

## **The Honda Canada Foundation Donates Honda Odyssey to Matthews House Hospice**

Alliston, ON (April 5, 2019) – Today the Honda Canada Foundation (HCF) presented Matthews House Hospice with a Honda Odyssey minivan to support their community hospice services for families across South Simcoe and beyond. Community hospice services enables Matthews House to extend the residential hospice into the community by providing palliative support, caregiver support, wellness programs and bereavement support. This in-kind donation is an extension of the HCF's longstanding partnership with Matthews House, including a \$750,000 donation to support construction of the Community Wing of the new, state-of-the-art 10-bed facility, which opened its doors in 2018.

"As a supporter of Matthews House, we are pleased to expand our partnership as they extend their community hospice services," said Bill Easdale, Senior Vice President of Honda of Canada Mfg. and Vice Chair of the Honda Canada Foundation. "The donation of a Honda Odyssey will enable Matthews House to reach into the community to deliver hospice services for individuals and families beyond the residential hospice."

"Honda has recognized the value of the services we provide to our clients and has been very generous to us. And now, once again, this gift of a new 2019 Honda Odyssey illustrates the forward thinking and community consciousness of Honda," said Marv Chantler, Vice President, Board of Directors, Matthews House Hospice. "It is an example of compassion meeting community. We are deeply grateful for Honda's generous support of Matthews House Hospice."

The Honda Canada Foundation was established with the goal of enhancing the lives and social well-being of Canadians. Honda Canada and the Honda Canada Foundation are committed to giving back to communities where its customers and associates live, work and play.

### **About the Honda Canada Foundation**

Formed in 2005, the Honda Canada Foundation (HCF) aims to enable the realization of dreams through various annual philanthropic activities and funding to non-profit registered charities across Canada where Honda customers and associates live, work and play. The HCF focuses on four key pillars – family, environment, engineering and education – and each year more than \$2 million is disbursed to groups in need across the country. More than six million Canadians have benefited from Honda Canada and Honda Canada Foundation funded charitable programs.

### **About Matthews House**

Individuals and families from South Simcoe and surrounding area can receive visiting hospice, wellness programs, care giver support or individual counselling. Individuals and families can choose to come to Matthews House Residence surrounded by family and friends for their end of life journey or now receive care in their homes. Our aim is to help individuals live life to the fullest - while coping with a palliative care diagnoses or chronic disease.

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