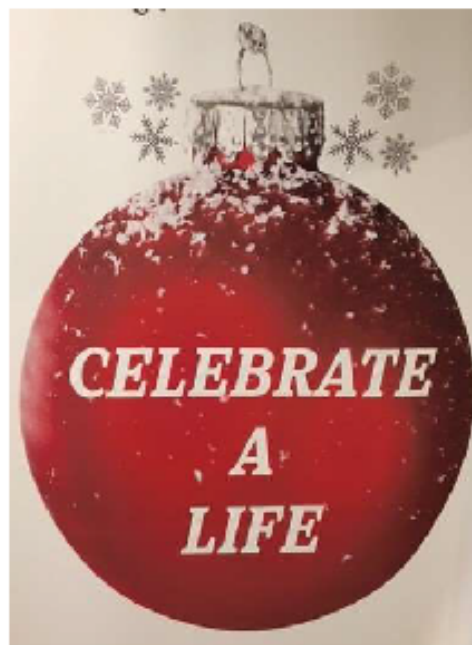




PENTICTON & DISTRICT
HOSPICE SOCIETY

Fall/Winter 2021 Newsletter



*Honour the memory of a loved one by
adding a white bulb to one of our
Christmas trees*

**Cherry Lane Shopping Centre
Saturday December 4 - Saturday December 11**

www.pentictonhospice.com



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Linda Brooks

250-488-1311



CELEBRATE A LIFE

This annual event is for
anyone wishing to honour
the memory of a loved one
by lighting our Christmas
Trees



CELEBRATE A LIFE

Cherry Lane Mall Saturday, December 4th—Saturday December 11th, 2021.

Volunteers are needed from 10 am—4pm for 2 hour shifts.

Interested in Volunteering, contact Linda Brooks @ 250-488-1311





Are you on Facebook? Would you like to help raise funds for the Hospice Society? It's easy! Just click the "fundraisers" tab under the EXPLORE section on the left side of your Facebook page. Search for Penticton and District Hospice Society and submit the amount you would like to raise. Share with your friends and see how many people support your cause. There are no fees and all money is sent directly to the Hospice Society.

Donate Your Car



Donate a Car Canada accepts vehicle donations for the Penticton & District Hospice Society. Free towing is provided in most areas across Canada, or you can drop off your vehicle to maximize your donation. When you donate your car, truck, RV, boat, or motorcycle to the Penticton & District Hospice Society through Donate A Car Canada, it will either be recycled or sold at auction (depending on age and condition).

See our website for more information:

pentictonhospice.com



Catey Brenton,
Administrator, re-
tires from Penticton
& District Hospice
Society after ap-
proximately 9 years
of service.

Catey will be greatly
missed



Penticton & District Hospice Society **WELCOMES**

Judie Hogg as our new administrator.
Judie is a retired Provincial Govern-
ment employee and brings her experi-
ence and enthusiasm to the
position. Welcome Judie!



Welcome **Wendy Nicol** **to Board**



Wendy Nicol is the newest member of the Board of Directors of the Penticton and District Hospice Society. Wendy, who is representing the Care Closet on the Hospice Board, is following the footsteps of her mother Rose who volunteered at Penticton's most popular thrift store for many years. "I have done it all," said Wendy. "The Care Closet is a wonderful place to volunteer. There is no age limit. We have a 96-year-old who volunteers". "Changeover with the seasons is the busiest time of the year for the Care Closet" says Wendy. Wendy is retired from her work with the BC Government Office (now Service

BC). She lives in Summerland with husband Harry and has two daughters, a grandson and granddaughter. "We are pleased to welcome Wendy to the Board, said Board Chair Ruth Sawyer. "Wendy has a great background of experience with the Care Closet and Hospice and a wonderful positive outlook which we all appreciate so much". With sales steadily increasing, the Care Closet welcomes donations of clothing and house wares at its address at 574 Main Street.



HOSPICE HOUSE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our garden is a very special place for family and friends to come and reflect on the memory of a loved one.

Ken, a palliative massage volunteer for the Hospice Society, recently became our plaque installer, for which we are so grateful - thanks Ken! If you would like more information on our memorial plaques, please call 250-490-1107.

These wonderful Garden Club ladies so kindly dedicate their time and effort to beautify the gardens. Thanks Ruth, Kristin, Sue, Lorraine, Marion (& Elizabeth who is missing from the picture).



The P & D Hospice Society ENDOWMENT FUND

...for the ongoing benefit of Moog & Friends Hospice

Please give today in honour of a loved

one and make their memory part of our eternal flame



Your contribution will help those who are nearing the end of life receive exceptional care either at home or at Hospice House today and will con-

Penticton & District Hospice Society has been in existence since 1982 and was instrumental in the funding, building and opening of Moog & Friends Hospice House in 1998



Penticton & District Hospice Society's, Vice Chair, Lisa Schulze, presenting \$5000 to the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation. Funds were provided in support of expansion of the Oliver Thrift Store, which in turn serves the needs of the South Okanagan, including Hospice Care.



In Loving Memory

If you would like to have a page on our website as a tribute to your loved one who was on the palliative program, please email

info@pentictonhospice.com

To see our tribute pages, please go to www.pentictonhospice.com and click on the In Loving Memory tab.

**there is no charge for this service*

Jan Higgins



CARE CLOSET

In a tiny space the store raises over two hundred thousand dollars each year. Funds are divided among the three partners but all proceeds go toward patient comfort at Penticton Regional Hospital and Moog & Friends Hospice.

The manager, Kola Kuch and assistant manager, Pam Ivan oversee the work of some 50 volunteers. Thank You to Kola and Pam for their dedication and work ethic.

The Care Closet's hours of Operation are :
10AM-3PM Monday-Saturday
Donations can be dropped off between
10AM-@2:30PM



Hospice Receives \$25000 Gift From Mr. Blake foundation



A financial gift of \$25000 has been made to Moog and Friends Hospice House by the "mister Blake foundation" of Vancouver.

Established by Blake V.L. Elliott Jr., the "mister Blake foundation" supports a diverse list of charities around the world including support for African villages, orphans in Belarus and a number of Canadian causes including Diabetes and community organizations.

"We are so pleased to receive this very generous gift", said the Penticton and District Hospice Society chair Ruth Sawyer.

"With donations down due to the Covid pandemic, this is wonderful support for our mission to provide the very best of care for our patients at Moog and Friends Hospice House", said Sawyer.

"The fact that this donation was made during national Hospice and Palliative Care Week makes it even more special", she said.

The donation was secured through solicitation work by Hospice Treasurer Robert Biagioni.

Mr. Blake will be visiting Moog and Friends Hospice House to receive recognition for his gift when Covid restrictions are removed.

Volunteer Report

Linda Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteer Coordinator Report October 2021

Services provided by the volunteers under the Penticton and District Hospice Society were reinstated on Sept 10, 2021.

We continue with three shifts daily at Moog and Friends, pet therapy every Wednesday afternoon, music therapy, with harp on Thursday mornings, piano every Tuesday morning.

Our palliative massage team consists of 2 ladies and 1 gentleman now. They rotate coming into Hospice house. Two of our team will provide these services to our community palliative clients in their homes once we are allowed to go back into the community. At this point we only have two clients we are visiting at home and that is only because they are greatly in need of help. We hope to return to this service fully by the end of November.

Our volunteer that has been making gowns for the last 11 years is back and has put a lot of effort into making new gowns and fixing any that need some TLC. She continues making the longer bibs and will be making new beanbags for door stops.

Before COVID we had volunteers who were coming into bake in our family kitchen but we are still in a holding pattern with our common areas all closed. Visitors are at a maximum of two at a time and they are to go directly to patient rooms.

Nurses and social workers continue to provide positive feedback on the volunteer program. Covid highlighted the unique support the volunteers bring to not only residents and their families but staff as well.

At present, we have 48 volunteers with the Penticton and District Hospice Society. This number does not include those who have not yet returned for a number of reasons. We have 14 volunteers who plan on returning to Hospice when they have fulfilled their present commitments. I have interviewed a number of new people and plan on hosting a training in the New Year. I am not yet able to host a volunteer training right now because of the numbers that would gather here. I hope that 2022 allows that to happen early in the New Year. This training will be over a period of two weeks and 36 hours long.



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