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Vicky Florio Director of Care Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home had been keeping a secret for over a month. The Aberdeen Health and Community Foundation had awarded a donation of \$35,000.00 toward an overhaul of the NHHN palliative care room. Florio was finally able to announce the news at a recent meeting of the palliative care group.

Aberdeen, an independent, registered charity which supports charitable health care initiatives for seniors in Brantford, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk presented the cheque during a ceremony March 22 in Port Dover. Accepting was Jennifer White Director of the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation who assisted with the funding application. She thanked Aberdeen for their generous support stating "this complete makeover will mean so much to the families and to the residents in their final days."

"Now I know what it feels like to win the lottery" Florio said of the grant. "We have a lot to do and our team will certainly have huge input. They have worked so hard at providing great comfort to our palliative residents however we have not had the resources to make the needed upgrades. Now thanks to Aberdeen, we can move forward to providing improved end of life care."

Aberdeen is winding down its operations and selected NHHN among 22 community organizations to which disperse funding. Lynn Hewitt Board Chair stated "The Aberdeen Foundation completely understands the need to create a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for palliative care patients and their families. It is an honour to be able to make it happen."

The NHHN Palliative Care group developed the room at the home some 15 years ago. This funding will address new furniture, paint, window coverings and artwork to create a more comfortable, homelike environment.

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