



PENTICTON & DISTRICT  
HOSPICE SOCIETY

# 2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER



## VOLUNTEERS HAVE HEART

**National Volunteer Week**

**April 14-20, 2024**



  
**VOLUNTEER  
BÉNÉVOLES  
CANADA**

**EVERY  
MOMENT  
MATTERS**

#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

# A MESSAGE FROM BOARDCHAIR



*In Honour of Past Board Chair*

**LISA SCHULZE**



*Ruth Sawyer*

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for Ruth's leadership for the past 4 years as Board Chair and 29 years as a volunteer supporting end of life care. While she was still working full time she was approached by a friend, saying that she would make a very good volunteer at the hospital. A "very strict" nurse trained her on the care of those on the 3rd floor of the hospital. Upon the grand opening of Moog and Friends Hospice House on May 19th 1998 Ruth transitioned as a volunteer to the House.

Over the years she has been involved in many improvements both big and small, with the one of her most memorable being the addition of a Family Kitchen, with the support of the Sovereign Order of St. John and smallest being the planting of Daffodils in the Hospice Gardens this spring.

As a volunteer and Board Chair she always had time to listen to others. She showed me her a talent of bringing people together to resolve differences with grace and understanding for both sides.

As a new board member I would listen in awe to the wisdom and examples of true stewardship of Hospice and understood early that all that mattered was serving the needs of those in Hospice to enhance the quality of care for now and the years ahead.

Thank you Ruth for your wisdom and gentle support as you continue on as a board member and volunteer with Hospice.

Gratefully yours,  
Lisa Schulze  
Board Chair, Penticton & District Hospice Society



**APRIL 2, 2024**

**NATIONAL CAREGIVER DAY**

RECOGNIZING CARING CANADIANS

I see your  
Beauty.  
I see how much  
you give to others,  
without any thought  
of recognition  
or reward.  
I see the way you  
change lives, just  
by being you.  
Thank You!



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# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS  
**THANK YOU!**  
FOR MAKING  
**EVERY  
MOMENT  
MATTER**



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**  
**APRIL 14 - 20, 2024**  
#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

## A MESSAGE FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR LINDA BROOKS

National Volunteer week is fast approaching. It is April 14-21 this year, and the theme, "Every Moment Matters," brings focus to the importance of every volunteer and their contributions. There are many functions happening around Penticton to appreciate all volunteers from all organizations. Our community wouldn't be what it is without all these wonderful people who give of themselves. So many of our Hospice volunteers also volunteer elsewhere. This is our opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for each one of these amazing people and what they bring to our Hospice House and our community. The wellbeing of our society is based on our volunteers. From our board members to our garden helpers, the sharing of your time, skills, empathy and compassion, is vital to our success. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do.



# CARE CLOSET THRIFT STORE

## CHANGE OVER



Providing good used items at reasonable prices Care Closet Thrift Store thrives in Penticton. Twice a year the whole store is put on sale. Before closing for two days to restock, the community gets great bargains in books, household items, jewelry, collectibles and clothing.



This is all in preparation for "**Changeover**" signifying the change from Winter to Summer and vice versa. By 4pm on Thursday, the store itself is empty. Professional cleaners come in and clean the store overnight. Bright and early Friday morning, staff and volunteers start to fill the store with donations that have been saved for the past five months.



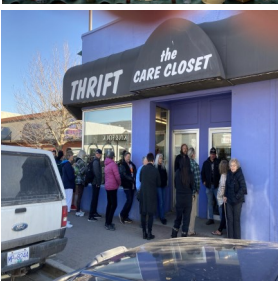
Items donated and deemed to be suitable for "changeover" are put in boxes and carefully stored away in the "back room" cupboards and shelves. Clothing for the upcoming season is priced, tagged, and hung in sections awaiting the next season. Shoes are put in large bins to be paired and priced on the day of re-stocking. Books are placed in the Book Room by genre. Puzzles and games are included in this stock. Jewelry is carefully displayed to show to best advantage.



Special interest items, such as Canuck Memorabilia are saved until there are enough to make a display. The same applies to all holiday items:- Christmas being the largest amount of stock, along with Valentines, Easter, Elvis, July 1st. Peach Festival gear!



Usually the front windows are "dressed for Changeover" with interesting vintage items and art pieces on one side, and a child friendly display on the other windows. The care and imagination that goes into the display is amazing.



The windows attract a large audience over the weekend before the store re-opens at 10am on a Monday morning. Some years the line up to get in at opening time, is down the block to White Ave. The store does have a limit on the number of permitted in at any one time. Promptly at 10am a bell is rung and in the shoppers surge.



There are some fifty volunteers manning shifts of three hours. Opening day sees the biggest total sales of the year. Profits are shared by the three partners;- **The Hospital Auxiliary, South Okanagan Medical Foundation, and Penticton & District Hospice Society.** The support of this kind is greatly appreciated and provides Patient Comfort. Whether you are a "Thrifter" or just a "Browser" you can usually find an item you "just have to have"!

**Drop in any day between 10 am and 3pm. Find us on Facebook for the latest interesting items for sale**



# WHO WILL SPEAK FOR YOU

if you can't make your own health care decisions?



For everyone ages 18 years and older

Advance Care Planning Day | April 16 | #ifnotyouwho



## If not you, **who?**

Learn more at [advancecareplanning.ca/acpday](http://advancecareplanning.ca/acpday)

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PURDUE

### Hospice Care



### Palliative Care

#### What's the difference?



#### Hospice care

Aims to provide comfort from pain symptoms without the goal of curing the care recipient.



#### Palliative care

Aims to provide comfort from pain symptoms that may or may not involve the goal of curing the care recipient.

## FACT:



The fears associated with death are "being a burden to family and friends," "pain" and "lack of control." Addressing the whole range of physical and psychological needs of the patient and his or her family in an interdisciplinary way is what makes hospice care so special.

Source: [www.nhpco.org](http://www.nhpco.org)



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# MEMORY WALK TO THE MEMORY TREE

**JUNE 22, 2024**  
**\*New Date\***



REMEMBER YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES BY  
WRITING THEIR NAMES ON A TAG HANG THE TAG ON A  
BUTTERFLY AND TAKE THE BUTTERFLY FOR A  
MEMORY WALK TO THE MEMORY TREE

## LOCATION

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MARKET,  
MAIN STREET/WESTMINSTER IN FRONT OF HSBC  
Pay tribute to your departed pets as well at the  
PET MEMORY TREE





Donate to the Hospice Society online in the  
month of June at [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org)



June 1-30 2024

YOU could help the Hospice Society win \$20,000 to use towards care and  
comfort of residents at Moog & Friends Hospice House!

If we were to win \$20,000, the money would go a long way to providing the little extras  
to our residents.

Everyone on the palliative program wins with your donations.

The Society funds an award winning volunteer program that provides supports such as  
companionship, help with errands, transportation to medical appointments, massage,  
music and peace of mind to anyone on the palliative program.

*Our Vision is to continue to provide exceptional and compassionate care  
to people in our community who are nearing life's end*

Please donate through [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org) or go to our website  
[pentictionhospice.com](http://pentictionhospice.com) and click on the yellow DONATE button  
on the right side of the home page which will bring you to  
CANADAHELPS online donations.



The Pentiction & District Hospice Society  
grateful for the donation of \$10,000+ from the  
Pentiction Kinsmen Disability Resource Centre  
Society.

**The Pentiction Kinsmen Disability Resource  
Centre Society (PKDRCS)** was formed by the  
Pentiction Kinsmen Club to manage the CPR  
Station.

The 'Pentiction Kinsmen Disability Resource  
Centre Society' has worked hard over the al-  
most 37 years to ensure that the 82-year-old  
CPR Station on Hastings Avenue remained a  
vital part of the city for many years to come.

Due to declining membership and the advanc-  
ing ages of the PKDRCS members, in 2023  
OneSky Community Resources was gifted the  
'Station' with an assessed value of approxi-  
mately \$1.8 million.

2023 will see the dissolution of the Society and  
complete disbursement of all funds. Keeping  
with the Kinsmen motto "To serve the commu-  
nities greatest Needs" they have approved and  
will distribute its remaining funds.

The Pentiction & District Hospice Society have  
used their share of the donated funds to pur-  
chase 12 Hideabeds for family to stay in the  
same room with their loved ones at Moog &  
Friends Hospice House in Pentiction.

**The Pentiction & District Hospice Society  
would like to acknowledge the dedication and  
service these members contributed to the  
community for the past 37 years. Thank you,  
President Earl Lawrence, Treasurer Dirk Or-  
dze, Hall Manager Greg Flook, Director Greg  
Mealing, Director Jim Burnett and Director  
Norm Dishkin .**



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[info@donatecar.ca](mailto:info@donatecar.ca)

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Pentiction & District Hospice Society**



1. Tell us your vehicle info



2. We pick up your car



3. You get a tax receipt

For more information, visit our website at  
**[www.pentictionhospice.com](http://www.pentictionhospice.com)**





## BEAVER VISITING THE HOSPICE HOUSE MEMORIAL GARDENS



The Penticton Fraternal Order of Eagles "**Silver Eagle Riders**" have been busy spreading cheer and charity.

In December every year, the group determines how to disburse their Christmas donations to local charities.

This year, they picked two worthy groups, presenting a \$500 cheque to each one.

The **Penticton and District Hospice Society** is the first, an organization which connects local families to palliative care and bereavement services, running the Moog and Friends Hospice House.

The second is the Penticton Breakfast Club, run by the Feedway Foundation, which serves up to 1,000 free breakfasts a week to students at local elementary schools.

## *In Loving Memory*

If you would like to have a page on our website in memory of your loved one who was in hospice or on the palliative program, please call 250-490-1107 or email [info@pentictonhospice.com](mailto:info@pentictonhospice.com)

*\* there is no charge for this service*

## 2024 PENTICTON ELVIS FESTIVAL CHARITY

# PENTICTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE SOCIETY



## The Penticton Elvis Festival's 2024 charity is **THE PENTICTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE SOCIETY**

Moog & Friends Hospice House opened in June 1998. It was agreed that the Penticton & District Hospice Society would be responsible for fundraising to support ongoing Hospice House needs. Moog & Friends Hospice House is situated amidst tranquil gardens close to Penticton Regional Hospital. Private accommodation is available for 12 residents in a comfortable home-like setting.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 30 (9am) at Okanagan Lake Park for the Gospel Showcase and to support this wonderful charity.

Gospel Show Admission: \$5 per person  
\$3.00 from every admission will go the **Penticton & District Hospice Society**.

**JUNE 27-30, 2024**  
[pentictonelvisfestival.ca](http://pentictonelvisfestival.ca)



**Ticket  
Information**

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## PENTICTON FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES



## "SILVER EAGLE RIDERS"



## PENTICTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

## CHERRY PARK RETIREMENT RESIDENCE



## PENTICTON KINSMEN



## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER SOCIETY

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*Our vision is to continue  
to provide exceptional  
and compassionate care to  
people in our community  
who are nearing life's end*

**BECOME A LIFE MEMBER**

For a donation of \$100

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of the Hospice Society.

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# THE PENTICTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE SOCIETY



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