cooked holiday meals prepared by dedicated kitchen volunteers, creating opportunities to share meaningful moments together.
- Community partners including The Nutty Chocolatier, Water Depot, and Willowtree Farms help keep our kitchen running and ensure residents and their loved ones have nutritious food and the comforts of home.
- We began work on a Wind Phone, a meaningful space where community members, both within and beyond the hospice, can come to connect with and remember loved ones who have passed. This special project is being developed in collaboration with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island and Great Blue Heron Casino & Hotel.

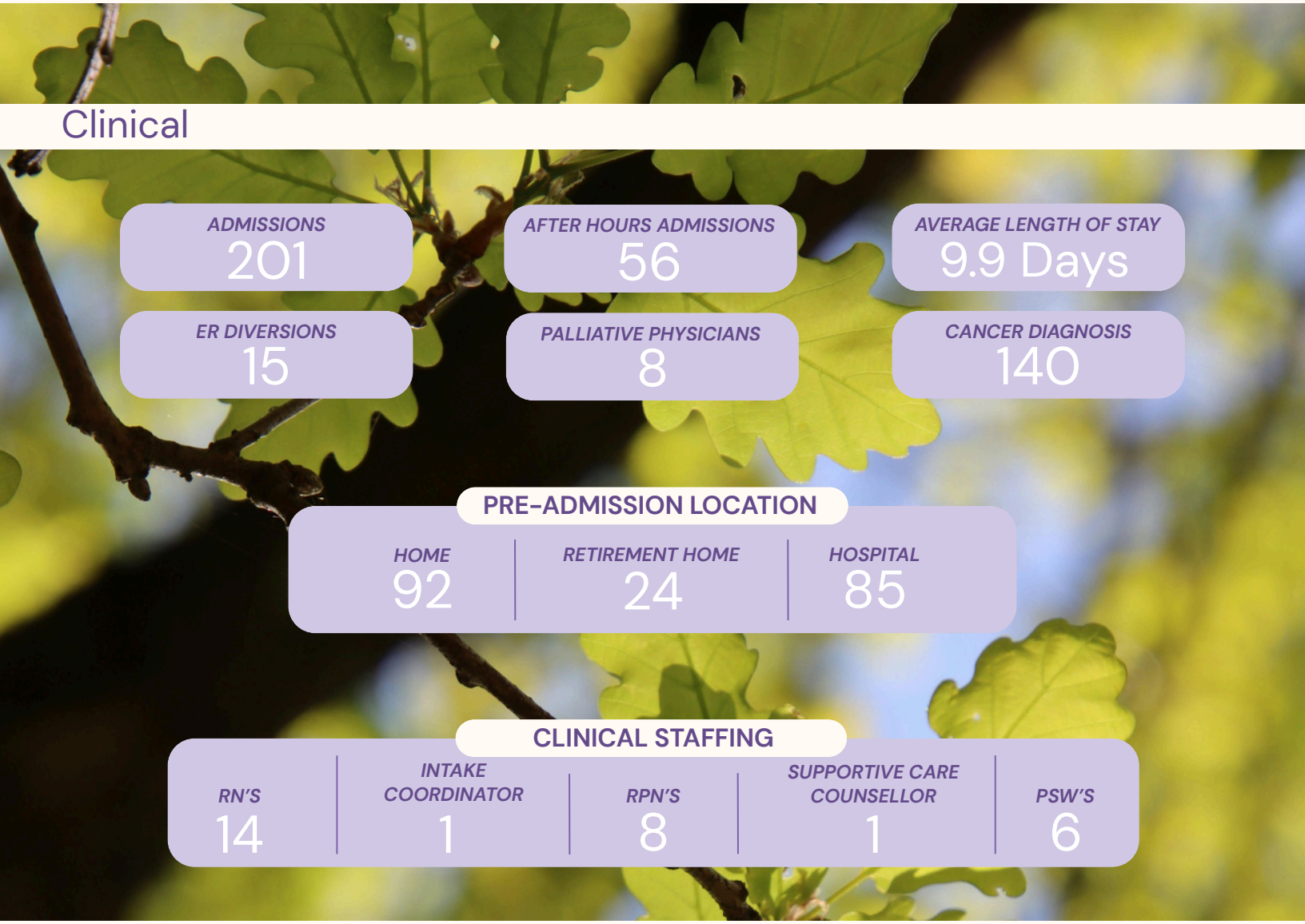
Clinical

- In partnership with Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and ALS Canada, ORH clinical staff received specialized BiPAP training to expand access to hospice care for residents living with ALS.
- By participating in training through Lakeridge Health's Home Palliative Paracentesis Program, ORH's palliative physicians have expanded the range of services available to residents at Oak Ridges Hospice.
- ORH completed its first research project in partnership with Lakeridge Health and Queen's University, with findings presented at the Hospice Palliative Care Conference and developed into a manuscript by the Centre for Studies of Primary Care at Queen's University
- This year, 44% of our total admissions were residents with a non-malignant diagnosis, reflecting ORHs commitment to providing equitable access to compassionate, end-of-life care regardless of diagnosis.

Volunteers

- Tish Menzies received the HPCO June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers Award on June 8 at the HPCO Conference. Tish has been a dedicated Oak Ridges Hospice volunteer since before our doors opened and has contributed in many roles over the years, making a lasting impact on residents, families, and our hospice community.
- We expanded our volunteer opportunities to include local musicians, who share their talents by performing for residents, as well as volunteers who provide complementary therapies such as pet therapy, Reiki, and massage therapy to residents and their loved ones.
- We hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Event at Applewood Farm & Winery to celebrate and thank our volunteers for the incredible time, compassion, and dedication they contribute to Oak Ridges Hospice.

By The Numbers



Clinical

ADMISSIONS	AFTER HOURS ADMISSIONS	AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
201	56	9.9 Days

ER DIVERSIONS	PALLIATIVE PHYSICIANS	CANCER DIAGNOSIS
15	8	140

PRE-ADMISSION LOCATION

HOME	RETIREMENT HOME	HOSPITAL
92	24	85

CLINICAL STAFFING

RN'S	INTAKE COORDINATOR	RPN'S	SUPPORTIVE CARE COUNSELLOR	PSW'S
14	1	8	1	6

Greif & Bereavement

INDIVIDUALS SERVED	VISITS	GROUP SESSIONS	GROUP PARTICIPANTS
201	56	15	8

Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS	HOURS OF SERVICE	VOLUNTEER ROLES
167	9,067	28

Fund Development

The 2025–2026 year was marked by tremendous community generosity and support for Oak Ridges Hospice. Through signature events, community-led fundraising, memorial giving and donor campaigns, our supporters helped ensure compassionate end-of-life care remains available to those who need it.

Highlights from the Year

Hike for Hospice

Our 8th annual Hike for Hospice raised an incredible $195,160.23, bringing our community together in support of hospice care.

Hockey Night in Port Perry

Our 2nd annual Hockey Night in Port Perry raised $116,577.58, bringing together hockey fans, players, sponsors and community members for an unforgettable evening.

Holiday Match Campaign

Our holiday campaign raised more than $118,000, generously matched by Donna & David Cooper, for a total of more than $236,000.

Community Fundraising

We were honoured to benefit from a wide variety of community-led fundraising initiatives throughout the year. From golf tournaments, art auctions and sporting events to holiday concerts, point-of-sale campaigns and local business fundraisers, these efforts reflected the many ways our community continues to rally behind Oak Ridges Hospice.

Amazing Race Port Perry

After five incredible years, the Amazing Race Port Perry concluded its final year in 2026. The event raised $92,427 over its history, including $22,000 this year, leaving a lasting legacy of community spirit and support for hospice care.

Leaves of Life Memorial Wall

Completed in March 2026, the Leaves of Life Memorial Wall provides a peaceful and meaningful space to honour and remember residents who received care at Oak Ridges Hospice. Engraved metal leaves allow families to create a lasting tribute to their loved ones.

With Gratitude

Every donation, fundraiser, sponsorship and act of generosity makes a difference. We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, community partners and supporters for helping make compassionate end-of-life care possible in our community.













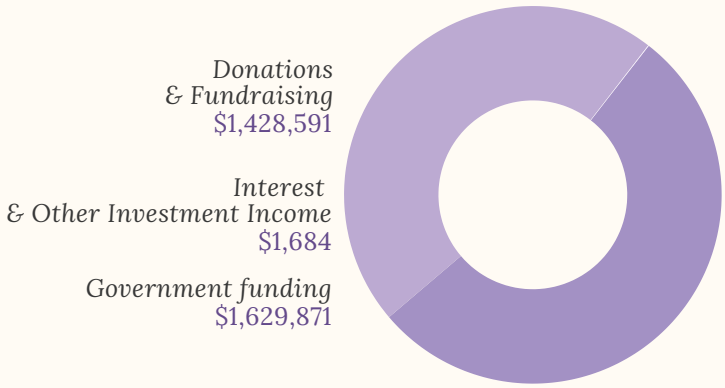
Financials

Statement of Financial Position - April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

Assets	**March 31, 2026**	**March 31, 2025**
Cash & cash equivalents	$553,482	$430,157
Accounts receivable	$3,604	$22,654
Public Service Bodies Rebate	$48,713	$25,215
Prepaid expenses	$20,288	$17,876
	$626,087	$495,902
Property and Equipment	$7,165,630	$7,397,175
	$7,791,717	**$7,893,077**
Liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	$85,051	$158,432
Deferred revenue	$135,600	$37,525
	$220,651	$195,957
Deferred Capital Contributions	$4,995,983	$5,225,944
	$5,216,634	$5,421,901
Net Assets		
Balance, end of year	$2,575,083	$2,471,176
	$7,791,717	**$7,893,077**

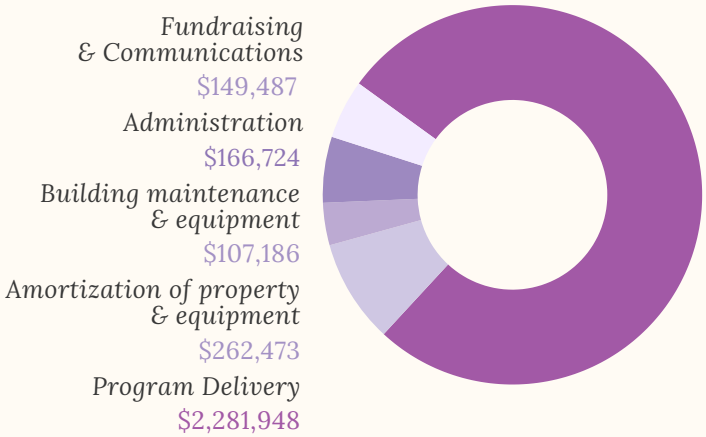
REVENUE

$3,071,725



EXPENSES

$2,967,818



OUR DONORS, THANK YOU!

APRIL 1, 2025 - MARCH 31, 2026

Oak Ridges Hospice would like to thank the generous donors listed who have supported us in the last fiscal year, as well as everyone who gave anonymously.

We have endeavoured to include all 2025/26 donors in a complete list.
We apologize if we have inadvertently missed a name

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We gratefully acknowledge all the donations made to Oak Ridges Hospice this year in memory of a loved one. Each memorial gift reflects the enduring legacy of those remembered and helps ensure that we can provide comfort, dignity, and support to those who need it most.



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