

## Richmond's First Hospice Opens Doors

The Salvation Army The Rotary Hospice House is a 10-bed home-like facility, providing quality end-of-life care to residents of Richmond and Vancouver.



Hospice care provides people in the final stages of a terminal illness with a home-like, community-based setting where they can be close to family and friends. It also provides an alternative for those people who are not able to stay at home or need the intense acute services of hospital palliative care.

"The Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House is the fulfillment of a vision that has been accomplished as a result of various levels of government and non-profit organizations coming together with the human resolve to make this happen," said the Honourable Linda Reid, Minister of State of Childcare and MLA for Richmond East.

The Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House is an innovative partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health to bring hospice palliative care to Richmond. The capital cost for this project

is funded by The Salvation Army, the Rotary Club of Richmond, and donations from various community groups and individuals. Additional capital contributions were provided by the Government of Canada, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the province of British Columbia, through BC Housing under the Canada-BC Affordable Housing Agreement, Vancouver Coastal Health will be covering a significant portion of the annual operating costs.

"This community hospice house demonstrates the value that partnerships between different agencies and stakeholders can have for the community," said Ida Goodreau, president and CEO of Vancouver Coastal Health, "The Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House is an important part of Vancouver Coastal Health's continuum of care strategy, and will enhance the high quality palliative care services already available to the people of Richmond."