

because you care Community Update

WINTER 2019

The holidays are a time of celebration for many of us as we gather for parties with friends and colleagues and busily shop for that perfect gift. For those missing a loved one however, it can be an especially nostalgic time.

In celebration of our first holiday season at Rotary Hospice, we are launching our *Lights of Love* holiday campaign.

We invite you to sponsor our Lights of Love with a donation in memory or in honour of a loved one. At your request your loved one's name will be added to our memorial Lights of Love page on our website, which will be updated weekly between now and December 31st, 2019.

The Rotary Hospice is a home where every moment matters, a home for anyone in our area faced with life-limiting illness along with those in their care circle.

Your donation will ensure the Rotary Hospice is wrapped in lights this holiday season, and that our residents and their families are comforted and cared for in the best possible way.



ROTARY HOSPICE

Lights of Love

HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Because you cared, the Rotary Hospice opened its doors this past summer. This holiday season, let's come together again to light up our Rotary Hospice with love.

To donate, please visit rotaryhospice.ca



What makes the Rotary Hospice a home away from home?

A home is more than four walls.

Since our first resident moved in on July 3rd, more than 30 individuals – and their family and friends – have called the Rotary Hospice home.

We often refer to the Hospice as a home away from home. If you have not yet visited, you may wonder why.

There are the little things: daily fresh-baked treats and home-made soup, at no cost. Residents and families are encouraged to personalize their room with favourite pictures, knickknacks, lamps, cushions, plants and more. BBQs, patio tables and chairs to enjoy special occasions outdoors, while the dining room – including a table with a puzzle or two always at the ready – provides

a gathering spot... just like home.

There are the bigger things: the Reflection Room and Social Room that provide peaceful areas without leaving the Hospice; the wi-fi and in-room televisions that allow families to gather no matter how near or far thanks to the power of technology; and fireplaces in every resident room that cast a warm, comforting glow. Perhaps most importantly, there are the celebrations of special occasions and milestones. Hospice palliative care is about making the most of every day.

The Rotary Hospice is truly a home where every moment matters.

Our hearts are full of thanks

Handbags and Hike!



On October 24th over 200 guests and 40 volunteers participated in our inaugural Handbags for Hospice fundraising event. It was an evening of bidding on handbags while enjoying nibbles and Prosecco in a beautifully decorated venue – all lovingly and generously donated. By the end of the evening, an incredible \$75,000 was raised!

Planning is already underway for our 6th annual Hike for Hospice in early June 2020. This year's event was a tremendous success, raising almost \$70,000!

The success of these events is because of YOU and our many Perth County and area participants, sponsors, and donors. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.



For more details, please visit rotaryhospice.ca

Join our volunteer Board Teams

Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth is currently recruiting volunteer Directors for both its operational board Hospice Care Avon Maitland (HCAM) and its fundraising board Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation (SPHF) to fill future board member and board committee vacancies starting in Fall 2020. Board appointments will be approved at each board's Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2020.

IDEAL CANDIDATES

The ideal candidates are well-connected community or business leaders, with prior non-profit and/or charitable board member experience, who are passionate about hospice palliative care and can leverage their professional skills and resources to positively impact the work of Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 2020

To view each board role descriptions and key qualifications for HCAM and SPHF please visit rotaryhospice.ca/joinourteam. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of interest and resume by January 10, 2020 to board@rotaryhospice.ca. Candidates selected for a follow up interview with the board recruitment team will be contacted no later than January 31, 2020.

What Rotary Hospice means to me

Our clinical care staff regularly receive words and cards of thanks. We hope they will provide you with a sense of your gift's impact. Going forward, we now need to fundraise \$800,000 annually to cover the portion of our operations budget not funded by the Ministry of Health.

Your generous support made these moments matter.

"Hospice is not a sad place. It is peaceful with a dedicated team that care for people at the most vulnerable time of their life. It is full of beauty, compassion and kindness. I am grateful a place like this exists." S.M.

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one remembers to turn on the light. Thank you for being our light, and making the last part of our loved one's journey with full dignity and grace. We will be forever grateful." C.C.

"Thank you seems like an inadequate phrase to express how I feel about the staff at Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. They are all angels administering to the needs of the residents and families. Nothing was ever too much trouble and they made everyone feel as if this was their home." G.B.

"You are making this difficult time so much easier for us. Mom loves the warm blankets and spa baths. We are so grateful for the smiles you put on her face. Words are not enough!" R. Family

Donations of \$5,000+, received by December 31 2019, will be added to the capital campaign donor wall.

For more information contact:
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Donations can be made securely on our website at rotaryhospice.ca

DONATION FORM

I would like to sponsor a Light of Love

Donation amount: \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

I would like to make a general donation to the Annual Campaign \$ _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. **Total Donation** \$ _____

This *Lights of Love* gift is in memory or in honour of (name): _____

Yes, please add their name to the *Lights of Love* memorial wall on your website.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____ Prov: _____ Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment by credit card Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp / CVV _____

Payment by cheque Please make cheque payable to *Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation*



I would like to receive communications from the Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation. by post by email

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