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West Island
Palliative Care
Residence

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**THE WEST ISLAND PALLIATIVE CARE RESIDENCE
LAUNCHES ITS *CARING & SHARING – UNDER ONE ROOF* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

KIRKLAND, April 11, 2018 – The West Island Palliative Care Residence today launched the public phase of its *Caring and Sharing – Under One Roof* Capital Campaign. With this campaign, the Residence is seeking to raise \$12.5 million in order to consolidate its two separate locations into a single, state-of-the-art facility, and to share best practices in palliative care through the creation of a National Education and Knowledge Transfer Program. With the generosity of its donors and the hard work of its staff and volunteers, the Campaign has raised an incredible \$7 million to date!

Consolidated facilities

Currently, the Residence provides its vital services in two separate locations: its original facility in Kirkland (9 beds) and a dedicated floor rented in a nearby long-term care facility in Pointe-Claire (14 beds). The Capital Campaign aims to expand the original facility by almost 30,000 square feet onto an adjacent tract of land. The Residence's new, expanded building will house all of its 23 beds. Moreover, the consolidation of both locations into a single facility will allow significant annual operational cost savings.

National Education and Knowledge Transfer Program

The new facility will house the National Education and Knowledge transfer Program. Teresa Dellar, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the West Island Palliative Care Residence, stated that the Program is a natural evolution of the Residence's mission and vision. "Since our founding 16 years ago, our staff and volunteers have cared for over 3,800 patients and 15,000 family members. We need to share what we have learned to help increase access to quality palliative care – not just in the West Island, but across the country. We are very grateful for the generous gifts we have received to date which will allow us to help an ever-growing number of Canadians."

Building for the future

By *Caring & Sharing – Under One Roof*, the Residence will extend the benefits of best-in-class palliative care to as many Canadians as possible. Campaign Co-Chairs, Luc Bertrand and Erin O'Brien, are working together to help the Residence reach its goal. "Funds collected during the Campaign will allow us to make palliative care an integral part of the health care continuum, one that cares for all Canadians from birth until death," said Luc Bertrand, Vice-Chairman, National Bank of Canada. "Funding will also help support an organization that is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a leader and centre of excellence in palliative care. In this regard, the Residence will soon announce an exciting and transformative initiative dedicated to advancing palliative care."

Along with Luc Bertrand, Erin O'Brien, Member of the Executive Committee, Jarislowsky, Fraser Ltd., carries the message that patients should be able to live out their final days in peace, dignity and serenity. "Superior palliative care allows patients to live well right up to the end of their lives, and to experience death with dignity, as free from pain and distress as possible, surrounded by their loved ones. We hope that donors will contribute generously to the Residence's plan to build for the future."

About the West Island Palliative Care Residence

The West Island Palliative Care Residence is an independent, non-profit organization that provides services free of charge to patients and their families. The Residence receives one-third of its operational budget from the Quebec government and relies on community support and fundraising activities to raise the balance of more than 3.5 million dollars. With its 23 beds, the Residence is the largest freestanding palliative care facility in Canada and is recognized as a leader in its field. For more information, go to www.residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en.

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