

# Hospice Happenings

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## SPRING MESSAGE

Chair— Gerald Tracey

It has often been said that spring is the best of the four seasons.

The first thing we all love about spring is that it is warmer, and people can spend more time outside. After the long, dark, winter months, spring is literally a breath of fresh air. As the days get longer and the nights get shorter, and it starts to feel warmer, nature responds in a big way.

The trees get leaves. Flowers bloom. Temperatures become pleasant. Our moods improve, especially this year when we were confined to our homes due to COVID-19.

Spring is the time of year when everything in nature is changing and promising new life and new hope.

At Hospice Renfrew, we are also emerging from a long winter and although it was not a harsh one, it was different than past years due to the ongoing pandemic and the restrictions under which we are living.

Hospice continues to operate under strict COVID-19 guidelines and protocols. Some of our volunteers have returned to their pre-pandemic duties but many are still unable to contribute like they did prior to March 2020.

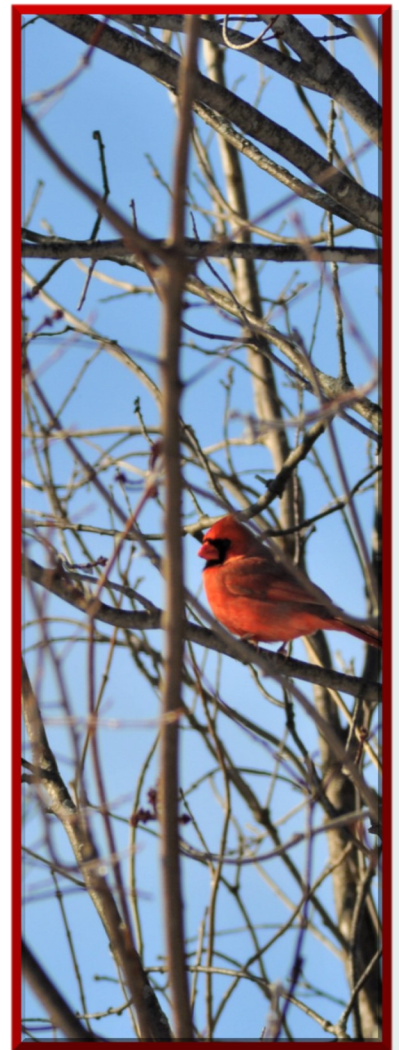
From an operational point, Hospice Renfrew is running smoothly and efficiently. Our management team continues to provide strong leadership and our staff remain committed to providing the very best in care.

Like so many of you, I too am very proud and indeed privileged to be a part of this wonderful facility, this wonderful team of staff and volunteers.

Whether you are a part of the staff or a volunteer, your contributions are valued, and your services are appreciated more than you will ever know.

When a person is committed to their job, and a volunteer is committed to a cause, there is no greater feeling of satisfaction.

I wish to also express thanks to my fellow board members – Donna Anderson, Bill McMahon, Leo Hall, George Wade, Jamie Cybulskie, Karen McEwen and Kevin Cherry for the time they give to serving on the board that governs this facility. Each and everyone share their knowledge and talents contributing to the overall ongoing success of Hospice Renfrew.



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## NEW RURAL REFLECTION LEGACY WALL

### **We are very excited to share our 'New Rural Reflection Legacy Wall'**

We are very excited to share that our new 'Rural Reflection Legacy Wall' has now been installed.

A special 'Thank you' to Don Burchat for his time and talent in building this masterpiece for us.

The landscape mural that was crafted by Don, represents rural Renfrew County and is constructed of various local woods. Each component of the scene may be purchased with a single donation and will be acknowledged with an engraved brass plaque.

These funds will continue to sustain Hospice programs, services and support future projects. If you are interested in more information please feel free to email us at [info@hospicerenfrew.ca](mailto:info@hospicerenfrew.ca)

Please visit our website for more information. [www.hospicerenfrew.ca](http://www.hospicerenfrew.ca)





## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

As we all know, the year 2020 was a year like no other. Most events were postponed and life was in limbo for everyone. This was something beyond our control and yet something we all had in common, no matter where we lived.

We held our first Virtual Celebration of Life on February 24, 2021. Due to the stay at home orders, we postponed our services for 2020 until this year. We never thought almost a year later, we would still be in the same scenario, so we went ahead with our Celebration of Life to honour the loved ones from 2019.

Special thanks to our Grief & Bereavement Counsellor, Julie Keon, our staff and the many volunteers who participated in this event that we hosted for our families via Zoom.

We will be hosting another Virtual Celebration of Life in May to honour our loved ones of 2020.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**Executive Director — Marjorie Joly**

"**April showers bring May flowers**" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of **April**, can **bring** about very enjoyable things indeed -- even an abundance of **flowers** in **May**.

While 2020 was a very challenging year for everyone, it is behind us now and all we can do is move forward with positivity. Our staff and volunteers have all received their 1<sup>st</sup> doses of the COVID Vaccine, we continue to follow all the COVID guidelines, and we have an adequate supply of personal protective equipment. All of which will help us protect our residents during the next phases of this pandemic.

We are adhering to our strategic plan and we have also developed several new initiatives that will continue to foster a resident centered approach to care.

We are very fortunate that we can continue to provide the level of **care** ❤️ **comfort** ❤️ and **compassion** ❤️ that Hospice Renfrew is known for. We continue to be grateful for all our staff and volunteers who help us to provide the excellent care to all our residents and their families.

We are truly humbled daily by all the support that the community provides to us.

*"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."*  
*Voltaire*



## YEARS OF SERVICE



Mike and Sharon Gallagher have been an instrumental duo to our Hospice Volunteer team. They both have been part of the Hospice family for 10 years and are now going into their eleventh year.

Mike volunteers in our Resident and Family support team; as well as, being a part of the Garden team alongside of Sharon. Congratulations to them both for their 10 years of dedication to Hospice Renfrew.

Special recognition to Sharon Arbic & Emma Groves who have served here as employee members for five years! Congratulations on achieving this anniversary with us! We know you have worked hard and we truly appreciate your dedication to Hospice Renfrew.

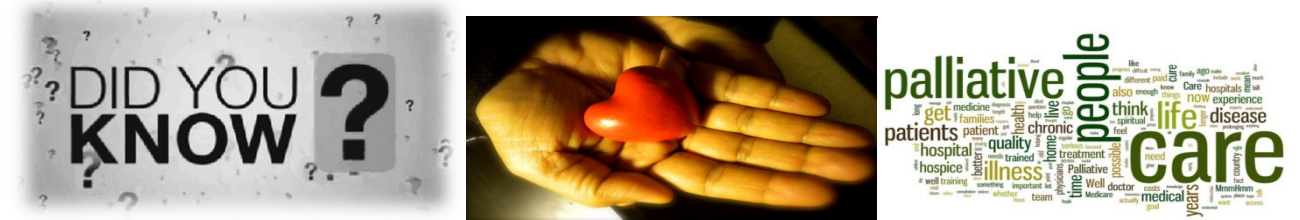
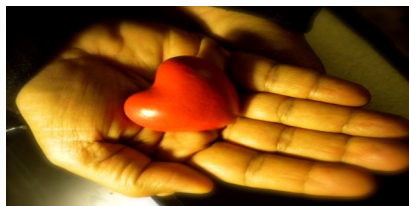




**DID YOU KNOW?**

*“Endings matter, not just for the person but, perhaps even more, for the ones left behind.” Atul Gawande*

- There is no cost for any of our programs and services.
- We were the first rural residential hospice in Ontario.
- We provide short stay respite care.
- Hospice care is for anyone who needs comfortable compassionate end-of-life care .
- Our specially trained team includes registered nurses, registered practical nurses, personal support workers, physicians and volunteers. We provide care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Our family centered approach makes sure care and support are there for the family long after a stay at Hospice has ended.
- Hospice Renfrew is a registered charity.



## UPCOMING EVENT—VIRTUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Virtual Hike for Hospice coming this May. Check out our Facebook page, Twitter and our website for more information on how to register. More details are coming soon....

Special thanks to the many hands that have been involved to help plan this annual event. We are hoping that 2022 allows us to have our Hike together.

In the meantime, start planning your teams now so you're ready when the registration portal opens in early April!



**HOSPICE RENFREW**  
MISSION \* VISION \* VALUES

**Our Mission:**

To assist terminally ill individuals to live as fully as possible while maintaining their dignity and comfort, as well as providing support to family and friends.

**Our Vision:**

Hospice Renfrew will provide and maintain a freestanding residential hospice to provide end-of-life care to terminally ill people and their families throughout the County of Renfrew.

**Our Values:**

We at Hospice Renfrew strive to achieve our Mission and Objectives by living our Core Values which drive how we operate across every level.

Respect, Empathy, Passion,  
Hospitality, Stewardship, Honesty,  
Learning and Celebration



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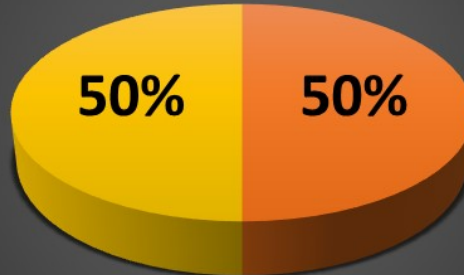
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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**\$ 1.6 Million**  
**Budget for 2021**



■ Government Funds ■ Fundraising

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”***  
***Margaret Mead***

**Your Donation Makes A Difference**

Only 50% of Hospice Renfrew’s operational funding comes from the government. The remainder of the more than 1.6 million we need to operate yearly comes from the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today or including Hospice Renfrew in your will or estate planning.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like the recipient and/or family notified of your gift, please fill in their address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send receipt to: (a complete legible address is required for income tax receipt):

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C. \_\_\_\_\_

**You can also donate online at [hospicerenfrew.ca](https://www.hospicerenfrew.ca)** Click on the “Donate Now” button on the front page.

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