

## Home and Community Support Services Celebrates new entrance way at Hanover & District Hospital

Home and Community Support Services of Grey Bruce wish to thank the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and the Hanover District Hospital for their support of a valued renovation at the Hospital. Financial contributions have made possible the creation of a dedicated, accessible entrance to the Day Away Program located within the Hanover and District Hospital.

The Day Away Program has grown significantly over the past decade and is now open 5 days a week, and alternating weekends with an overnight program for those individuals requiring additional respite. On a typical day, between 18 and 23 individuals will attend the program, as well as 4 to 5 volunteers. Until recently program participants entered the hospital through the emergency department entrance, which at times has created somewhat of a chaotic environment, particularly if an ambulance arrived during this time.

Executive Director Andy Underwood commented, "As this program has grown, the challenges of coordinating the arrival of so many vehicles and the resulting congestion within the emergency department entrance was becoming more of an issue for everyone involved. The solution to this problem was made possible through the financial support of the Community Foundation as well as the hospital. Both of these agencies are great partners."

Several clients, volunteers and staff and Board members from Hanover & District Hospital and from Home and Community Support Services of Grey Bruce gathered on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> for a celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony.

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