



Hospice Herald

Fall/Winter Edition 2017

Our Team

Meet our 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Message from the Board President



"Everyone is entitled to live and die with dignity and comfort surrounded by loved ones, and assisted by compassionate and caring persons of their choice"

This Vision Statement became very clear to me as I sat around the table at my first board meeting in March 2011. I was surrounded by a group of people dedicated to Hospice Huntsville and its programs in the community. These board members were focused on building a residential Hospice in Huntsville.

January 2012, our dream and vision was complete as we opened Algonquin Grace, our 5 bed residential Hospice.

I am honored to have served this past year as President of Hospice Huntsville. I am very passionate about Hospice Huntsville and its continued commitment to our community.

To Bev Lashbrook our Executive Director thank you, to our dedicated administrative staff, thank you, to our Nursing staff, thank you, and to our volunteers, THANK YOU !!!!

Since January 2012 we have served approximately **600 residents**. Our building is paid for, we are meeting our yearly financial targets. We receive 50% funding from the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the balance (50%) comes from dedicated people like you who continue to donate through our signature events, third party fundraising efforts, in memoriam's and planned giving initiatives.

How can YOU help...?

- 1 - Join the 500 Club, our goal is to have 500 people committing \$500 per year to help cover our operational costs.
- 2 - Host a 500 Club party, invite your friends.
- 3 - If you would like us to come and share our vision with your church group or community group, please feel free to contact us.
- 4 - Ask about our Planned Giving Program, Gifts (stocks/mutual funds) in-kind, will's etc.
- 5 - Room naming opportunities still exist for those who wish to donate to Algonquin Grace.
- 6 - Tell your friends about us, help spread our Vision for the community.

End of life care in our community consists of Algonquin Grace, Visiting Volunteer, Grief Support and Bereavement programs, all this would not be possible without the dedication to Hospice Huntsville by YOU.

Thank you to all for your ongoing support,

Gordon Schakelaar
 Board President

Connect & Share



New: Pre-Authorized Debit now Available!

You can support Hospice Huntsville by making a monthly donation that will be deducted from your bank account each month. Please refer to the enclosed donation slip.

Hospice Huntsville Board of Directors

This year we said goodbye to retiring board members: Mary Potts, Peter Schwarzl, Julie Farnsworth and Jennifer Jerrett. Thank you for your dedication, support and service to Hospice Huntsville.

Mission Statement: *To guide and provide consistent, comprehensive and compassionate end of life care that is readily accessible to individuals, families and caregivers in the setting of their choice throughout the greater Huntsville area.*

Vision Statement: *Everyone is entitled to live and die with dignity and comfort surrounded by loved ones, and assisted by compassionate and caring persons of their choice.*

Value Statement: *From its inception, Hospice Huntsville has endeavored to take leadership in the community around matters pertaining to death and dying. Everything we do is high quality, client-centered and imbued with compassion.*

Thank you to our Signature Event Sponsors for making the 2017 Hike for Hospice & Swim for Hospice possible & showing their commitment to end of life care in our community!

Gold Sponsors



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Signature Events



Goal Reached! Hike for Hospice Raises \$71,700 for Hospice Huntsville

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 8th annual Hike for Hospice Huntsville the best yet! On Sunday, May 7th wonderful Hospice Huntsville supporters spent a snowy afternoon walking to remember and celebrate a loved one. The chilly weather did not dampen the spirit of families, friends and canines. Thank you to all our generous corporate sponsors, hikers, donors and volunteers!

A special congratulations to Top Fundraising Team: Team Jean, Top Fundraising Individual: Jeannie McLennan, Top Fundraising Team with Corporate Matching: Team Jean & Mackenzie Financial.



Every dollar raised stays in our area, directly benefitting families from our community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Your support makes compassion, comfort, care and dignity a reality for all we serve.

Save the Date: Please plan to join us next year on Sunday May 6, 2018 at River Mill Park, downtown Huntsville.

Most Successful Purple Tea Party!

We are extremely pleased to announce the event raised over \$17,000 for Hospice Huntsville! Thank you to Huntsville Place Mall, Whimsical Bakery, Bears Den Restaurant & Bear Necessities Catering, silent auction donors and bidders, volunteers and tea party guests.

Save the Date: Hike for Hospice Purple Tea Party & Silent Auction: Saturday April 7, 2018.

Silent Auction items wanted. Please contact Hospice Huntsville if you can donate.



Making a Splash for Hospice! Swim Raises \$24,000!

It was a beautiful morning on August 27th as swimmers of all ages and abilities donned a purple swim cap to Make a Splash for Hospice! The weather could not have been better and the enthusiasm from the swim participants was just as warm as the sunshine.

Joy Jarvis, the long distance swimmer swam the waters of the Muskoka River swimming out and around Centreview Island in Lake Vernon and back. Joy's support crew could not believe that her strong swim stroke lasted the entire swim – 54 strokes per minute from the start of the swim to the end.



Thanks to our sponsors, swimmers, kayakers, volunteers and our amazing Muskoka community. Your support makes compassion, comfort, care and dignity a reality for all we serve.

Stay Connected - Sign up for Hospice Huntsville E-News

In order to save paper, copying and postage costs, we would like to email as many supporters as possible. To receive Hospice Huntsville E-News, you can subscribe online on our website www.hospicehuntsville.com or contact our office.

Join us for our 7th Annual Swim for Hospice next summer or participate in the Create your Own Swim fundraiser.

TriMuskoka along with Hospice Huntsville organized another fabulous "Sunrise Swim for Hospice" on July 8th raising \$3,000 for Hospice Huntsville. This event featured not only local swimmers but also swimmers from Canada, United States and Europe. Thank you to all of the businesses for their support, volunteers for their dedication and swimmers.

Did you Know..... 50% of Hospice Huntsville's operating costs must be funded by community donations, making the signature events such as the Hike for Hospice and Swim for Hospice critical to our efforts in providing quality end-of-life care.



2018 Hike and Swim for Hospice Huntsville Sponsorship Opportunities

Your support helps ensure compassionate care remains available at no cost in our community

Sponsorship opportunities are available for our 2018 Hike for Hospice Huntsville/Swim for Hospice. For further details, please contact Hospice Huntsville at 705-789-6878 or email: hospiceh@vianet.ca.

Thank you Community Partners

We truly appreciate the generous support and relationships we have with the following businesses, community groups and individuals that have supported Hospice Huntsville this year: 2nd Annual Rock & Roll Black Tie Affair Concert: Jamie Clarke, Rotary Club of Huntsville: 2017 Rotary Dockfest, Miatas of Muskoka, Muskoka Medical Centre Pharmacy, Metroland Media, Painted Kids Face Painting, Collins ValuMart: Give a Little Campaign, East Side Mario's: Remembering Dave MacDonald, Huntsville Place Mall, ProActive Rehab- Polar Dip for Hike for Hospice, Eagle Lake Gun Club, Huntsville Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232, Hunters Bay Radio Bingo, Historical Automobile Society of Canada Muskoka Region, Mackenzie Creations & Waseosa Workshop Arts: June Medley Art Show & Sale, Algonquin West ATV Club, Kimberly Clark-Huntsville, Hydro One Social Club, Muskoka Agility Dogs Snooker Trial, Just for Judy: Pillowcase sales, Horseshoes for Hospice: Scarlett Family, Royal Canadian Legion Central Muskoka Branch 161, Maple Bluff Farm, Dwight Lumber, Scott's Ride of Hope, Scotiabank Book Sale, Gerhard Schlenker Memorial Bonspiel.

Are you interested in hosting a Third Party Event for Hospice? Visit our website or call us for details.



Gifts of Securities

If you are considering how to give to Hospice Huntsville and if you own securities that have appreciated significantly in value, you can derive additional benefit by donating them directly to a charity rather than donating cash.

The following eligible securities can be donated: Stocks & Bonds, Mutual Funds, Futures, Warrants, Employee Stock Option Shares.

To transfer securities directly to our organization, please contact Hospice Huntsville and we can offer you guidance on how to do so efficiently.

Looking Ahead

Adult Grief Support & Children Grief Support groups begin: Spring 2018

Purple Boot Campaign: Month of April, 2018

Purple Tea Party: Huntsville Place Mall, April 7, 2018

Hike for Hospice: River Mill Park, May 6, 2018

Swim for Hospice: Lake Vernon, Muskoka River: Summer 2018

Rock & Roll Black Tie Affair Concert: Algonquin Theatre: October 2018

Bereavement Support Programs

Hospice Huntsville offers Grief Support Programs for adults, children and teens. Our trained hospice facilitators offer the support programs in the spring and fall. (free of charge)

Adult Grief Support: Seven session peer support program is designed to help a person cope with the loss of a loved one.

Children's Grief Support: Six session support program is designed to help children, between 6 and 12 years old, process grief issues due to the death of a loved one or divorce/separation.

Grief Support Walking Group: Our Grief and Bereavement Support has expanded with a Grief Support Walking Group. The purpose of this group is to provide participants a forum for continued fellowship, sharing with others on a similar journey.

To learn more about our grief support programs and services, please contact Jane Weiland, Program Coordinator at 705-789-6878 ext. 200 or email jweiland.hospiceh@vianet.ca

"Since we welcomed our first resident in January 2012, we have cared for approximately 600 residents and their families. We are blessed to be part of a community that understands and appreciates the value, sensibility and benefits of ensuring that end of life care remains a priority."

Bev Lashbrook, Executive Director

Help us Reach our Goal! Join The Club!

Help us reach our goal of welcoming 200 members to the 500 Club by March 31, 2018! Your gift will make a lasting impact in supporting sustainable end of life programs and services in our community. Thank you to the 103 businesses and individuals that have joined our Hospice Huntsville 500 Club. Membership is \$500/year and fully tax deductible. To join the 500 Club or for details: please visit our website or contact Hospice Huntsville.



500 Club Member: Martha W.

I discovered from volunteering at the Algonquin Grace Hospice desk, from the first week it had opened, what a really wonderful home it is! I knew right then I was going to love it there...as a volunteer both at the desk and facilitating Grief Support. Little did I know then that I would be so fortunate as to be a recipient of Grief Support at a later time. Algonquin Grace is so very dear to me, it is a joy to donate \$500 a year (that's only \$41.66 a month!)."



Request a Hospice Speaker

Hospice Huntsville provides speakers for various groups and organizations throughout the Huntsville/Lake of Bays area. If your organization, business or group is looking for a speaker, we are ready to assist you. For further information, please contact Hospice Huntsville at (705)-789-6878.

Nothing like giving to make you feel toasty warm.



Hospice Huntsville's Winter Wishes

- HY02 Snow removal services- \$200 each
- HS01 Grocery Gift Cards- \$100 each
- HS02 Baking Supplies- \$25 each
- HS03 Soup Making Supplies- \$20 each
- HA03 Children's puzzles & toys- \$20 each
- HA04 Board games- \$25 each

visit www.hospicehuntsville.com for the complete wish list, and to make your purchase online.



Holiday Gift Giving Simple & Stress-free!

Celebrate any special occasion: Christmas, holidays, weddings, anniversaries or birthdays with a unique and meaningful gift for family, friends, teachers or colleagues with our Hospice Huntsville Wish List.

The list will suit any budget and offers a wide range of giving options- from giving the gift of resident furniture to giving the gift of books for our hospice library.

- Choose the item from the Wish List. To view entire list: www.hospicehuntsville.com
- Contact Hospice Huntsville or donate online through www.canadahelps.org
- Your gift is 100% tax deductible. Donations \$20 & over will receive a tax receipt.
- Your purchase helps our community and Hospice Huntsville support end-of-life care.
- Please visit our website for further details: www.hospicehuntsville.com

Important Note about Charitable Tax Receipts:

All donations for the 2017 calendar year must be postmarked by December 31, 2017 to be eligible for a 2017 tax receipt. Receipts will be mailed within 8 weeks after the end of December 2017.

Privacy Policy: Hospice Huntsville is committed to respecting your privacy and recognizes the significance of privacy protection. Our organization will not sell, rent, lease, trade or otherwise disclose any of your contact/personal information.