

Christmas Wishes 2017



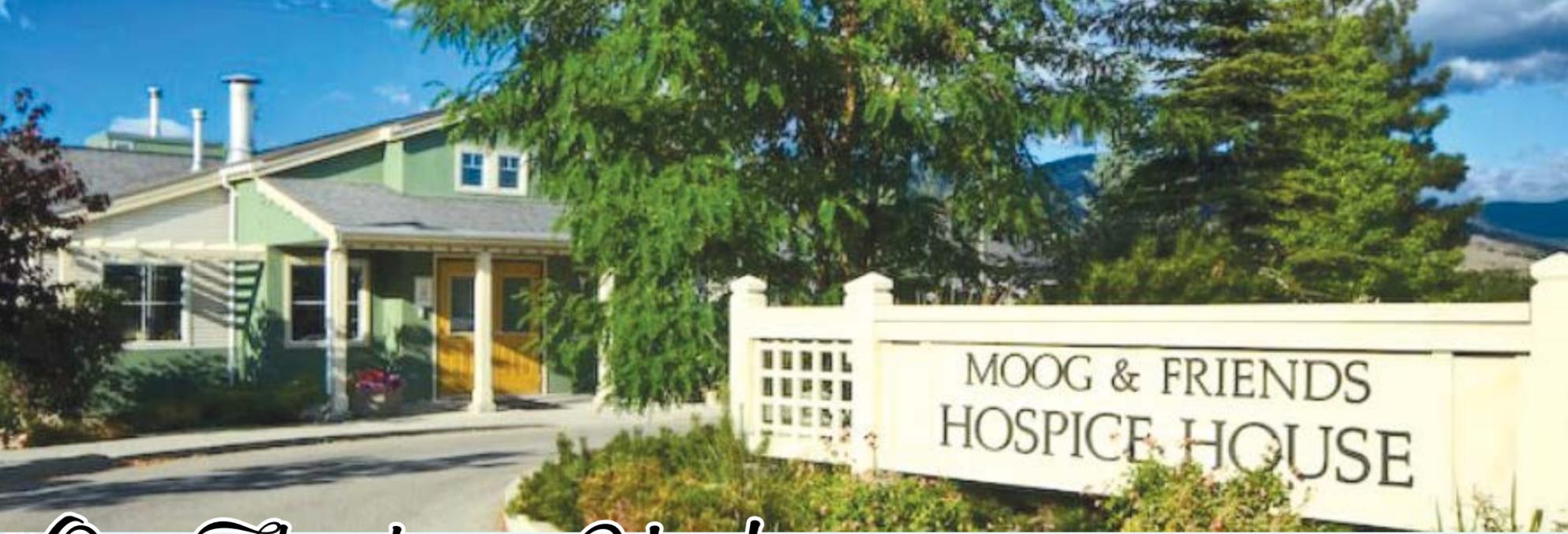
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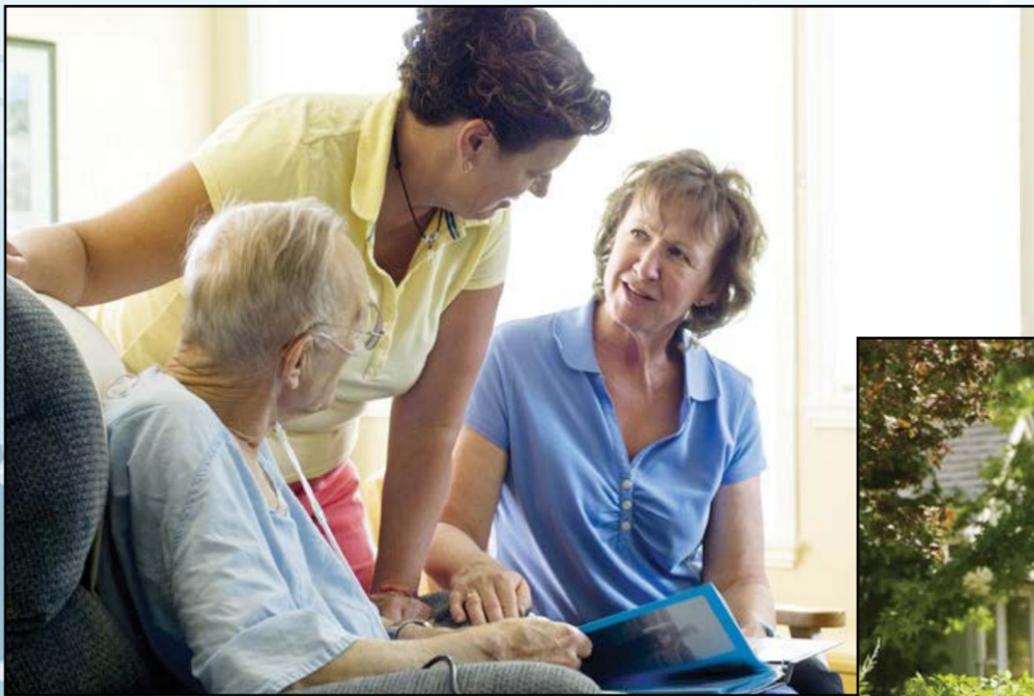
Our Thanks to You!

The Penticton and District Hospice Society wishes to take this opportunity to thank all our donors, volunteers and staff at Moog and Friends Hospice House for a year of generosity, dedication and service.

Your generous donations have provided for the extras at Hospice House that have helped provide extra care and comfort for our patients. Because of your support, Hospice House is not a hospital but a warm and caring home for our patients and their families.

The generosity of the community provides for one of the best volunteer programs found in any hospice, delivery of a highly valued Child and Youth Bereavement Program and grief support for families who have lost loved ones at Hospice House.

On behalf of the Penticton and District Hospice Society Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers we wish you a joyous and safe Christmas Holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.



Child and Youth Bereavement Program Unique in Okanagan

The death of a loved one is one of life's most painful and disruptive experiences. It is life changing.

Specialized grief services to support children and youth who have lost a loved one are exceedingly rare and are typically only provided in large urban centres. The Penticton and District Hospice Society (PDHS) recognized the importance of providing this needed service and established the Child and Youth Grief Program to support grieving children and their families. It is the only program of its kind in the South Okanagan.

A Child and Youth Grief counsellor provides individual counselling to children and youth who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling or other primary relationship in their life. The counsellor runs monthly grief support groups for elementary, middle school and high school aged children and youth. The counsellor also works with parents to provide information and support on children's grief and will refer them as needed to other community resources and agencies. In addition, the Child and Youth Grief Program offers education and training on supporting grieving children and teens, supporting children in school, and supporting children after a suicide.

The Child and Youth Grief Program meets a very specific gap in services in the South Okanagan. Grief itself is not a mental health disorder and so does not fit the current mandate of Child and Youth Mental Health Services. However, the hospice society recognizes that skilled grief support services is preventative mental health care. Research shows that when a child or teen has experienced the death of a parent or sibling they are at greater risk of low self-esteem, and higher rates of anxiety, depression, and problematic behaviour. Children who have lost a family member by suicide are at a greater long term risk of suicide themselves.

The purpose of the Child and Youth Grief Program is to create a safe environment grounded in compassion and understanding in which children and youth can express the pain of their loss, develop strategies to find comfort, foster communication, and develop greater emotional resilience. The impact of this intervention can be lifelong for some children.

Grieving children are better supported when the important people in their life have a good understanding of children's grief and how to support them. Therefore, the program also provides grief education and consultation to parents, teachers, and community agencies in order to build our community's capacity to respond to grieving children and youth in a healthy way.

The Child and Youth Grief Program office is located in Penticton but services the South Okanagan. Most children and youth who receive services are from Summerland and Penticton, but children and families also travel from Oliver, Osoyoos, and Keremeos to meet with the counsellor because of the lack of children's grief services in those communities. In addition, the counsellor has travelled to Princeton and Osoyoos to provide education and training to service providers in those communities.

The target audience for services are children and youth up to the age of 19 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary relationship (i.e. grandparent, stepparent, or very close friend). For very young children (usually age 4 and under) the counsellor will work with parents in order to give them the information and support needed to best support their child.

Although children experience many forms of loss (divorce, foster care, parental incarceration) the services provided are targeted to children who experience loss from a death. The causes of death have included illness, homicide, suicide, overdose, and accident. Many of the children who receive services through our program were witnesses to traumatic events.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2018.
Dan Ashton

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May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart and home with joy today and throughout the coming year. To all our family, friends and customers have a

Merry Christmas And A Happy And Safe New Year.

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Thank you to our friends, partners and clients who have helped us achieve another successful year.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and Health and Prosperity for 2018.

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Gregory J. Litwin
Notary Public

Gregory J. Litwin and Staff would like to Wish Everyone a *Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!*

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Seasons Greetings!

Amigo Diego and Olive Alcaraz are pleased to support the Penticton Hospice Society and wishes all our Amigos and families a magical holiday season and Feliz Navidad



Christmas wishes to all our friends and family for a Safe and Happy holiday season. Karl Crosby & Family.



In appreciation of Andy Moog Hospice House Barbara Ezart and family extend their gratitude and best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas.



Merry Christmas from the Care Closet Thrift Shop to Staff and Volunteers for their dedication and to the residents of the Penticton Area who continue to support us!



Wishing everyone a warm and Happy Christmas from Reiner and Deb Huck.



Merry Christmas to all our friends Sharon, Sarah and Thor Lindstrom.



Our thanks to the staff and volunteers at the hospice for our Mom, Barbara Gibbons' last days and peaceful passing.

Mom's final words found in her wallet:

A smile is cheer to you and me
the cost is nothing - it's given free
wit comforts the weary - gladdens the sad,

Comforts those in trouble - good or bad

To rich or poor - beggars or thief

It's free to all of any belief.

A natural gesture of young and old

Cheers on the faint - disarms the bold

Unlike most blessings for which we pray

It's one thing we keep when we give it away.

Smiling a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

"Barb's Girls": Gwen Sander, Teresa Roberts, Wanda Wingrove, Blanche Cooke



I heartily support Moog Hospice House while sending Christmas Greetings to my Penticton family and all my card playing friends. Cheers! Happy New Year! from Beryl Dunstan-Adams



Seasons Greetings!

Joe and Jan Jackson are pleased to support Penticton Hospice Society and would like to wish all their family and friends a special and magical Christmas.

Mary Murkin is pleased to support the Penticton Hospice Society & wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.



Cedars Sewing Centre Ltd. sends Seasons Greetings to one and all and wish you Happy Sewing in 2018

Wishing family, friends and much appreciated community volunteers a Christmas season full of hope, and new horizons! Merry Christmas June Revell-Quevillon



Merry Christmas and every good wish for the New Year!
Ron, Adam, Kelly and Finley Arsenault.

To Our Family & Friends. May the good times and treasures of the moment, become the memories of tomorrow. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Love and Happiness. Nana & Rosie Sawyer



Dr. Gar and Barb Hatton and family are pleased to support The Penticton Hospice Society. We wish you all a special Merry Christmas!

Warm Christmas Greetings to Everyone and all those who volunteer in our community, especially at Hospice House and the Care Closet. Blessings. Patti Skinner



Tom and Elizabeth Landecker send out our Seasons Greetings to all the wonderful people we have known since we arrived in Penticton on December 10th 1969.

Joyce Walker is pleased to support The Hospice Society for their help in caring for her husband Bud. You are angels in what you do each and every day. God Bless all of you. Happy Holidays.



Artwork Contest



The Penticton Herald along with the Penticton and District Hospice Society put out a call for seasonal submissions from local artist. The most favorite as chosen by our website visitors is on the front cover.

Here are the rest of the amazing artwork that we received.

Tied for second place

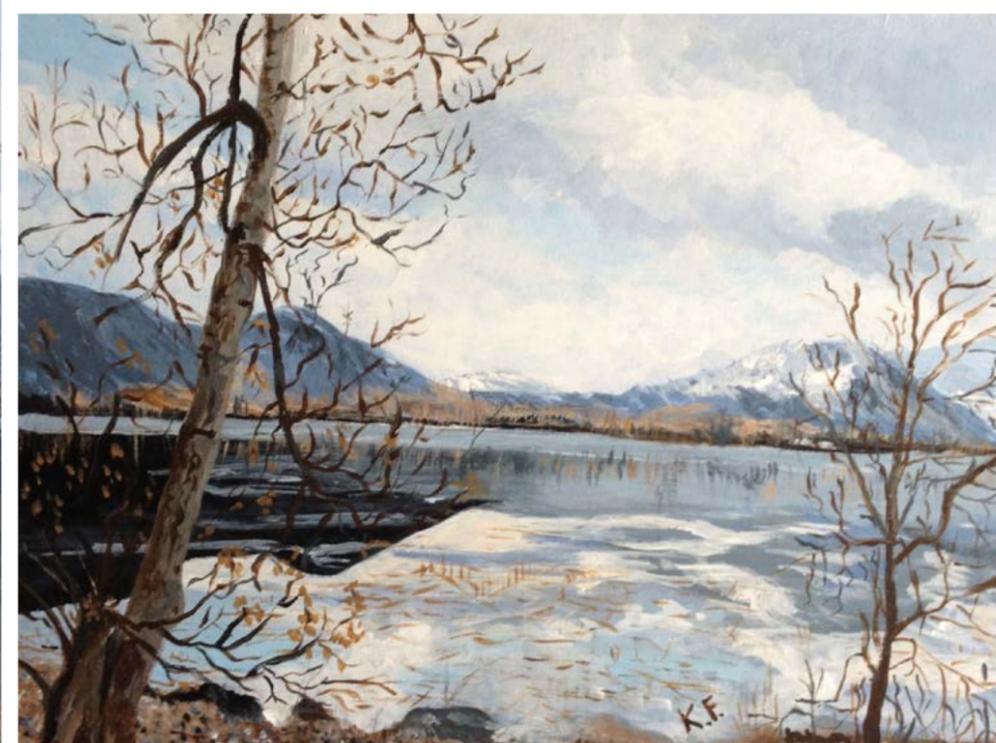
Moonlit Trek

By Diane Way

And

Chicadee on Christmas Eve

By Stephanie Perry



In fourth place

Sleeping Osoyoos Lake

By Karen Foster

