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**SPECIAL EVENT ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

**Grand Opening Ceremony for New Residential Homes at Canada's First Hospice Village**

WINDSOR, Ontario- **Monday, April 16, 2007** -- The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County is proud to announce the opening of 8-bed residential homes where 24-hour compassionate care will be given to eligible people with life-threatening illnesses. The 10,000-square foot residential homes are specially designed to meet patient needs and are the latest additions to Canada's first Hospice Village. The Hospice Village provides an entire range of compassionate care and services on one site for patients, families and caregivers from the point of pre-diagnosis through the palliative stage.

**Who:** Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, George Smitherman, along with, Member of Provincial Parliament for Windsor-St. Clair, Dwight Duncan, civic and regional leaders, local health care administrators, Hospice Staff and volunteers, donors, and the general public.

**What, When & Where:** Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting\*  
**Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**  
Hospice Village, 6038 Empress Street,  
Windsor, Ontario

\*The ceremony will feature live music, an honour guard, procession and giant ribbon cutting.

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**Background:** The new Hospice residential homes will be especially important for people in our community who do not have the family support needed to remain in their homes. The residential homes will also offer care at a lower cost to the health care system, free up acute care beds in local hospitals and result in less emotional strain on the patient's family than traditional acute care. This new service complements the existing support we provide to over 800 individuals and families in their homes, hospitals and long-term care facilities across Windsor and Essex County each year. The homes will open to residents and families at the end of April.

*Founded in 1979, the Hospice of Windsor and Essex County is the largest community-based palliative care facility in Canada. To date, our innovative programs and services have supported and educated more than 30,000 people. For more information about our services please visit [www.thehospice.ca](http://www.thehospice.ca)*

