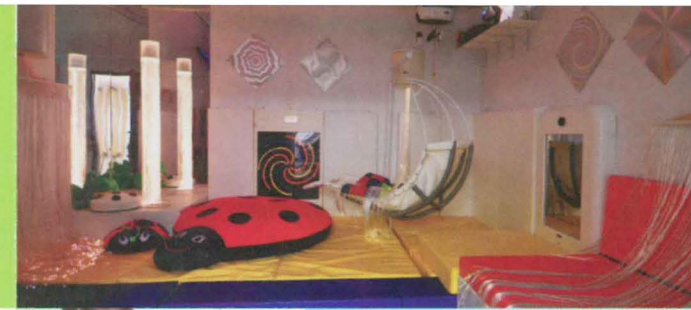


# A Home

away from home

It is a fundamental philosophy of  
The Darling Home for Kids  
that all children be loved and valued,  
and given the opportunity to be challenged  
in an environment where they can thrive.



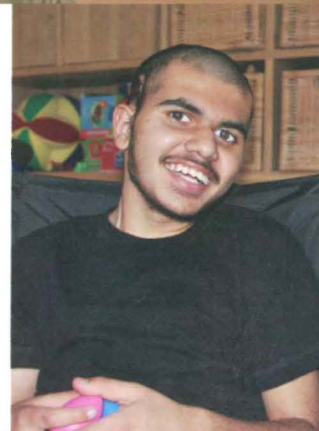
*"It is a great relief  
knowing that  
she is happy and  
comfortable in the  
care of the staff at  
the Home."*

*Souzan, Melody's Mom*

The Darling Home for Kids, situated in Milton, Ontario, is a place of joy, filled with the smiles and laughter of children engaging in unique and enriching experiences and exploring new and exciting activities.

Medically fragile children receive wonderful care in a beautiful, warm and home-like environment, which provides comfort and a break to parents facing the daily challenges of caring for a child with complex medical needs. Families are supported in knowing that there is a continuum of care from respite through to palliation and, when needed, end of life care.

The Darling Home for Kids was designed and built to be a home away from home. With 7 bedrooms, the Home can accommodate 12 children for overnight respite, palliative and residential care. Additional children and families can receive service through day programs and community outreach services.



In our large family room, children and families relax by the fireplace, read stories, and snuggle up to watch movies. Our kitchen provides space for meal times and baking, while our multi-purpose room is a space for arts and crafts, activities, and counseling. In our multi-sensory (Snoezelen) room and hydrotherapy room, children participate in a number of therapeutic programs.

Outside, we have walking trails, a playground, a therapeutic sculpture garden, and a waterfall, for children to interact with nature.

*"The Darling Home for Kids offers us refuge and peace of mind to know Kelly is looked after during her stay – we are so fortunate to have found it."*

*The Sigurdson Family*





## Programs We Offer

### Respite Care

In our respite program, children can stay overnight at the Home, giving their parents a much needed break. While here, children are cared for by a diverse group of dedicated staff, including qualified nurses who provide the medical support and tender loving care these children require. During peak service times, we offer a day program to meet the needs of our families.

### Hospice Palliative Care

Our palliative program provides three key services to families. Our palliative-respite service gives parents a break from the complex routines of caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening illness. Our transition to home service helps families adjust from care in hospital to care in their own home, while our end of life program services children who are dying and supports families throughout their grieving process. For children in this program, The Darling Home for Kids offers the benefits of a hospital with all the comforts of home.

### Residential Care

Our residential program offers extended care to children who require more support than is available to them in their home environment. In partnership with other agencies, children receive comprehensive care in a place that feels like home. Whether they stay with us for a month or for years, we strive for each child to reach their full potential.

### Therapy Programs

- Recreation Therapy
- Multi-Sensory (Snoezelen) Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Pet Therapy
- Hydrotherapy
- Art Therapy



*"In my daughter's prayers she has thanked The Darling Home for Kids for being a super cool place for Calum, but also allows her to have Mom all to herself."*

Leslie, Calum's Mom

### Our Mission

The Darling Home for Kids strives to optimize the quality of life for children, and their families, with life-limiting or life-threatening illness, requiring complex and/or technology dependent care. We do this by providing integrated respite services, residential support and hospice palliative care in a home-like setting to families across Ontario.



### Our Vision

Our vision is to be an oasis of comfort and joy for the children and families we serve.



### Program Eligibility

Families who are eligible for service can download an application form from our website or contact us for more information.

### How You Can Help

There are many ways you can help: volunteer, make a donation, host your own fundraiser or attend one of our signature fundraising events. Your support helps us provide engaging programs and a safe and welcoming place for medically fragile children.

To make an online donation, please visit  
[www.darlinghomeforkids.ca/donate](http://www.darlinghomeforkids.ca/donate).

### How To Find Us

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|-------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|             | Nassagaweya Esqueving Townline | ↑      |
|             | 15th Side Road                 |        |
| Guelph Line |                                | Hwy 25 |
|             | Hwy 401                        |        |
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Travel NORTH on Hwy 25 from Hwy 401 (approx. 9.0 km/5.6 miles)

Turn left onto 15th Side Road

Travel WEST on 15th Side Road to #5657 (approx. 3.0 km/2.0 miles)

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