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New long-term care facility expected to be open by end of 1998

By the end of 1998, Georgetown will see its first long-term care facility. This facility will provide a home-like environment for those who are too frail, have disabling medical problems or have cognitive impairment that prevents their living independently in the community.

THE HOSPITAL BEAT



Dr. Don Trant

The opening of this facility is the culmination of years of perseverance by volunteer members of our community who have been involved with the Bennett Health Care Centre board since its inception almost two decades ago. Beginning with a substantial bequest from Stewart and Violet Bennett of Ballinafad, and the recognized need for a facility in our community that would provide institutional services for seniors, the Bennett was started. The Bennett name is now associated with the facility but legally refers to the Bennett Health Care Centre, the not-for profit corporation that will be responsible for the new program.

The new long-term care facility, although located within the hospital, is distinct from the hospital. Governed by a nine-member volunteer board, with Ken Harris as president, day to day operation will be managed by an Administrator/Director of Care who will be employed by the Bennett board. The direct care staff will also be employees of the Bennett board.

The wing of the hospital known as the Bennett currently houses a 36-bed chronic care unit on the first floor and a 28-bed retirement home on the second. The chronic care unit is part of the hospital's operations while the retirement home is managed separately from the hospital. It is the second floor that is being renovated to accommodate the 65-bed long-term care facility. With the opening of the long-term care program, the retirement home will be phased out.

Although the official ministry terminology is long-term care the Bennett facility will be equivalent to a nursing home as most people know it. Application and approval process for a bed in the Bennett will be through the Community Care Access Centre of Halton.

Funding for the beds is from the government, supplemented by an amount from each resident that will be

based upon type of accommodation and ability to pay.

Although every effort will be made to accommodate residents of Halton Hills admission is not restricted to Halton Hills residents.

This is an exciting and long-overdue event for our community and more information will be coming as opening day nears.



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