

Moog and Friends Hospice Exceptional End of Life Care

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Mission:
"To provide exceptional and compassionate care in our community to people who are nearing life's end"

The Pentiction and District Hospice Society is guided by this mission to be the faithful stewards of Moog and Friends Hospice House.

Unlike the busy bustle of a modern hospital, Moog and Friends Hospice House offers patients and their families a unique and comforting "home like" experience.

The Society works in close partnership with The Interior Health Authority and the Pentiction Regional Hospital which provides day to day staffing and operations. The Hospice Society provides funds for the very successful and important volunteer program at Hospice, maintenance of the gardens and grounds, interior furnishings and other patient comforts such as televisions, telephones and colorful comforters made and donated to Hospice by a generous community.

Located just south of Pentiction Regional Hospital, Moog and Friends Hospice House is a unique "free-standing" building with 12 well-appointed private rooms which look out onto a tranquil garden area. A large welcoming and comfortable living room space with a fireplace greets visitors. A modern kitchen where families can prepare meals or coffee and snacks was recently constructed with a generous donation by the Sovereign Order of St. John.

The Society is administered by a board of directors drawn from the community comprising individuals who have an interest in hospice. The Society's offices are located at 502 Ellis Street, Pentiction V2A 4N8. If you wish to serve as a volunteer director of the Society, please call 250-490-1107.

The beating heart of Pentiction's hospice is the active volunteer program where approximately 70 volunteers help patients with services including companionship and even music and massage therapy.

Volunteers also participate in a community outreach program which sees people in their homes, helping with a broad range of support including errands and dog walking.

Funding to maintain the volunteer program, provide patient comforts and maintain Hospice House as a warm and inviting home, is provided through donations from individual of having a hospice in the community. A significant portion of the Society's annual funding comes from a share of the profits of the "Care Closet", a successful thrift store operation in Pentiction.

Individual donations and donations in remembrance can be made directly to the hospice program at the Society's website at www.pentictionhospice.com or by calling 250-490-1107.

