



*Compassion & Care Campaign*

**Bennett Centre**

Long Term Care



# **Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home Development Project**

CASE FOR SUPPORT



# A Message from the Board Chair

Bennett Village (BV) has a long and strong history in the Halton region, after taking over the responsibility of the long-term care home from the Georgetown Hospital in 1999. Today, Bennett Village is comprised of the Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home and The Gallery Active Living life lease building. For almost 25 years we have been a community leader, providing exceptional care for our residents, in a warm, friendly and professional environment. We are pleased that the Bennett Centre is the only not-for-profit charitable, long-term care home in Halton Hills.

With a current waiting list of 315 there is a strong need to provide more care for our aging population in Halton. By 2031 the total population of the Region is projected to grow to 780,000 people \*. We plan to address this gap with the development of the Bennett Centre, increasing from a 66-bed up to a 192-bed care residence on our 5-acre property located at 225 Halton Hills Drive in Georgetown. With an increase of 126 beds, the proposed new Home will address the lack of beds within our Region and will support the needs of our growing older adults (65+) population, which is projected to double.

We envision a home for the Halton Region that will improve the flow of health care by promoting integration and partnerships within the regional health care system for older adults with a variety of health needs. With a larger home, we plan to offer specialized care for Francophone residents and those who need more support for mental health and dementia related behaviour. Through innovation and a cutting-edge health practice and care environment, we will provide better, more efficient resident-centred care, that responds to the needs of increasingly behaviourally cognitively impaired, and physically dependent residents.

This comprehensive approach to excellence in care will also be critical in our efforts to attract and retain the best and brightest in clinical care and supportive services.

We need to secure community support through our \$15M *Compassion & Care Campaign* to fund the cost of bringing this state-of-the-art home to fruition.

Our Board, management, staff and volunteers are committed to Bennett Village being a leader in adult living environments and services and our planned development will bring that vision to life.

The expanded long-term care home will enable Bennett Centre to increase care capacity in an integrated model, enhancing the wellbeing and participation of residents and providing a home for Halton Region's older adults to live in a safe, socially connected environment with dignity. We are excited to start on the next stage of the expansion plan and we invite you to partner with us.



**Brian Clark**  
Bennett Village  
Board Chair

\*Halton Regional Official Plan, *Sustainable Halton 2009*



## MISSION

Bennett Village is a charitable organization that provides outstanding care and experiences that redefine senior living. With stylish independent living at The Gallery and progressive long-term care at the Bennett Centre, we are committed to excellence throughout the organization as we continue to grow our village.

## VISION

To build an entire village designed for older adults where aging happens in an enriching, supportive and safe community setting.

## VALUES

We believe that the following core values must pervade all aspects of our service, must infuse all our interactions & must be the measure of all behaviour throughout our organization and with the community at large.

- Dignity
- Compassion
- Trust
- Leadership
- Respect
- Quality
- Teamwork

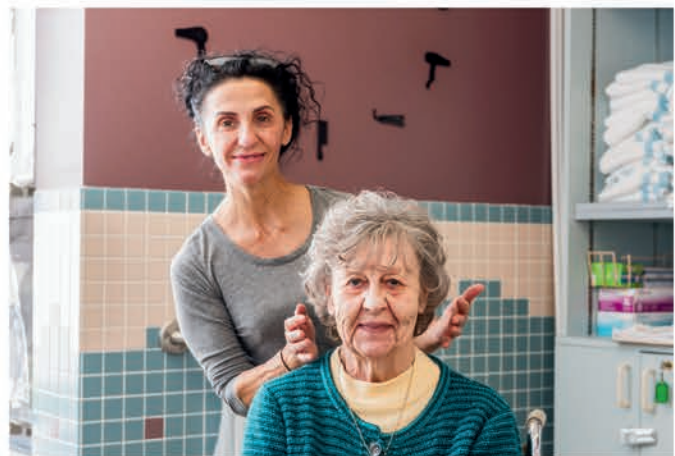




## Our Story

Since its official opening in 1999, the Bennett Centre has been an integral part of senior living in the Halton Region. Beginning in 1973 with the idea of a non-profit home on hospital property, it underwent several iterations until 1982 when the Ministry of Health approved a 77-bed retirement and nursing home. The project was further advanced by a generous bequest from Stewart and Violet Bennett in the same year.

While the nursing home originated as a part of the Georgetown Hospital, in 1999, the Bennett Centre became a separate entity, leasing its current space from Halton Healthcare. For more than two decades, the Bennett Centre has welcomed a diverse community of more than one thousand residents.



It is time to expand and redefine this vision and build a new Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home across the road from The Gallery Active Living life lease building, joining together as Bennett Village.

*“For a long time it was evident that something was needed in Georgetown to meet the needs of people who were no longer able to care for themselves in their own homes. As a Social Worker at the Georgetown Hospital, it was difficult for me to tell families that they would need to send their loved ones somewhere where they could get constant care and that it wasn’t available in Georgetown.”*

**Eunice McGowan**, Former Board and Founding Committee Member of The Bennett Centre

# Proud to Be Not-for-Profit

Bennett Village is a licensed, charitable non-profit organization and the only not-for-profit long-term care home (LTC) in the area. As a not-for-profit home, the Bennett Centre reinvests all surplus revenues and fundraised gifts to enhance and increase the level of high quality service provided to its residents. For-profit homes often keep surplus revenue and withdraw these funds for investors, taking money out of the long-term care system which is funded through taxpayer dollars.

Not-for-profit organizations are accountable to the public through elected representatives and charitable boards, ensuring the appropriateness and effectiveness of the programs and services delivered. Not-for-profits believe that services in the community should be governed by the people who live in and care about that community.

*"The Bennett management and staff has been great for our family since my mother arrived in June 2020. I truly believe that a not-for-profit home is the best option for many reasons. My parents feel "rich" at this place. They get great food. They are kept busy every day. They want for nothing! They are living in a very nice big room that feels like home to them. They get regular family visits. At 95 years, they feel blessed as they are still together."*

**NEIL HAGEMAN**, Co-Chair of the Family Council and Family Member



# The Need For More Beds is Now

As our loved ones age, we want to ensure that they receive the same compassion and care that we would provide. Moving into long-term care can be a complicated and potentially stressful process, especially given that spaces in Ontario are scarce. At present, the Mississauga/Halton region has fewer beds per population aged 75+ than any other region in Ontario, with bed ratios almost 30% lower than the provincial average. Wait times for an available room can be up to two years. The need for more beds has never been greater.

There is also an increased need for specialized care in long-term care homes that responds to the needs of behaviourally and cognitively impaired, physically dependent residents.

Currently, there are approximately 25,000 Francophones residing within the Mississauga/Halton region and 19.5% of them are over 65 years old. As well, there are more than 16,000 Francophone seniors

residing in the Greater Toronto Area, and access to Francophone long-term care beds is greatly needed. Currently, more than 700 Francophone seniors in the GTA are on waiting lists. There are no specialized long-term care beds for these members of our community, creating an urgent need for establishing a dedicated Francophone unit to support this linguistic and culturally unique community in this region.

***"It's exciting to consider what a bright, new, modern long-term care home can mean for seniors and their families across the Mississauga/Halton region. The cognitive and Francophone specialized units will provide families with access to care that is designed to meet their loved ones' unique needs. The new home will allow the dedicated, caring staff the opportunity to enhance programming and approaches to care supported by unique design elements and the latest in technology."***

**ROSSLYN DOWELL**, Retired Chair, Bennett Village Board of Directors





## Providing Compassion and Care

The care needs of residents change as they age over time and it is crucial that their long-term care home and its programs are able to adapt with them, with the compassion they deserve. The design of the Bennett Centre has been developed to feel like home. It will be positioned to be a centre of excellence and innovation in Halton Region.

The expanded home will provide resident-centred care, reinforcing the Bennett Centre's commitment to privacy and dignity, with control over personal space. This model will reflect the personal feel of ones' own home in feel and function while providing enhanced care and infection protection.

The new location, just down the street from the Georgetown hospital will also ensure ongoing access to specialized care.

*"It is interesting to me that people try to avoid that they will need significant help when they get older. We need to find a way to let people know that it could happen and they need to recognize that."*

**EUNICE MCGOWAN**, Former Board and Founding Committee Member of The Bennett Centre







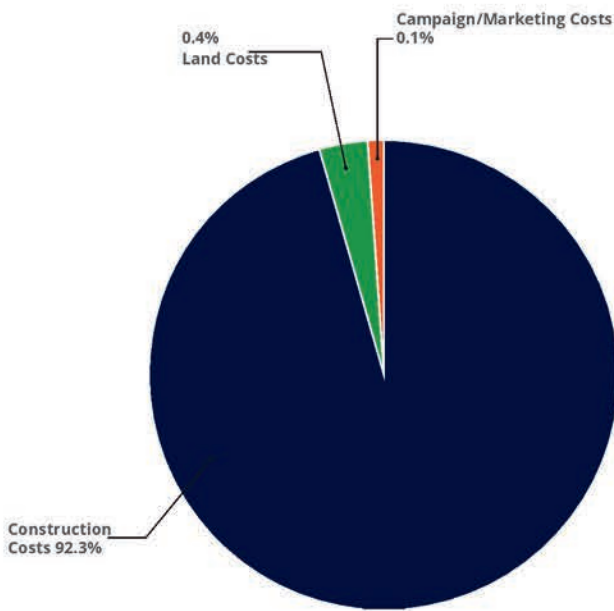


# Economic Impact

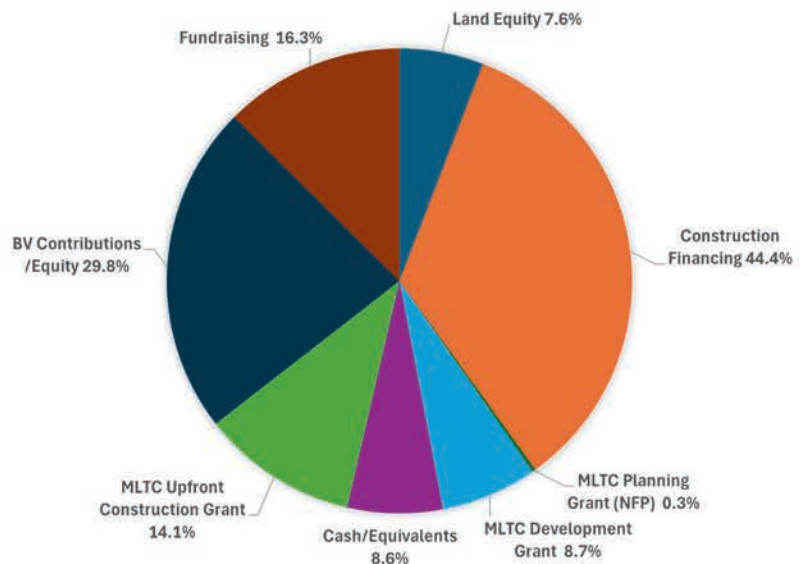
The construction of the new Bennett Centre will, through the direct spending by Bennett Village, and the indirect effects of this spending in the area, generate more than \$12M of economic activity and create the equivalent of approx. 200 full-time jobs over the length of the construction project.

## Funding Our Vision

PROJECTED EXPENSES



SOURCES OF FUNDING \$90M



**“We are fixing long-term care, so residents get the right care in the right place”  
Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care -Aug 29, 2024**

# Join Us

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things, including shining a light on what we need to do better. We have the opportunity to provide our seniors with timely access to and improved quality of life in a long-term care environment. Many seniors have specialized needs that require an innovative home to ensure that they receive the best compassionate care with support in comfortable and dignified surroundings. We want to lead the way and contribute towards building a better standard of affordable excellent care for our loved ones as they age.

I am proud to volunteer my time to this community and I am particularly proud to be a part of the Bennett Centre *Compassion and Care Campaign*. I believe that, as a not-for-profit organization, the Bennett Centre continues to demonstrate leadership in long-term care. As a Bennett board member and now as the Chair of the campaign, I am in a privileged position, to serve our community by enacting change and increasing innovation in this vital community home.

In the coming years we will be working hard to build a new and updated home for our vulnerable seniors. This will be a big project that a great many volunteers will put forth thousands of combined hours to complete. Every one of those volunteer roles, no matter how small, will contribute to a better community for all of us.

Whether you live in the Halton community or not, thank you in advance for your support of this much needed community project. Your contribution will leave a lasting mark.



**Jason Brass**  
Bennett Village  
Campaign Chair

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**Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025 and the new Bennett Centre will open by fall 2028.**

As a community, we can make an impact on long-term care in the Halton Region. The Bennett Centre Long Term Care Home will be a flagship for elder care across the province, ensuring dignity, care and compassion for our family members for generations to come.

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***We need your support to make the new Bennett Centre happen.***





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