



## **Gateman-Milloy donates \$50,000 to Innisfree House**

**- Support for this local hospice continues long after construction completion -**

**June 1, 2017 – Kitchener, ON** – Construction wrapped on Innisfree House in 2015 but the relationship between the hospice and local builder Gateman-Milloy Inc. continues. The construction firm just announced a \$50,000 donation to Innisfree House over the next five years.

“We enjoy many long-term relationships that start with ideas, develop through construction and extend through on-going maintenance and other support,” said Michael Milloy, President, Gateman-Milloy, on presenting the symbolic cheque to Kim Robinson, Executive Director of Innisfree and Lisaard Houses.

“Gateman-Milloy has been a proud partner and supporter of Innisfree through the development and construction period, and now with our property maintenance services. We are thrilled to be extending this partnership to include Lisaard House as well. It is an honour to continue to be associated with a place that provides so much support for so many people in our community and we’re pleased to be able to make this donation.”

Gateman-Milloy invited industry partners, subcontractors and suppliers to provide financial support for the construction of Innisfree House – the Region of Waterloo’s newest palliative care hospice – either through in-kind services or product or price reductions. In addition to financial support for the project, Gateman-Milloy also provided its construction management resources.

The completed facility has earned accolades for Gateman-Milloy, including Community Builder of the Year from the Grand Valley Construction Association as part of its Building Excellence Awards in 2016. The construction firm was also recently recognized by the Canadian Construction Association with the National Community Leader Award, in part because of its work on Innisfree House.

“We are grateful for the ongoing support of Gateman-Milloy,” said Robinson. “Although construction at Innisfree is completed, it is clear they still care about our organization and share a common commitment to serving our community.”

### Hike for Hospice

On June 4, Innisfree House and Lisaard House will host their annual Hike for Hospice event at Doon Heritage Village in Kitchener. The event allows families and friends to come together and hike for a great cause, while also having an opportunity to celebrate the life of a loved one they’ve lost. Last year they welcomed more than 400 hikers; for the 2017 event they are expecting even more participants, and have set a goal of raising \$80,000.

“To continue to provide the exceptional level of care that Innisfree and Lisaard Houses are known for we have a very lofty fundraising goal. Contributions from our corporate leaders like Gateman Milloy will assist us in achieving this goal,” added Robinson. Go to <https://www.lisaardhouse.com/get-involved/events/22-hike-for-hospice> for more information.

Long History of Community Support

Gateman-Milloy is proud to support the greater Waterloo Region community with its charitable efforts. The company has made significant contributions over more than 35 years in business. These efforts have included supporting such programs as: Conestoga College's Heavy Equipment Apprenticeship Program; funding an endowment for high academic achieving engineering students needing financial assistance to complete their degrees; and, the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, the company's founder and president, Michael Milloy's alma mater.

The company has also funded endowments for Wilfrid Laurier University and the Stratford Perth Community Foundation, as well as gifts in kind for the Rare Charitable Reserve, a 900-acre land sanctuary in the Region of Waterloo, as well as Innisfree House. Since building its facility in 2004, Gateman-Milloy has continued to support KW Counselling as both a corporate sponsor and partner through donations both monetary and in-kind. And Gateman-Milloy's employees are particularly proud of their fundraising efforts for Juvenile Diabetes Research raising \$43,000 since 2013, and a number of other efforts on behalf of charities such as Grand River Hospital and Cystic Fibrosis.

Based in Kitchener, Ontario, one of Gateman-Milloy's corporate goals is to be active members in its local communities, at all levels. By providing advice and consultations, sponsorships, employment opportunities, in-kind donations, and volunteering, Gateman-Milloy is not only succeeding at business, but helping others succeed as well.

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**Photo caption:**

From left to right: Margot Vanderlaan, Development Manager, Innisfree House and Lisaard House; Melissa Milloy, HR Manager, Gateman-Milloy Inc.; Michael Milloy, President, Gateman-Milloy Inc.; Sheila Ainsworth, Chair of the Board of Directors, Innisfree House and Lisaard House; Kim Robinson, Executive Director, Innisfree House and Lisaard House; Shawn Milloy, VP Operations, Gateman-Milloy Inc.; Daryl Rossi, Property Maintenance Division Manager, Gateman-Milloy Inc.

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