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Clare Holland House Community Fundraising Campaign

The 8 room expansion at Clare Holland House will be completed mid-2021.

With the Clare Holland House expansion project reaching 'lock up' stage in late February, attention now turns to creating functional, attractive and homely internal and garden areas before the building is completed mid-year.

Hands Across Canberra, Calvary and The Snow Foundation have launched the Clare Holland House Community Fundraising campaign to enable people to help enhance the facilities and up until 9th March any donation will be matched as part of the Canberra Day Appeal.

Dr Suharsha Kanathigoda, Medical Director of Calvary Specialist Palliative Care Service, is inviting people whose lives have been touched by the services at Clare Holland House to support this next stage of the project.

“Over the years many families, friends, and patients, have wanted a way to tangibly express their gratitude for the care that they themselves or someone close to them received. They now have the opportunity to make a general donation, create their own tribute page, or to host – actually or virtually – their own fundraising event. At Clare Holland House we strive to create a calm and comfortable environment. Important elements of that include the soft furnishings, and fittings and making our gardens and grounds an extension of our clinical spaces. This is particularly important for our younger people and paediatric patients who are admitted for inpatient palliative care.”

Chair of Hands Across Canberra, Di Kargas Bray AM, is pleased to see Clare Holland House become a part of the foundation's 2021 Canberra Day Appeal. “Our goal is to make the Canberra Day Appeal an annual occasion for Canberrans to focus on their local community. Over the years Clare Holland House has assisted many patients and families affected by life-limiting illness and the end stages of life. This phase of life is no less valuable than any other time, and it can be encountered by people of any age. I hope many people will make a donation to Clare Holland House, particularly to support the enhancement of paediatric and youth palliative care services.”

The Snow Foundation donated \$2M towards the Clare Holland House expansion and are actively supporting the community fundraising program. Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron is confident that people in the ACT and surrounding areas will lend their support to Clare Holland House now and into the future.

“The Specialist Community Palliative Care Services delivered and coordinated by the Calvary team at Clare Holland House are world-leading standard. We are proud to support their expansion and encourage others to do so during the Hands Across Canberra 2021 Canberra Day Appeal.”

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<https://giving.handsacrosscanberra.org.au/clare-holland-house-community-fundraiser>

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