

Valley Hospice Foundation

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Annual Report—2009/10



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Report from the Chair

Our quest to build a hospice in the Valley will soon become a reality. Our community has responded extremely well to the **Our Community, Our Health Campaign** and for this we are extremely grateful. Fundraising will continue until we reach our goal of \$8 million dollars, half of which will go to the Valley Hospice Foundation and the other half to the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation. We are now more than half way there! Congratulations to the entire team and to the many tireless volunteers making this happen.

Our collaboration with Annapolis Valley Health continues through the Options Committee. The Hospice will be a vital part of the of the district's palliative care program that cares for patients and their families throughout the Valley.

At each monthly meeting of the Board of the Valley Hospice Foundation for the last three years one item on the agenda has focused on a recent book or article dealing with palliative care or studies in bereavement. In this way Board members attempt to keep up to date with developments in these fields and become aware of advances in various parts of the world. During the last year we have studied three articles of special importance. The first was a ruling by the Supreme Court of Western Australia that scientifically affects the rights of terminally ill patients in health care facilities. The Court ruled that such facilities should no longer feed and hydrate patients against their wish. The ruling reversed a decades-old aspect of English law that makes it a criminal offence to "aid, abet, counsel or procure the suicide of another." Now, under certain strict conditions, a patient in a health care facility who wishes to die, may (indeed must) be allowed to do so. Second, an article in the *International Journal of Clinical Practice* identifies twelve principles of a good death, which it claims "are increasingly accepted by health care professionals in palliative care..." Third, an article in *American Psychologist* in 2004 has proved to be a landmark study of "Loss Trauma and Human Resilience," underlining that people grieve differently and that individuals are usually more resilient than we recognize. (Copies of the notes provided to the Directors at each meeting (one or two pages) may be obtained from Dale Sanford at the Hospice Foundation office - 542-2265.)



An important part of the Hospice will be our garden. The garden will serve patients, family, friends and staff. It will be a place of quiet respite, reflection and relaxation, filled with colour and warmth. Our garden will be a soothing, multisensory experience for all to enjoy.

Our work at the Valley Hospice Foundation continues to grow. We are very grateful to the community for its support and encouragement. We very much look forward to concluding our campaign and starting the next phases of architectural design and construction.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Directors for their tireless work both with the various Campaign Committees as well as with our ongoing Hospice work. Cheers to the year past and the year to come.

Diana Patterson—Chair

Our Community Our Health Campaign

Our Community Our Health Campaign was proudly launched to the public on February 10, 2010, with the announcement of achieving 50% of the \$8 million goal. Since the last annual report, an additional \$2 million has been raised. As of year end, March 31, 2010 just over \$4.2 million has been committed in support of the establishment of our Valley Hospice and Palliative Care Centre and to expanded healthcare services at Valley Regional Hospital. We have reached this milestone with the support of generous corporations, individuals, community groups and foundations throughout the Annapolis Valley, and through the leadership of the Campaign Cabinet and their teams.

Our Community Our Health Campaign Cabinet

Gwen Phillips ~ Chair, Pace Setting Team

Diana Patterson ~ Co Chair Family Gifts Team

Sandra Snow ~ Co-Chair Family Gifts Team

Robin Hennigar ~ Chair Major Gifts Team

Gale Abbey ~ Chair Communication Committee

Wayne Woodman ~ Chair Joint Campaign Management Committee



The *Our Community, Our Health* Campaign is about the residents of the Annapolis Valley taking ownership of and connecting to our healthcare services in our communities across the Valley. As part of our continued strategy to raise funds, business leaders and volunteers associated with the Campaign Team have been making presentations and requesting support from prospects throughout the Valley. You may reach our Campaign office by calling (902) 365.1701 (3513) or visit us at www.OurCommunityOurHealth.ca

Wayne Woodman –Vice Chair

Valley Hospice Foundation Financial Statements—2009/2010

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	
Assets	
Cash	\$ 12,258
Acct Rec.	10,153
Investments	141,377
<i>Our Community/Our Health</i>	
Capital	667,437
Project Cost	<u>11,089</u>
	\$842,314
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Liabilities	
Payables & Accruals	3,691
Surplus	
Surplus	<u>838,623</u>
	\$ 842,314
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Revenue	
Donations	16,755
Fundraising	240
Interest	<u>1,525</u>
	18,520
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Expenses	
Audit	905
Bank Charges	254
Dues and fee	103
Meeting Expenses	254
Office Expenses	787
Parking	180
Publicity	1,113
Telephone	462
Wages	<u>29,314</u>
	33,372
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Current Year	(14,852)
Excess of Rev over Exp	
Capital Campaign	<u>194,381</u>
	179,529
Surplus,	
Beginning of Year	<u>659,094</u>
Surplus,	
End of Year	838,623
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