

This holiday season, let's light up Rotary Hospice with love

"I really don't know what I would have done, or how we would have coped, without the Rotary Hospice."

Jennifer Otter-Leaney really didn't understand what Rotary Hospice offered, or even where in Stratford it was located, until her husband, Tim Leaney, got sick. It was on the recommendation of friends, along with Tim's doctors, who encouraged Jennifer and Tim to use the services when the time came.

"Despite the deep sadness and heartbreak, a sense of soothing calmness came over me when we arrived there for the first time, I felt their support and kindness all around me and Tim. I was able to be Tim's wife, not his nurse. I didn't have to worry about how to take care of him, I could be there with him and hold his hand. The dedicated palliative care nurses knew us by name, they took the time to sit with us and talk, if we wanted to. They were so very empathetic and kind. Their care was excellent, and they treated Tim with the utmost respect and dignity. The room was spacious and beautiful and very comfortable, flooded with sunshine and views of grass and trees. It was quiet and peaceful, but we could play Tim's favourite music too. We brought in photos from home, and flowers. The staff brought us cups of tea, offered hugs and even made up my bed for the night. I was able to rest and be with Tim as much as I wanted to. And we didn't have to pay a cent."

To watch the video of Jennifer and Tim's story, please visit rotaryhospice.ca/video-stories



In loving memory of Tim Leaney, 1967–2022

For those grieving a loss, or spending time visiting their loved one in hospice over the holidays, this time of year can be an especially nostalgic time.

Let's light up Rotary Hospice with love, so that others like Jennifer and Tim can feel the support and kindness all around them.

Dedicate a Light of Love in honour or in memory of someone. At your request, your loved one's name and your message will be included on the online recognition page, and at our lighting ceremony.

CEREMONY | Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm

For more information or to donate, please visit: rotaryhospice.ca or call Lucie Stuart at 519.508.4900 x720.

All donations are gratefully accepted, with tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more.



*Every moment is made glorious
by the light of love. RUMI*

Your gift to Rotary Hospice makes these special moments happen. Thank you.

A passion for care

Meet Amanda Archibald RPN, RN, CHPCN(c)

"There have been many people and places in my life who were part of my inspiration for working in hospice and palliative care. Residents I cared for in long term care and retirement homes, my grandparents and what their end-of-life journey looked like both for them and for my family, and seeing the wealth of programs and support other organizations have been able to create for their local residents – all contributed to my calling to work in hospice palliative care.

If there is one thing I would want the community to know about hospice is that it is a place of laughter, love, joy, good food, and celebration as much as, if not more than, a place of grief and sorrow."



"You matter because you are you, and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die".

Dame Cicely Saunders,
founder of the modern
hospice movement

Amanda is the Clinical Resource Nurse at Rotary Hospice and has been an integral member of the team since the doors opened in June 2019.

To watch the video of Amanda's story, please visit rotaryhospice.ca/video-stories

Donor Spotlight

THE POWER OF A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

*"...although I hope to not leave this earth anytime soon...
I have been thinking about a worthy recipient.
The Rotary Hospice came to mind."*

Did you know that only 5% of Canadians leave a gift in their will to charity? Imagine the difference if we all did this – regardless of the amount.

For monthly donor, Wilma Ferguson, including Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation as a beneficiary in her will was an easy decision – and it was easy to do. Wilma became a monthly donor after hearing from a friend who “couldn’t help but gush over the extraordinary attention her husband received at Rotary Hospice.”

Thank you, Wilma, for your tremendous dedication, and our thanks to all of you considering this type of gift – what a legacy to compassionate end of life care for this community.

For information on leaving a gift in your will, please visit:
willpower.ca/charities/stratford-perth-hospice-foundation/

Or contact Lucie Stuart,
Director Fund Development and Stewardship, at 519.508.4900 x720
or lucie@rotaryhospice.ca



WOW! Your generosity never fails to amaze and inspire us.

Whether you hiked for hospice, donated to Handbags, made a memorial gift, shared your story, organized an event, volunteered your time, named Rotary Hospice in your will, made a gift to the endowment, or dedicated a Light of Love, your generosity ensures that those who call Rotary Hospice home can do so...AT NO COST. Because of you. Thanks to you.

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!



This is community, celebrating life every moment

Hospice Foundation board chair Sarah Hamza

“After having moved to Stratford in 2012, one of the very first community events I engaged in was the community meeting to determine if there was interest in a local Hospice. The response was overwhelming, and I learned that day what the passion and commitment of dedicated citizens can mean for the community services they enjoy.

I was touched at that meeting by stories of loss and end-of-life experiences that fell short of what a life well lived deserves, and became instantly passionate about Hospice. I have since suffered many personal losses, including of treasured parents and a precious child, and I am more convinced than ever of the mission of Rotary Hospice. Lives ‘well-lived’ means treasuring each and every day up to and including the end. I feel blessed to assist in providing this opportunity to everyone – at no cost – through my volunteer work with Rotary Hospice.”

ROTARY HOSPICE LEGACY FUND

Did you know you can make a gift today that will benefit Rotary Hospice in the future? Thanks to the generosity of the Staffen Family of St. Marys, the Rotary Hospice Legacy Fund was established at the Stratford Perth Community Foundation.

To learn more about this endowment fund, or to donate, visit: rotaryhospice.ca/ways-to-give

Donations of \$2,500+, will be acknowledged on the annual giving wall, which is updated annually and cumulatively.

Donations can be made securely on our website at rotaryhospice.ca

For more information contact: Lucie Stuart, Director Fund Development and Stewardship 519-508-4900 x720 lucie@rotaryhospice.ca

DONATION FORM

I/we would like to make a difference with the following donation:

Dedicate a Light of Love: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Pay for a Day of Care for one resident \$350 Pay for a Week of Care for one resident \$2800 Please contact me so I can provide my chosen date and story

Make a general donation: Amount \$ _____ Total Donations \$ _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____ Prov: _____ Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment by Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp / CVV _____

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

My light is in memory of in honour of:

Name: _____

Message for online dedication (optional):

Please contact me, I am interested in:

- making a gift with securities (stock)
- leaving a gift in my will

Please mail this form with payment to:

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