



Family's 20-year dream comes true with Czorny Alzheimer Centre Opening

People with Alzheimer's disease and their families have a new home – and new hope – with today's opening of the Czorny Alzheimer Centre by the family who has dreamed for 20 years of building such a facility.



"Alzheimer's is a terrible disease that can strike at the heart of a family," said Marilyn Stewart, who with her husband Chick provided the land and capital funding for the innovative residential care facility and outreach service dedicated in the name of her parents. "Our prayer is that this Centre will ensure that people with Alzheimer's and their families will receive the care, support and hope they need."

Canada's Governor General Michaëlle Jean, who is also honorary patron of the Alzheimer Society of Canada,

sent her greetings to those responsible for the success of the project. "I am impressed by the support shown by everyone who has devoted themselves to the success of the Czorny Alzheimer Centre; your labours do not go unnoticed," Her Excellency said in a letter. "They are celebrated, respected and admired by those whose lives you have touched."

When Czorny is fully operational, it will employ 40 permanent staff, including five registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses, 24 residential care facility attendants, a music therapist, recreation therapist, a social worker, rehabilitation personnel and support staff. The 33,000 square foot centre will be home for 36 residents and is designed to provide psychological security and comfort through three home-like cottage living spaces. The environment will serve to enrich the residents' lives through activities appropriate for people with Alzheimer's disease.