

Hospice Happenings

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SUMMER MESSAGE

Chair—Gerald Tracey

Time is passing by quickly and before we know it, the pandemic will only be a memory, one we won't ever forget because it certainly changed all of our lives in some way.

The one thing COVID-19 allowed many of us to do was stop and smell the roses, as they say. For busy people, all of a sudden there was a lot more time because of lockdowns and stay-at-home orders. Many people took advantage of that time to grow closer as a family, bringing out board games, for instance, and teaching young children the games we ourselves played as a youngsters. Others used the time to purge the closets, spare rooms, dressers, photo albums and other areas that have accumulated things over the years we no longer need. And then there was Netflix to get us through those long winter nights of colder temperatures and darkness.

Life is slowly returning to normal. Most people have had their first needle and many have already received their second shot. Slowly, and with caution, we are seeing the world open its doors once again. Politicians are emerging from the pandemic bruised and battered after taking many blows from an impatient society. It's funny how many of us feel "we should be exempted" from the guidelines.

On behalf of my fellow board members, I want to pass on our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all staff and volunteers at Hospice Renfrew. You are a truly remarkable team and you provide wonderful care, comfort and compassion to our residents and their families. Hospice is such a tremendous service. Patients and family members seem to reach an inner peace here. Endings matter, not just for the person, but perhaps even more for the ones left behind. Yes, hospice is a tremendous service, but it is only because of the individuals who work and volunteer with Hospice Renfrew.

I also want to thank Marjorie Joly, who has been our executive director for just over one year now, for her strong and effective leadership. Leadership requires the ability to build and maintain a strong and collaborative team of individuals working towards the same goal. We have a very strong leader and we have a wonderful team, all working towards the same goal.

I, and all board members, thank each and every one of you. Enjoy the summer; enjoy life and live every day as if it is your last, because someday you will be right.



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RURAL REFLECTION LEGACY WALL

We want to remind you about our 'Rural Reflection Legacy Wall' that has been installed.

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











EDUCATION TRAINING FOR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

We have committed to providing continuous training to both our staff and volunteers on a monthly basis. This month we have provided both **Fire Extinguisher Training** and an opportunity for the **Food Handler Certificate Course.**

The food handler certificate was offered online and then an exam was written at the end. All provincial public health authorities in Canada recognize the certification as equivalent to FOODSAFE Level 1.

It is important that all our staff & volunteers know how to use a fire extinguisher in case of emergency.



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 second Virtual Celebration of Life on June 24, 2021. Due to government regulations, we were able to have our celebration outside where social distancing was in place. We are thankful we were able to go ahead with our Celebration of Life to honour the loved ones from 2020.

Special thanks to our Grief & Bereavement Counsellor, Julie Keon, our staff and the many volunteers who participated in this event.

We will be hosting another Celebration of Life in the fall to honour our loved ones from the first half of 2021.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director — Marjorie Joly

They say that time flies when you are having fun and I would agree.... As a young girl I remember my father telling me to pick a profession that I would enjoy and luckily, I was able to do that.

It is hard to believe that a year ago this month I started working at Hospice Renfrew. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the staff, volunteers, and board members. I have also had an opportunity to meet various stakeholders, many of them virtually at this time and have started to develop some great working relationships.

People often ask me "How are things going at Hospice?' and I am always so pleased to say that they are going very well. We are almost halfway thru the year and continue to be on track with all our initiatives as well as our fundraising events.

We have just registered to begin our process to become accredited. This will take approximately one year to complete and will allow us the opportunity to review all our processes to ensure that we are providing the best quality of care while following best practices.

I am so proud to be part of this amazing team and I am in awe of the way that our staff and volunteers welcome our residents and families into our home and provide them with such excellent care.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!!

"Two sons and their wives were blessed to spend some precious quality time with their mother. Thank you for the support & wonderful care you provided." Quote from a recent family





JUNE CALLWOOD VOLUNTEER AWARD



The June Callwood Award was established in 1994 by the Hospice Association of Ontario, joined in 2011 with Ontario Palliative Care Association to form Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, to acknowledge and thank outstanding hospice volunteers throughout Ontario. The award was named in honour of the late June Callwood, the Award Patron, long-time advocate of hospice, community activist, author, and recipient of the Order of Canada. June was a recipient of this award in 1995.

Each hospice in Ontario that is a HPCO organizational member, was invited to nominate one volunteer from within their organization who exemplifies the spirit of hospice volunteerism. "Darlene is a selfless and passionate caring woman who is respectful and thought kindly of by others," says Debroah Coelho, Volunteer Coordinator. Prior to retirement, Darlene showed empathy and kindness as a hospice nurse, which she then continued as a volunteer since 2016 here at Hospice Renfrew.

"We are so thankful for all our volunteers," says Executive Director, Marjorie Joly. "Volunteers are special people whom we rely on to help us in many ways. Darlene has played a key role in many areas, most recently as she serves as part of our Grief & Bereavement Support."

DID YOU KNOW?

"When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them."
Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

- We offer Grief & Bereavement Support to our families and have a counsellor employed to visit our residents on a regular basis.
- We employ 40 staff.
- We have approximately 60 volunteers.
- Hospice staff are 100% vaccinated.
- All our active volunteers are 100% vaccinated.
- We opened our doors to our first resident on January 28, 2008. We will celebrate 15 years of providing care, comfort and compassion in 2023.





UPCOMING EVENT-HOSPICE CLASSIC

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Annual Hospice Classic coming this August. Check out our Facebook page, Twitter and our website to follow updates!

In the meantime, start planning your teams now as the registration portal is now open!







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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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

\$ 1.6 Million Budget for 2021



■ Government Funds

■ Fundraising



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"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln

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. Hospice Renfrew is a registered charity #864058839RR0001.

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You can also donate online at hospicerenfrew.ca Click on the "Donate Now" button on the front page.

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