

# Hospice Happenings

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## SUMMER MESSAGE

Chair— Gerald Tracey

*“Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.”*

I don’t know who coined that phrase, but it makes a lot of sense to start your day off on a happy note.

And now that spring is here and summer is just around the corner, it’s hard not to be positive. The weather is nice, the trees are covered in green with new foliage, flowers are colourful and shrubs are blossoming.

COVID-19 is still lingering, but we are now learning to live with it. There are some instances of people becoming quite ill from the virus, but for the most part if you are vaccinated and you contract COVID, it’s like a flu that zaps your energy and puts you down for a few days.

At Hospice Renfrew, we are very fortunate to have come through the past two years and two months without any serious outbreaks or staff illnesses. That is a testament to the guidelines put in place at Hospice Renfrew and to the efforts of all staff, volunteers and visitors adhering to them.

It sure was nice to see the return of the in-person *Hike for Hospice* on Sunday, May 1. Not only was it a beautiful day, but it was great to see so many people out to enjoy the event and support this major annual fundraiser. It was a huge success with **\$110,000** raised thanks to the generosity of so many people.

On behalf of my fellow board members, I extend a huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who ensure the smooth running of Hospice Renfrew. We have a great team of dedicated and committed volunteers who truly go out of their way to provide the big three Cs – comfort, care and compassion.

We were saddened with departure of Wendy Hewitt, our Clerical and Communication Coordinator at the end of April, and wish her all the best in her new position with the Pembroke Fire Department which is very close to where she resides. We will miss her cheerful disposition and willingness to go above and beyond. I would like to welcome Kim Fraser to the Hospice Team and I look forward to working with her.

I also extend a big thank you to our Executive Director, Marjorie Joly, whose strong and effective leadership is reflected in the positive attitude and all around good feeling that permeates throughout the facility. We have a wonderful team, all working towards the same goal.

Enjoy the summer; enjoy life and live every day to the fullest. And remember, *every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.*



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## STAFF RECOGNITION

During the month of May, we had the opportunity to celebrate staff for their dedication, compassion and care that they provide to support the end of life journey for our residents and their families. As a way of saying thank-you, staff was treated to a variety of surprises throughout the month. We had the opportunity to show our staff how much they are appreciated for all of their hard-work and dedication to Hospice Renfrew. Staff members were given a variety of small tokens of appreciation, such as gift certificates, baskets with sweet treats, pens, candies and cold drinks. Thank-you to all staff members.



## VOLUNTEER DINNER

As you are aware we have an outstanding number of volunteers who assist the staff by providing countless hours of their time to help keep Hospice Renfrew running smoothly. In April to show our appreciation we hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner. All volunteers were treated to a Hawaiian themed dinner and murder mystery. Everyone in attendance got to shine as the spotlight was on them, as they worked their way through the clues and tried to solve the who-dun-it mystery as tidbits of information and clues unfolded over the evening. There was lots of laughter and good food shared by all throughout the evening.



## HIKE FOR HOSPICE RENFREW

2022 will be a Hike for Hospice Renfrew to remember! The weather was gorgeous, entertainment was amusing, and the turnout was over the top. The pledges just kept coming in to show us the generosity of our residents and businesses, with the final tally being a grant total of \$110,000.

Top three teams raised over \$23,000. The Eganville Leader, Steph's Sweeties and the Dunbar family

Thank you to our sponsors, team members and everyone who supported team members with pledges for your support.



## UPCOMING EVENT –HOSPICE RENFREW CLASSIC

Mark your calendars for Friday August 5th, for the upcoming **Annual Hospice Renfrew Classic**. You do not want to miss the fun! In the meantime, start planning your teams now as the registration portal is now open! Details are on our Facebook page, Twitter and our website!

Gazebo tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Tickets will be going on sale soon, check out our website and social media platforms for details.





ANNUAL  
**HOSPICE RENFREW CLASSIC**

In Support of  
**HOSPICE RENFREW**  
CARE • COMFORT • COMPASSION

**FRIDAY AUGUST 5, 2022**  
**12 pm SHOTGUN START**

LUNCH TO GO AND 18 HOLES WITH CART  
& APPS TO FOLLOW  
COST PER PERSON \$150

**DRAGONFLY GOLF LINKS**  
955 Opeongo Rd, Renfrew ON

**TICKETS FOR SALE TO WIN**  
\$10 each or 3 for \$25

To register your team  
email [hospicerenfrewclassic@gmail.com](mailto:hospicerenfrewclassic@gmail.com)  
call Kevin Cherry at 613-794-3019  
or Casey Cherry at 613-222-9442

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



### Executive Director — Marjorie Joly

As the days are getting longer and the weather gets warmer, I am reminded of what spring is all about, growth. Hospice Renfrew continues to grow as we add new staff and volunteers, learn new skills, purchase new equipment, create new initiatives, revise current processes, and add new programs. We would not be able to do all these things without the guidance of our board members and our exceptional team of admin staff, physicians, nurses, personal support workers and volunteers.

This year we will be completing our accreditation, the entire process has taken over a year to complete and our final step will be to host a site visit for the surveyors this summer. We look forward to sharing our results with you.

Thank you to everyone in our community who continues to support hospice in so many ways, we would not be able to provide all the care, comfort and compassion to our residents and their families without your unwavering support and generosity.

***“Sometimes You Forget You’re Awesome,  
So This Is Your Reminder”***  
*Unknown*



## JUNE CALLWOOD VOLUNTEER AWARD

“Mary Jo Beckstead has been a very valuable member of our volunteer group since 2017. Her role began in reception, but transitioned into our resident and family support team. Mary Jo helps with our celebration of life ceremonies, and helps to host our special holiday dinners.

Volunteer Coordinator, Debroah Coelho stated that, “Mary Jo is best known for her willingness to help wherever needed, and her cheerful personality and bright smile.” Her willingness to help in all areas along with her gentle approach to each residents’ needs has been invaluable to us. We are so grateful to have Mary Jo as part of the Volunteer Team at Hospice Renfrew. Mary Jo’s commitment to Hospice Renfrew has been exemplary.

### ***Congratulations from Hospice Renfrew!***

The June Callwood Awards acknowledge outstanding Hospice Volunteers from across Ontario. The Award was established and named in honor of the late June Callwood in 1994 in recognition of her long-time advocacy for Hospice. Ms. Callwood was Patron of the Award from 1994 until her death and considered the Award Ceremony a high point of each year.



## DID YOU KNOW?

*“Every Day May Not Be Good, But There Is Something Good In Every Day.”*  
**Unknown**

- We will be *celebrating* our *15 year Anniversary* on January 28, 2023! This marks the date that we opened our doors to accept our very first patient back in 2008. For 15 years we have been providing care, comfort and compassion to our clients and their families.
- We have 5 of volunteer teams that help to keep Hospice Renfrew running smoothly. Our valuable volunteers can be seen in and around the grounds and building daily.
- We offer Grief & Bereavement Support to our families and have a counsellor employed to visit our residents on a regular basis.
- We have added some new staff this spring. Please give them all a very warm welcome.



## RURAL REFLECTIONS LEGACY WALL

Our 'Rural Reflection Legacy Wall' is growing and leafing out as names are added to this amazing piece of artwork. The funds generated will continue to sustain Hospice programs, services and support future projects. We are happy to announce the Rural Reflections Legacy Wall to-date has earned \$21,800. 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)



**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.

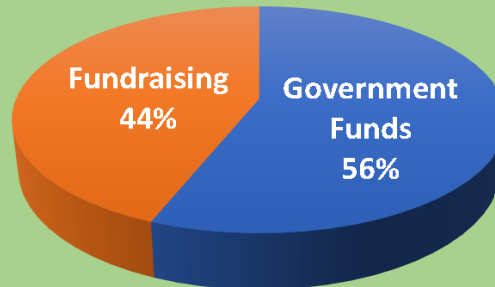
**Our Values:**

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

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**\$ 1.6 Million**  
**Budget for 2022**



■ Government Funds ■ Fundraising



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**May is National Leave a Legacy Month**

As the name implies legacy giving allows you to plan future support to leave a bequest in your will. Your legacy gift is a thoughtful way to leave a lasting gift to future generations.

There are many options to consider your support through a bequest, estate plan, annuity, charitable trust, RRSP/RRIFs, real estate and life insurance.

Your legacy can be arranged in the present, through an individual's lawyer or adviser.

If you would like more information about leaving a Legacy gift please contact us.

**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.

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:

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

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**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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