

Respite Care at Roger Neilson House

Each child and family referred to the Palliative Care Team at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) has access to short breaks, or respite, at Roger Neilson House. This is an opportunity for families to rest and rejuvenate and for children to develop new relationships and have fun.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Up to 28 days of pre-booked respite per year, based on availability at the house.
- Up to 72 hours of emergency respite if you become ill and are unable to care for your child or if there is a death in your family. Additional time may be negotiated based on availability.
- Prioritized admissions based on urgency and need, with the understanding that children approaching end of life are always highest priority.
- The opportunity to work collaboratively with staff to develop a plan of care for your child that you feel comfortable with. Staff strive to make strong connections with the children and families served.
- Feedback from staff regarding observations about your child's comfort and well-being. Enhancement of your child's quality of life is the primary goal of care for staff.
- Fun activities for your child to participate in under the direction of professional recreation therapists. Staff, volunteers, recreation therapists and other children staying at the house play games, watch movies, do arts & crafts, bake, go on scavenger hunts, and many other activities together. Your child will have the opportunity to experience normal childhood life and to fulfill their dreams and wishes however big or small.



HOW CAN YOU REQUEST A RESPITE VISIT?

Contact the Admissions Coordinator at Roger Neilson House: 613-523-6300, extension 619.