

Roger's House opens its doors



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The Ottawa Senators Foundation threw open the doors of Roger's House on April 21, to much fanfare and attention from the media and the community.

"The dream is now a reality," Foundation president Dave Ready announced at the opening ceremonies.

Built on the grounds of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Roger's House, the pediatric palliative care facility named in honour of the late Ottawa Senators coach Roger Neilson, is only the second facility of its kind in Canada, modelled after Canuck Place Children's Hospice in Vancouver. Its objective is to enhance the comfort and quality of life for children and their families living with a life-limiting illness.

Two years in the making, the story of Roger's House has touched the community like few others. More than 300 companies and organizations donated \$2 million in goods, services and expertise to the construction of Roger's House, while more than 75,000 members of the general public donated and raised a further \$3.2 million. The public sector, too, lent its support to the program, with the City of Ottawa contributing nearly \$50,000 in permit fee exemptions and other cost-saving measures, while the provincial government has committed to funding up to 90 per cent of the annual operating costs every year.

"This is a proud day for the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club and the Foundation," said Ottawa Senators owner and governor Eugene Melnyk. "Roger's House is symbolic of what a community can do when they put their hearts and minds behind one great project."

"Roger would be humbled today by this world-class facility that bears his name," said Ottawa Senators president and chief executive officer Roy Mlakar. "The children and families that will benefit from the services provided is something we should all be proud of as a community."



Construction plays a huge role

One of the best behind-the-scenes stories associated with the construction of Roger's House has been the extent to which the construction industry has pitched in to make the building happen. The ball got rolling when Ready contacted his friend and former OCA chair Roly Hein to help coordinate the construction effort. Hein graciously accepted, and asked Glen Morley to accept the day-to-day work of running the construction job, an opportunity that Morley, who recently retired, relished.

From there, the project began to gather momentum, as more and more companies from across the construction industry jumped on board to lend their support. Companies like Ziebarth Electric, Dilfo Mechanical, Merkley Supply, Home Hardware, R. J. McKee Engineering, Edmundson Matthews Architects, the Morley Hoppner Group and R. E. Hein Construction were all on board as major sponsors of the construction effort, while other firms from across the industry volunteered their time and money to support the cause.

"It was just awesome to see how all these contractors came forward to lend their support to this project during their busiest time of the year and without expecting a penny in return for their work," says Chad Schella, director of community and corporate relations for the Ottawa Senators Foundation.

Roger Nielson was humbled to be associated with Roger's House and would no doubt have been overawed at this community's tremendous outpouring of support.



Thank You



Members of the Roger's House construction team included (left to right) Chad Schella, Victor Deveau, Johannes Ziebarth, Glen Morley, Eugene Melnyk, Ken Hoppner, Roly Hein, Richard Gratton

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