

Now a bonafide charity

Hospice Hub gearing up for a full operation

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The Hospice Hub (THH) leader Margo Bell recently gave an accounting of the group's activities in establishing the organization for Smiths Falls and Perth.

"The past twelve months have been a very busy time for the organization with day-to-day organizational tasks, programs and fundraising activities which allow us to run our on-going programs," says Bell.

One big achievement is a registered charity status approval by the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA).

"With this comes a number of benefits for not-for-profits such as ours, not the least of which includes the issuing of income tax receipts for monetary donations," she says."

As with other non-profit organizations there will always need to be fundraising.

Bell says, "When we achieve our goal of a hospice residence we will receive partial government funding based upon number of beds, but there is only very limited funding to run programs."

Fundraising

In the past 12 months the Hospice has received funds from two large fundraising events – the inaugural hike for hospice last June and as recipients of the Perth Polar Bear Plunge in January.

"In both instances we received overwhelming support from the community for which we are humbled and very grateful. Nevertheless, we require funding on an ongoing basis to allow the delivery of our programs and services," says Bell.

While putting the Hospice on a strong financial footing has been work, the real work has come in bringing free hospice services to the communities.

Bell says many advances have been made: A home support program; grief and bereavement programs; advanced care planning workshops; educational workshops and healthcare system navigation assistance. A Day Hospice program will begin over the summer with a day a week in both Perth and Smiths Falls.

Furthermore, she says, "We have grown considerably with our home visits increasing; a day program will be rolled out this summer encompassing a day a week in both Perth and Smiths Falls with activities for

clients and giving caregivers some respite. We have bereavement programs — both group and individual running, and a bereavement walking group. We hold advanced care planning seminars and educational workshops — the list continues."

While still a volunteer-driven organization with a volunteer working board, there are four employees — all professionals in their fields.

For further information regarding our programs, upcoming events/services, and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at thehospicehub.ca or call the office at (613) 627-0974.

Hospice Hub will host annual Hike for Hospice

The Hospice Hub (THH) is gearing up for its third major fundraising event with the return of the Second Annual Hike for Hospice, scheduled for Saturday, May 25th at the Crystal Palace in Perth.

This community-driven event is part of a nationwide initiative led by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA), designed to raise awareness and funds for hospice and palliative care services across Canada.

The day promises to be both meaningful and fun, kicking off at 11:30 a.m. with participant check-in and a complimentary BBQ hot dog lunch. Hikers can register now at thehospicehub.ca/hike and choose between a 1.5 km or 5 km scenic route through Perth.

Participants are encouraged to walk solo, join with friends, or form a team for the cause. For those unable to hike, pledging support for a registered hiker is another way to contribute, with hiker profiles available on the THH website.

Proceeds from the event will help support compassionate end-of-life care in the local community.

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