



ROTARY HOSPICE STRATFORD PERTH

provides a peaceful, comfortable home with 24-hour specialized care for those facing end of life as well as support for those in their life circle.

Rotary Hospice is the community’s resource for palliative care, support and information, linking together expertise and support services across Perth County.

Rotary Hospice ensures the comfort of the client and their family, whether the individual is in our residential hospice or in their home.



**VISITING HOSPICE
Volunteer Program**

Care for those who can't or don't want to live their last days at home.

Support for those who choose to stay at home.



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Visiting Hospice Program

A team of highly trained, compassionate and knowledgeable volunteers make weekly visits to clients' homes. The focus of their visit is to provide emotional, social and/or practical support to those living with a life limiting illness and support to their caregivers. Volunteers are compassionate and caring people who choose to journey with individuals as they face new challenges.



What is hospice palliative care?

Hospice palliative care is aimed at relieving suffering and improving quality of life for persons who are living with, or dying from, advanced illness or are bereaved.

Palliative care meets not only the physical needs, but also psychological, social, cultural, emotional and spiritual needs of each person and family.

How does visiting hospice fit?

The families we serve are all different with varying needs which is what makes each client-volunteer relationship unique.

Clients' needs will be assessed, and an appropriate volunteer will be selected to provide one-to-one care and support.

“My husband loves spending time with [his volunteer]. Seeing how well they get along gives me comfort and being able to run errands knowing he is safe is a tremendous gift!”

How does the program work?

Volunteers are matched one-to-one with an individual in the community based on shared background, interests or hobbies. The same volunteer visits weekly to provide companionship and respite care to the individual and their family.

The Volunteers

- Are thoroughly screened including interview, reference checks, and vulnerable sector police screening
- Receive 30 hours of training, specific to hospice palliative care
- Display sensitivity, good communication skills, willingness to help, and have respect for the privacy and dignity of others
- Provide emotional, social and practical support as well as an opportunity for caregivers to take time away or to rest
- Receive ongoing training, supervision and group support
- Are part of a larger team of professionals committed to providing optimal care to bring quality of life to those they serve



The Visiting Hospice Program and other hospice services are offered free of charge.

For more information about the **Visiting Hospice Volunteer Program** contact our Coordinator of Volunteers:
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