



Respite Care

"Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for."

Who we are?

Roger Neilson House is an eight-bed pediatric residential hospice which offers compassionate care in collaboration with CHEO's palliative care team. This amazing facility is located on the grounds at CHEO and provides a home-like environment to children who have a significant risk of dying before reaching adulthood. We lead by advocating, by advancing clinical care and family support, and by learning through research and sharing knowledge.

What is respite?

Caring for a child with a life limiting illness can be a demanding job. Our respite programs provides temporary care to families who are raising such child. They are short breaks that gives an opportunity to the families to rest, rejuvenate and prevent unwanted crisis and for children to develop new relationships and have fun.

What we offer?

Our respite program offers:

- Respite – Up to 28 days per year, based on availability at the House.
- Emergency respite - Up to 72 hours 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.

We prioritize admissions based on urgency and need, with the understanding that children approaching end of life are always highest priority.

You can design child's plan of care best suited to your comfort in collaboration with the staff.

You get feedbacks from staff regarding observations about your child's comfort and well-being.

Our team of recreational therapists, volunteers and staff, in a safe environment provides fun activities for your child that encourages their participation and provide a normal childhood life like experiences.

This can include activities like playing games, watching movies, doing arts and crafts, baking, going on scavenger hunts and many others.

How to obtain services?

Each child and family referred to the Palliative Care Team at CHEO has access to Roger Neilson House respite services. For more detailed information please refer to the contact information on this brochure.

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