



The holiday season is upon us and we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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A Year of Challenges has passed and we have good news!

This year we celebrate the holiday season with the wonderful news that our long awaited Hospice is becoming a reality. Many of you already know that in August 2016, Premier Stephen McNeil officially announced the new residential Hospice for the Annapolis Valley.

Most importantly, the Valley Hospice Foundation has come to an agreement with the new Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) that is grounded in a vision that was laid out several years ago by our Board and by our partners in the community. That vision is a residential Hospice that will offer dying patients, who for any reason are unable to die at home, and their loved ones a welcoming, quiet and comfortable alternative to hospital-based palliative care.

It is with excitement that we report that the planning and design of the Hospice is underway for construction in 2017. The funds raised through the Our Community Our Health Capital Campaign will pay for the construction. The NSHA will operate the Hospice.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Campaign for the Hospice.

The Valley Hospice Foundation acknowledges that we are fortunate to have access to a wonderful Palliative Care Team in the Annapolis Valley. As we celebrate the start of our residential Hospice, we also enter a new chapter of providing enhancements to the Hospice and Palliative Care programs that might not be otherwise included in the operating budget. This comes in the form of supporting volunteers, providing for professional and community education on issues around dying and bereavement, and offering new creative programs known to improve the lives of dying patients and their families.

The Hospice is becoming a reality because of you. It will be a great service to our community. We hope you will continue to help make our Hospice the best it can be!

At the Heart of Hospice

Nancy Chipman is one of many palliative care volunteers serving the Valley. Always seeking to learn more, it is no surprise that she took time while in New Brunswick to visit another community's residential Hospice. It was fall, and someone had dropped off some plums, so they were making jam when she was there. Later volunteers would take a tea cart from room to room serving tea, scones and fresh plum jam. For sure, a welcomed treat for everyone.

But Nancy is a different kind of volunteer. She has been supporting patients in their homes and in the hospital for over 20 years. As a clinical volunteer, she knows first-hand the complicated and sensitive issues that volunteers must be prepared for. Whether volunteering in the kitchen or spending time with patients and families, a hospice palliative care volunteer requires special training and support.

Volunteers will play a significant role in our Hospice.





Family and Friends honor the memory of PC Joe Joseph...

"This year we had a record number golfers play and we were able to raise over \$5000.00 for the Hospice! We were able to build onto the value of PC Joseph's life and further his life story. Our Dad was raised to be bigger than himself and was always taught the value of helping others achieve greatness! Throughout his life he has constantly shown the value of thinking about the greater good and always offered support to others to help them reach their full potential." Love Always, the Joseph Family

We're excited to start planning the 4th annual golf classic and hoping to see everyone again next July at Eagle Crest Golf Club!



Leave a Legacy

Planning a gift in your will is one way to help the Hospice into the future!



Cleaning out your Closet? You can help the Hospice too....

By donating your gently used clothing at the Consignors Place in New Minas in the name of the Valley Hospice Foundation, the Hospice will receive 40% of the selling price of your items. Your group can host a clothing drive and help the Hospice! www.consignorsplace.com



5th annual Hike for Hospice May 7, 2017!

It is never too soon to get your friends together and start fundraising!

Please consider a gift to support Hospice and Palliative Care!

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Amount: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$_____ (any amount helps)

I wish to make a gift monthly in the amount of \$ _____ Starting Date: _____

Cheque payable to Valley Hospice Foundation or donate on-line www.valleyhospice.ca

Visa/MC # _____ Exp Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Signature: _____