

**Media release: Casey House reaches \$10 million campaign goal to build compassion a new home**

**February 22, 2017- (Toronto, ON)** Casey House is proud to announce that, together, their community has achieved the goal of raising \$10 million for the *Rebuilding Lives* capital campaign. The success of this campaign supports Casey House's construction of a larger, purpose-built facility in which to offer its customized, compassionate health care to more people who are HIV+ and at risk of deteriorating health. The new Casey House is weeks away from completion.

A respected HIV/AIDS specialty hospital with an innovative spirit, Casey House cares for people living with HIV who also face such complex challenges as poverty, mental health, substance use, and marginalization. The new facility will allow Casey House to respond to the complex and evolving needs of a large and growing population who are HIV+ by bringing specialized services together and introducing a day health program. "There is tremendous need for this approach; we aim to build capacity for wellness among a population who frequently faces barriers to accessing health care," says Joanne Simons, Casey House CEO.

With a lead gift from Mark Bonham, Casey House was able to purchase a heritage home on Jarvis Street adjacent to its current space. The beautifully restored house, with the addition of a new three-and-a-half storey structure designed by Hariri Pontarini Architects, will serve as Casey House's new home when it moves across the street this spring. "The building is a remarkable achievement, and stands as a testament to this city's dedication to health and wellness for all its residents," says Jaime Watt, chair of the *Rebuilding Lives* capital campaign. "Casey House donors should take pride in having helped realize the dream of the most comprehensive HIV/AIDS care in our city."

In the almost three decades since June Callwood founded Casey House, there has been a dramatic evolution in HIV/AIDS. Fortunately, with effective anti-retroviral treatments, people with HIV are living longer, but the nature of a complex, chronic illness means it continues to be a serious health threat. Casey House provides a full range of medical and wellness services, from support with medications, managing mental health and early dementia to compassionate end-of-life care.

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**About Casey House:** Casey House is a specialty hospital with community programming including home care and outreach programs. Founded in 1988, it was the first freestanding HIV/AIDS hospice in Canada. Casey House's mission is to provide excellent, compassionate, inter-professional health services to people living with HIV/AIDS who have evolving complex health issues. Casey House contributes its unique experience to a broader system of HIV/AIDS care, education and research. [caseyhouse.com](http://caseyhouse.com) and [rebuildinglives.ca](http://rebuildinglives.ca)

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