

Is Tomkins House right for you?

**Your family doctor or nurse practitioners is your Quarterback of care.
Start with them for guidance and advice.**

If you have been told you have a life limiting illness you might consider Tomkins House when:

- you have a prognosis of less than 3 months to live
 - you are no longer having active treatment
 - you have signed a DNR - Do Not Resuscitate Order and want to consider a natural death
- To become a resident of Tomkins House you must be 18 years of age and older and have a valid Ontario Health Card.

Tell your doctor you want to include Tomkins House in your End-of-Life care plan and they will reach out to Home & Community Care to start the referral process.

"I didn't want to be a burden on my family so when I could no longer take care of my daily tasks like feeding myself or going to the bathroom, I knew it was time to consider a Hospice Home."

Hospice Resident



What to expect at Tomkins House

First of all, come for a tour.

Long before you need us, simply call and walk through our homelike environment.

You can meet our nursing team and ask any questions you may have.

Tomkins House has 5 private rooms with personal bathrooms, TVs, telephones and a Murphy Bed for your loved ones to stay over. You can make your room your own by bringing photos and special items. They can also go home and sleep in their own bed knowing you will be cared for 24/7 by our professional, compassionate nursing team.

We don't have set meal times as many of our residents aren't eating much. We do Dairy Queen & Harveys runs for those who really feel like something special.

Everyday homemade soup and baked goods are offered to your loved ones at no cost as we believe in caring for the entire family at this challenging time.

We will have a BBQ in the summer out on our patio and we celebrate each day as if it were our last.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to staying at Tomkins House.

The Ministry of Health & Long Term Care provides about 1/2 of our operating costs and everything else is covered by the support of our generous donors.

We are a registered charity and rely on very special people to help us raise money.

Many families will be so grateful for the care they receive that they will make Tomkins House the Charity of Choice to honour the memory of their loved one.

The **Funeral Home can include www.hospicehuronia.ca in the obituary and people can make donations in lieu of flowers. *This will pay it forward for the next family.***

We want everyone to have a Hospice Experience at the end-of-their-life.

It's about compassion & dignity.

It's about pain & symptom relief.

It's individualized care because each one of us is unique.

We care for the whole person and their family & friends and our programs continue long after a death as we support loved ones through their grief.

"My pain & symptoms were out of control. I was really suffering when my doctor mentioned Hospice. The nurses quickly got my medications sorted out and my pain became more manageable."

Hospice Resident



I worry about my family, can Hospice help?

Yes

Hospice Huronia has been offering grief support programs for over 20 years in the North Simcoe Community.

We provide one to one volunteer grief services but we also have groups for:

Widows & Widowers

Those suffering a traumatic death such as suicide

Those with complicated grief

Caregivers who are anticipating a death

We will be expanding our programs to include specific support for children and teens.

As the Coronavirus Pandemic has changed the way our world lives and dies, we will be looking to support those in our community who weren't able to fully experience the loss of their loved one. Social Isolation has made significant changes in the way we cope.

A new challenge facing many in our community is the impact of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). We are working on developing support programs for MAID as well.