

Our family's experience

In September of 2021 our dear Aunt Phyllis was diagnosed with terminal cancer and advised that she wouldn't be able to return home. After spending two days at the hospital, she was transferred to Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth where she would spend her final days.

Aunt Phyllis believed that the hospice would be a beautiful peaceful place. From the moment she arrived, she expressed how nice everything was. Lying in a comfortable bed, while enjoying the fireplace and the birds at the window she said it "was like a little piece of heaven."

The staff and volunteers are truly amazing. The rooms are bright, cheery, homey and spacious. The beautiful handmade quilts that adorn each bed add an extra special warmth and feel to the room and the atmosphere. One of the most touching moments was the honour guard formed by the staff and volunteers and the lighting and placing of the candle as the final farewell.

On behalf of our entire family, words cannot express how grateful we are for the care and compassion that Aunt Phyllis received in her final days from everyone at Rotary Hospice.



The team of staff and volunteers do make a difference. Loss is never easy. The hospice represents a place where family can focus on their loved one – sit and reminisce, share a laugh, and say good-bye – all while knowing their loved one is being well cared for.

~ Anne-Marie Fulton and Helen Fulton, nieces



Sunday, June 5, 2022

To register visit rotaryhospice.ca

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Why Hike?

Together, your donations helped open the doors to Rotary Hospice in 2019.

REGISTER!



Together, your donations meant compassionate hospice care for Aunt Phyllis and many others – all at no cost.

Together, let's Hike on Sunday, June 5th, to honour memories and raise funds so that Rotary Hospice is here when your friends, neighbours or loved ones may need it.



Are you caring for a loved one with a life-limiting illness and have questions about the admissions process?

Please contact Kate Wiens
Director of Resident Care:
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What Rotary Hospice means to me...

I am honoured to be part of the team at Rotary Hospice. I began my nursing career only six years ago and have been at the hospice since the doors opened in July 2019.

I have always had a deep interest and passion for palliative care and I feel privileged to be able to give back to members of the community and surrounding area and aim to provide the best care possible.

At what is a very difficult time, residents, families, staff and volunteers come together to create a unique and supportive community within the walls

of Rotary Hospice. Even though we have a community inside our doors, the support from the surrounding community is just as important. Communities bring love and hope, even in the most challenging of times.

Hospice focuses on the care, comfort, and quality of life of an individual who is approaching the end of life. I consider being able to support someone during this vulnerable stage both a great privilege and honour. I am proud to say I am a member of the clinical care team at Rotary Hospice.

~ Kaitlyn Thomas, RN

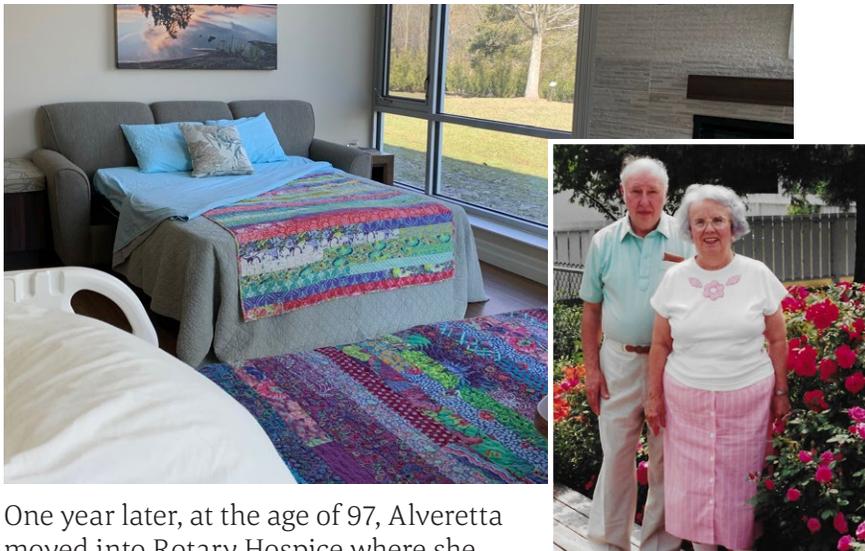
Remembering our neighbours
Jack & Alveretta Henderson

Cared for like family

Jack and Alveretta would often say they had no close family, but that neighbours and friends were their family. As world travellers and retired teachers, time spent with them always included an interesting story from their past. The care team at Rotary Hospice were recipients of those stories too.

Together for over 60 years of marriage, Jack and Alveretta supported each other through years of cancer, back injuries, and more.

Determined to remain on Jack's family farm after retiring from their teaching careers, they operated a Bed & Breakfast on the property for 35 years. However, when Jack was diagnosed with terminal cancer, they both realized caring for him at home was more than they could manage. With much trepidation they sought further care and were introduced to Rotary Hospice. Jack was very content at the hospice knowing his and Alveretta's needs were addressed. When Alveretta decided to stay overnight with her husband, we knew they felt the love and care of the hospice staff.



One year later, at the age of 97, Alveretta moved into Rotary Hospice where she spent her final days. She too appreciated the kindness, care and love she was given by the staff. Covid restricted indoor visits so staff graciously rolled Alveretta's bed outdoors, allowing her to visit with the many friends and neighbours wishing to say their goodbyes. Her insistence of a sizable donation to Rotary Hospice indicated her appreciation for the many merits of hospice.

As neighbours, Jack and Alveretta thought of us as family. It comforts us to know that the team at Rotary Hospice cared for them like family too.

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

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



SAVE THE DATE
October 27, 2022

This event is an important fundraiser for us, raising \$100,000 last year.

PAYING IT FORWARD

In September 2019, my grandfather was unexpectedly diagnosed with brain cancer which progressed rapidly. It soon became clear to us that we would no longer be able to care for him at home. Rotary Hospice became the place where we could spend our last days with him in comfort with knowledgeable and caring staff.



When signing up for my high school's co-op program, I knew immediately that I wanted to be a part of Rotary Hospice. I want other families to have the same quality time together that my family was given during such challenging circumstances.

~ Katie Stevens, Grade 12 co-op student

Did you know?

There is no cost for an individual to stay at Rotary Hospice. Ministry of Health funding covers 50% of operating costs; the other 50% must be fundraised annually.

Your gift matters.

There are still some naming opportunities available.
Contact Lucie Stuart

Resident room \$100,000
Kitchen \$150,000

For more information contact:
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DONATION FORM

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

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Frequency One-time gift Monthly Quarterly Annually

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