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Foundation working to open hospice

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Being a caregiver to a loved one who wishes to die at home can be debilitating, both physically and emotionally.

Once the patient is released from hospital, caregivers often discover gaps in the healthcare system, in terms of co-ordination of homecare services and lack of adequate support staff and services, according to members of the Townsend Smith Foundation, established to provide hospice services and ultimately, a hospice, in north Halton.

On top of dealing with the imminent death of a loved one, the stress of maneuvering the system can be anguishing, agreed foundation committee members.

"We need a very upgraded level of homecare. If we can't look to the healthcare system for what's necessary. It very much has to become a community issue," said Lyndon Smith, whose wife Tessie passed away in 2009.

"As her (Tessie's) spouse, I felt I deserved time with her at the end but the system denied me that," said Smith. "You can't just sit down and be with them. You're providing medication and sustenance."

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Fun was just a stone's throw away at Winter Carnival

Seven-year-old Reka Paradi tries her hand at curling with coloured ice "stones" during Sunday's first Acton Winter Carnival held at Prospect Park. The day-long event, organized by the Acton BIA,

featured numerous outdoor activities. Check out the photo gallery of the Carnival at www.theifp.ca (click on 'photos').

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