



Annual Report 2011-2012

13 June 2012

**A Word From the Chair**

*"Stay the course" is to hold out or persevere to the end of a race or challenge regardless of any obstacles or criticism.*

I begin this Annual Report for 2011/12 by praising my fellow directors, Hospice members and partners for holding our course towards the realization of a Hospice and Palliative Care Centre in the Annapolis Valley.

This journey began more than 10 years ago, and since then, the many new partnerships in the community have proven to be essential to completing the final piece of the Our Community Our Health Campaign and completing the Hospice Centre. I wish to thank Henry Hicks and the Capital Campaign Team for continuing to build strong relationships with our donors and the community, and who remain committed to reaching our financial goals.

Our collaboration with Annapolis Valley Health (AVH) continues through the *Hospice Options Working Group*, and we are pleased with the newly renovated space in the Medical Unit designed to improve the experience of patients and families as they journey through end of life. We also look forward to working with the staff of AVH on the development phase of the Hospice Centre in the coming months.

This past year the Hospice Executive began a planning phase for the future role of the Valley Hospice Foundation as an independent charity serving the Annapolis Valley. Areas of focus include Advisory and Advocacy. Once the Centre is operational the Foundation will be part of a Hospice Advisory Group that will replace the Hospice Options Working Group. It will also be our goal to review, strengthen and engage our membership, and to bring needed resources to the Hospice program. We recently launched our new website with links to social media and hope it will become a communications hub for palliative care news.

The Valley Hospice Foundation is pleased to welcome Dr. Heather Price to speak about Music Therapy in Palliative Care at this AGM. So often people struggle to find words adequate to cope with dying and our words aren't quite up to the job.

In closing I leave you with a quote from Hans Christian Anderson ~

*"Where Words Fail, Music Speaks"*

**Diana Patterson**  
Chair

The bank account for administrative purposes for the Valley Hospice Foundation was \$13,129 as of March 31, 2012 and there is a one year cashable GIC, maturing April 2012, in the amount of \$162,980.

The major asset of the Foundation is the investment of \$1,371,040 to "Our Community, Our Health" campaign for the building of the Hospice. It is noted that this reflects the net of gifts & payments received towards multi-year pledges to the Hospice portion of the Capital project. The total assets are \$1,559,058.

Campaign costs are budgeted at 15% over a span of a 5 year campaign period.

The Valley Hospice Foundation's audited statements are available to the public for review.

**Jim Noonan -Treasurer**

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Hospice Options Working Group

Representatives of the Valley Hospice Foundation serve on The Hospice Options Working Group, a joint committee through which they work directly with Annapolis Valley Health staff. The group acts as a resource to support and provide input during the development stage of the Hospice Centre. Fern Brydon, District Manager for Palliative Care and Continuing Care, AVH, chairs the group. Group members include: Kathy Swindell, Nurse Manager (Medical Unit), Valley Regional Hospital; Fran Duggan, Director of Health Programs – Seniors Care AVH; Diana Patterson, VHF Chair; Kathy Phillips, Community Representative; and Don Wells, VHF Vice Chair, Operations. Other professionals consult with the group when appropriate.

The group has been working on policies and practices relating to the current and future palliative care program relating to the new Hospice. Among other matters, the complicated issue of medical charts as patients move between services was addressed over the past year. A "Travelling Chart" has been proposed as a solution, and it is now in final stages of approval by AVH.

Beginning in July of 2011, the Group assisted the hospital management as it introduced two palliative care rooms to the medical unit to be used until the Hospice is completed. These rooms have been remodeled to be more comfortable and homelike. With the help of the Our Community Our Health Campaign, the VRH Auxiliary and the VRHF the rooms have been equipped with double hospital beds and comfortable lounge chairs so that families may stay in the room. The rooms will permit hospital staff to become familiar with hospice-like operations.

Since its inception the Group has focused on policies and procedures necessary for the operation of the Hospice, with a goal of ensuring that we are ready on the day that the new facility is completed. When the Hospice becomes operational, the Options Working Group will be replaced with the Hospice Advisory Committee, as provided in the operating agreement between the Valley Hospice Foundation and Annapolis Valley Health. This Advisory committee will continue with work similar to that of the Hospice Options Working Group.

**Diana Patterson and Don Wells**

The Valley Hospice Foundation is raising funds to build our Hospice and Palliative Care Centre through the Our Community Our Health Campaign. The Joint Campaign Management Committee (JCMC) consisting of members of the Valley Hospice Foundation, Valley Regional Hospital Foundation and the CEO of Annapolis Valley Health manage the Capital Campaign. An agreement approved by the partnering boards guides the work and governs the funds.

At the close of this fiscal year, \$6,153,719 has been raised towards an \$8 million goal, of which \$4 million will go towards the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre, \$3 million for Redevelopment at VRH and \$1 million for needed medical equipment.

During 2011/12 the process of strategic cultivation and solicitation of prospects continued, while a new team of volunteers became active in the Middleton area. Our Campaign is riding a wave that must be kept in motion. The development of strategic communication within the communities of the Annapolis Valley, as well as a flexible fundraising plan is underway, and, we have embarked on a series of discussions with partners and stakeholders to help chart the final leg of our journey towards breaking ground for the Hospice building.

While redevelopment projects at Valley Regional Hospital have been completed they still require funding from this campaign, as does the Hospice Centre. The remaining amount of approximately \$2 million (\$1 million for the Hospice) will be our biggest challenge, but we believe we are realistic in our plans for reaching these goals. As economic conditions improve, the Campaign will grow and be completed successfully.

Campaign Overview by Division: March 31, 2012

Family Gifts Team:	1,308,424
Pacesetting Gifts Team:	3,280,358
Major Gifts Team:	428,368
Community Gifts:	107,770
General Public:	683,799
Total:	5,808,719
Verbal Commitments:	345,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,153,719</b>



We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of our benefactors, friends and dedicated volunteers.

Supporters are listed at [www.OurCommunityOurHealth](http://www.OurCommunityOurHealth)



Wayne Woodman  
Vice-Chair Fundraising

The following is the proposed list of Board Members for the year 2012-2013. Retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with Article 26 of the By-Laws of the Valley Hospice Foundation.

There is no Term Expiry date for the Past Chairman since the term is dependent on the stepping down of the current Chairperson.

Election is required for Diana Patterson, Don Wells, Karen Burch and Beverly Richardson at the June, 2012 meeting.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRY</u>
Chairperson	Diana Patterson	31 March 2015
Past Chairperson	Dr. James R. C. Perkin	As Required
Vice-Chair Fundraising	Wayne Woodman	31 March 2013
Vice-Chair Operations	Dr. Don Wells	31 March 2015
Treasurer	James Noonan	31 March 2014
Director	Dr. David Acton	31 March 2014
Director	Dr. Jeanette Auger	31 March 2013
Director	Dr. Karen Burch	31 March 2015
Director	Robbie Harrison	31 March 2014
Director	Beverly Richardson	31 March 2015
Director	Martha Stewart	31 March 2013
Director	Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2013

**Don Wells**  
Vice Chair - Operations