



PENTICTON & DISTRICT
HOSPICE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2025

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

Saturday, October 11th

JOIN Penticton & District Hospice
Society at **ONE 14 Coffee Co**
in the Cannery Trade Centre

11am-2pm

LIVE MUSIC

children's art table

PRIZES

from Cannery businesses

In support of
Penticton & District Hospice
Society



1475 Fairview Road

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

A day dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the crucial role of hospice and palliative care in providing relief, comfort, and support to individuals with serious illnesses. Hospice and palliative care focus on enhancing the quality of life allowing patients to live their remaining days with dignity and as pain-free as possible.

This year's theme; Achieving the Promise: Universal Access to Palliative Care.

**Saturday, October 11th Penticton & District Hospice Society celebrates
World Hospice Day at the Cannery Trade Centre. 11-2pm**

Our volunteers will share their experiences and the importance of access to Hospice Care. Meet our pet therapy dogs, musician volunteers, bakers, and Hospice House volunteers to learn more about Hospice Care in our community.

Choose a butterfly from our pink Hospice tree for a chance to win prizes donated from: Tin Whistle Brewing, Many Hats Theatre Company, Grist Microbaker, Donut House Studios, 4th Meridian Auctions, Ben Appetite, One14 Coffee Co. and Wineland Dressings.

Drop into One14 Coffee Co for the

Harvest Apple Pie
with whipping cream

Partial proceeds to
Penticton & District Hospice Society



A Message from Board Chair

Wendy Nicol:

Our previous chair, Lisa Schulze, found her dream home much faster than anticipated and moved away, resigning as our chair.

I have taken the position until our AGM in November when we will vote on a permanent chair.

It has been a very busy year in house. We purchased new nightstands and bed tables for each of the twelve rooms. They are far easier to use, and we have had many positive compliments from our residents, including how happy they are not to have their knees hit when people are trying to lower the trays.



The front entrance renovation is almost complete. The main entrance doors have been painted a rich burgundy. The inside entrance has been painted and wallpapered and there is a large "Thank You To Donors" on one wall with butterflies.



We have also done special family and friends dinners on four long weekends to enable residents to dine in house with their families. The dinners have been well received and we thank our volunteers who have stepped up to cook and serve the dinners. It can be such a hard time for families and it is so important for them to have quality time together.

In addition to Hospice sponsoring these dinners, we had the family of a former resident donate all the fixings for a turkey dinner in memory of their loved one. It was so appreciated.

We are very grateful for the support of the community to enable us to provide these comforts to the house and residents. We are also thankful to our staff and all those who volunteer at the house and in the community for their professionalism and compassion.



Shortly after Audrey Evan's daughter-in-law passed away at a Hospice House in Edmonton, Audrey decided to raise funds for Penticton & District Hospice, "to keep it local and give back to our community". For a year she cooked delicious meals, by donation, at the FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES 4281 in Penticton. She also organized a bottle drive and raised \$2000.00 in donations.



At a celebration of life for his brother, Bruce McIntosh put out a bin for family & friends to donate to Hospice House. At the same time Audrey Evans was having a purse auction at the Eagles. Together Bruce and Audrey raised \$1000.00 for Penticton & District Hospice Society.

Photo: Bruce & Interim Board Chair Wendy Nicol at Moog & Friends Hospice House Gardens



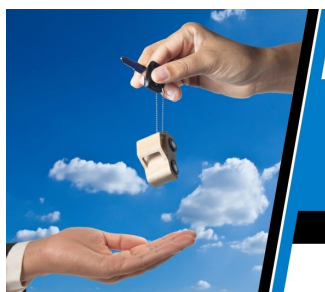
We thank all of our individual donors, community organizations and businesses for your continued support.

GIVING TUESDAY

On Giving Tuesday – December 2, 2025 – the whole world comes together to give back in many different ways: through acts of kindness, gifts of voice, time, talent, or treasure. Or by volunteering at a local non profit organization.



Donate a Car
Running or not,
old or new



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Penticton & District Hospice Society

For more information, visit our website at
www.pentictonhospice.com

FREE TOWING

TAX DEDUCTION



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fund supports the compassionate care provided by
our volunteers and programs
Consider a legacy gift to our Endowment Fund

For more information on the
Penticton & District Hospice Society,
our Volunteer Programs or our Endowment Fund

Please contact our Treasurer
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November 29th - December 6th
at Cherry Lane Mall

Remember your departed loved one, person or pet. Write their name and a message on a tag to hang on one of our Christmas trees. Volunteers will help you change a bulb from red to white. And feel free to take a snowflake home for your tree.



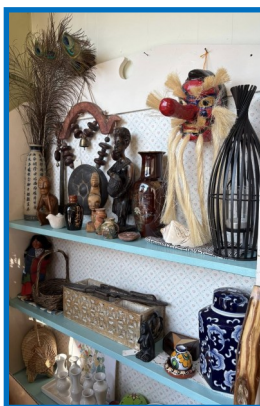
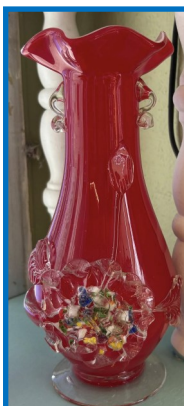
A Thank You from The Care Closet

The Care Closet is bustling with activity. We had our fall Change Over the week of September 15th, which was another resounding success.

We had a record year, thanks to our volunteers, donors, shoppers and of course Kola (our manager) and Nicole (our assistant manager).

We were able to donate \$67,791 to each of our three partners. Our Facebook page now has over 1200 followers. If you are into thrifting, follow us on Facebook at Care Closet Thrift Store. You will be the first to see some of the great items we have, and know when our special sales are happening.

Halloween and Thanksgiving will be going out before you know it. We also have a ton of Christmas items in the rafters for you !



CARE CLOSET

574 MAIN STREET

OPEN: MONDAY-SATURDAY
10AM-3PM

DONATIONS: DROP OFF—
at BACK DOOR

MONDAY-SATURDAY 10-2:30
250-493-8115

Find us on Facebook for the latest
interesting items for sale



Opera Kelowna and the Sidewalk Serenade opera singers put on 2 delightful pop-up performances in the Moog & Friends Hospice House gardens. Sophia and Christine, both chorus members, volunteer their time and talent through song at various long-term facilities in the Okanagan. Hospice volunteers, residents & families relaxed at the gazebo or had their windows open to breathe in operettas on a sunny afternoon.



Hospice House volunteer Gail and grandchildren Grace and Gene strolled in the Hospice Gardens for a **Victorian Tea**. Gene has been drafting patterns from scratch and sewing clothing pieces from eras including the 1890's. Some of the pieces were displayed in Hospice House. Gene and Grace like to wear the garments in everyday life, so you may see the sisters out and about in Penticton wearing these historic styles and sharing their love for Victorian fashion.



A group of 12 **Plein Air** artists visited the Hospice Gardens on a clear, sunny September morning.

The artists set up their easels and paints in front of the Hospice rooms, so residents and visitors could observe their creative process.

Some residents and family members enjoyed a stroll in the gardens and chatted with the artists about their choices of mediums, canvases and subject matter.

A magical plein air day for this lovely group who shared their talents in the open air.

Many of the paintings, upon completion, will be donated to Penticton & District Hospice Society and displayed at our October 11th World Hospice Day event at the Cannery Trade Centre from 11-2pm.



A Message from Volunteer Coordinator

Linda Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator

In a few short months Ruth Sawyer will have given 30 years of volunteerism to our Hospice program. Her dedication and unwavering passion for Hospice house and the Penticton and District Hospice Society is something I have never seen nor experienced in my life. We would not be what we are today without her graceful leadership. We are proud and honored to have her on our team.



Ruth Sawyer

We would like to welcome Ty and Fred as well as Danielle and Gus to our Pet therapy team. This program is so important to our residents, families as well as the staff. Our furry visitors bring us such unconditional love and happiness. Their presence is "a present", and our hard-working staff love the opportunity to give Fred, Gus and Fig rubs and treats. We are so pleased to have all of them join our team along with Judy and Fig. There can never be enough tail wags at Hospice house.



Judy and Fig

Ty and Fred



SAVE THE DATE

PENTICTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday November 27th @ 11 am

Penticton Seniors' Drop-in Centre

2965 South Main Street

Everyone Welcome

Please RSVP by November 20th

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