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Hospice HURONIA
TOMKINS HOUSE

Annual Generosity Report **2024-2025**



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Message from the Leadership Team



Debbie Kesheshian
Executive Director



Karla Trewin
Director of Care



Stacey Cooper
Director of Operations &
Community Programs

This year marked a turning point for Hospice Huronia. After years of advocacy and careful planning, we received approval for our 6th bed - an achievement that not only expands our ability to serve more families but stands as a testament to what is possible when a community comes together in compassion and purpose. Since January 2025, we've been honoured to offer more comfort, more dignity, and more moments of peace at Tomkins House.

At the heart of our work is the belief that end-of-life care is not about the final chapter, it's about how we live in that chapter. Whether in the quiet presence of a volunteer, the steady hands of a nurse, or the tears shared in grief support group, this past year has been filled with moments that reminded us why Hospice Huronia exists.

We continued to grow - expanding programs, welcoming new team members and volunteers, and securing the 928 Fuller Avenue property to protect the serenity of our space for years to come. Our grief and bereavement services reached more people than ever before. Our Visiting Volunteer Program offered meaningful connection. And our innovative Advance Care Planning work - including our "Driving Die-alogues" on YouTube and the Death Box Workshops - received national attention.

Every number you see in this report - every statistic, every dollar raised - represents people. People trusting us with their loved ones. People leaning on us in their most vulnerable moments. People showing up in generosity.

To our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners: thank you. You are the heartbeat of this organization.

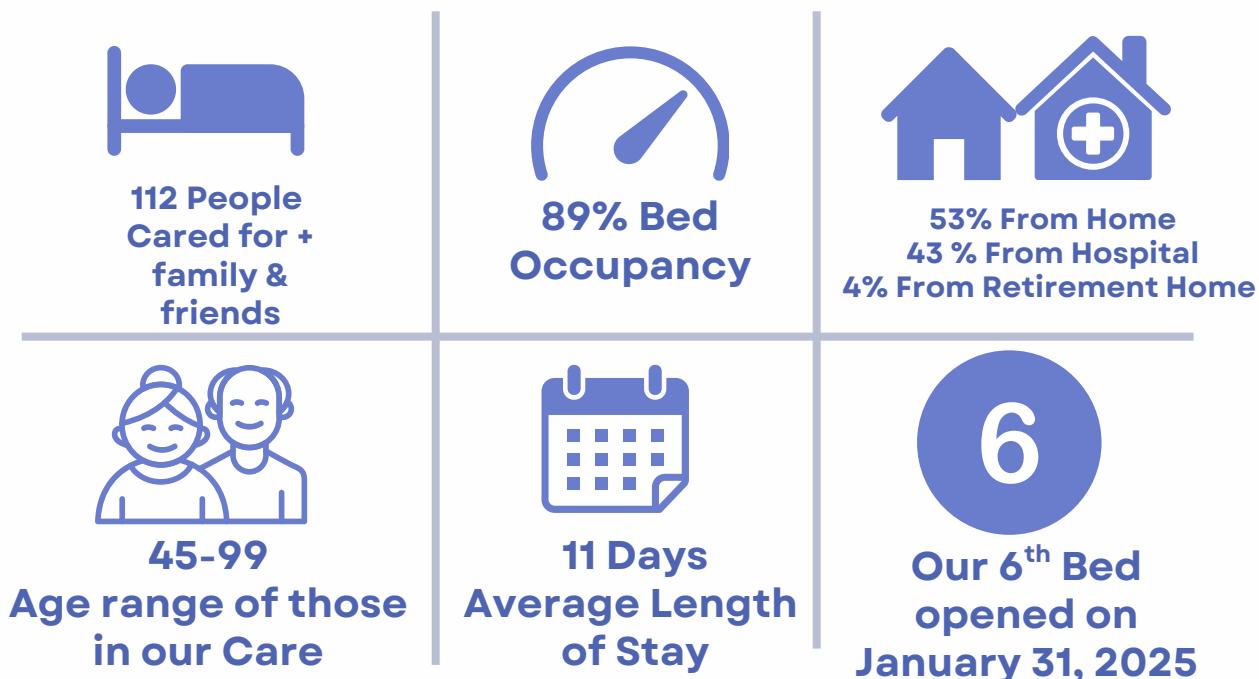
As we look to the future, we remain committed to providing exceptional care, growing our programs thoughtfully, and continuing to lead with integrity, compassion, and vision.

With gratitude,
Debbie, Karla & Stacey

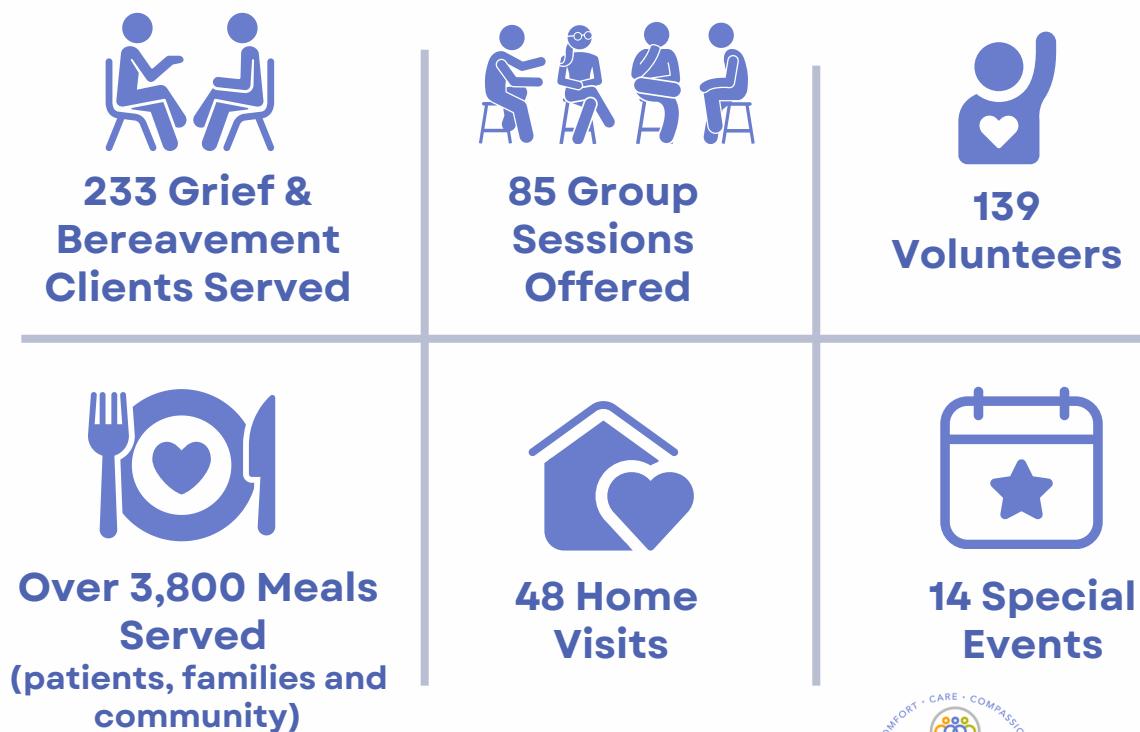
Because of You: What We Achieved Together

Every number tells a story. Every statistic reflects the impact of your generosity

Tomkins House Impact



Community Programs & Volunteers



Stories of Compassion

(Names removed for privacy)



“When we brought my sister to Tomkins House, we were exhausted—physically and emotionally. From the moment we arrived, everything changed. The staff welcomed us by name, wrapped us in comfort, and gave us space to just be together. It wasn’t just about her final days—it was about honouring her life, her humour, and her love of music.

One afternoon, a volunteer found a playlist of her favourite jazz songs. That simple act brought a smile to her face we hadn’t seen in weeks. Hospice Huronia gave us more than care—they gave us peace. And that’s something we’ll carry forever.”

— Family Member, Tomkins House

“When I first started volunteering, I thought I was just there to help make soup, sit with patients, tidy the kitchen. But it quickly became more than that. I’ve witnessed quiet goodbyes, gentle moments of laughter, and the power of simply being present. Hospice Huronia has reminded me how to listen with my whole heart.

I may give a few hours each week, but what I receive in return is something much deeper: perspective, gratitude, and connection.”

— Hospice Huronia Volunteer

“After my partner passed, I didn’t know how to function. Friends meant well, but they didn’t understand. Then I joined the Spousal Loss Support Group at Hospice Huronia. It was the first time I could talk openly without trying to protect everyone else from my pain. Being surrounded by people who had been there gave me the strength to get through the hardest days. I didn’t feel so alone anymore.”

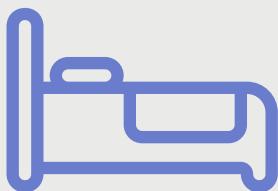
— Grief & Bereavement Client



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Milestones & Momentum

Building on our foundation to serve more families with compassion and care



6th Bed Approved & Providing Care

After years of advocacy and careful planning, our 6th residential hospice bed was approved and opened in January 2025. This expansion allows us to welcome more families into our care and meet the growing needs of our community with compassion, dignity, and 24/7 clinical support.



Securing Our Future: 928 Fuller Avenue

In a forward-thinking move, Hospice Huronia acquired the neighbouring property at 928 Fuller Avenue. This preserves the peaceful setting of Tomkins House and opens the door to future programming opportunities, such as a potential Day Program.



Expanding Grief & Wellness Programs

We expanded our grief and bereavement programs for children, adults, and families—including yoga, art therapy, peer support groups, and a Wellness Program for clients not yet ready for care. We are becoming known as a “safe place to grieve” in North Simcoe.



Strengthening Our Leadership Team

2024 marked an exciting evolution in our leadership structure with the introduction of Stacey Cooper in the Director of Operations & Community Programs role. We also celebrated the retirement of our Director of Care and welcomed Karla Trewin, RN, into the position bringing fresh insight and continued excellence in end-of-life care.

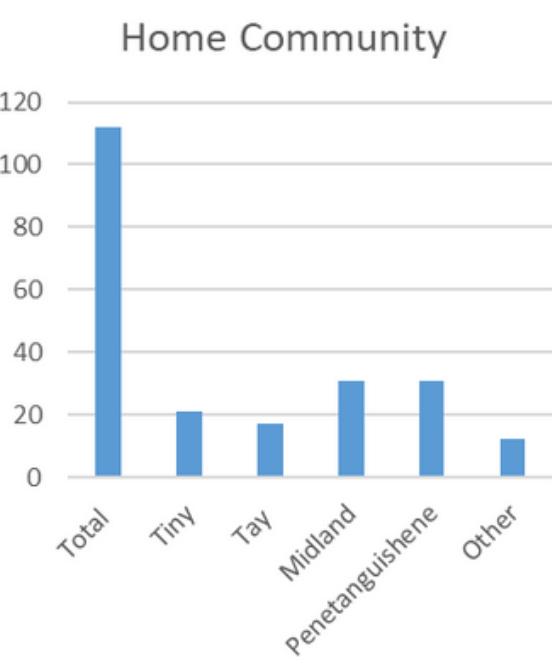
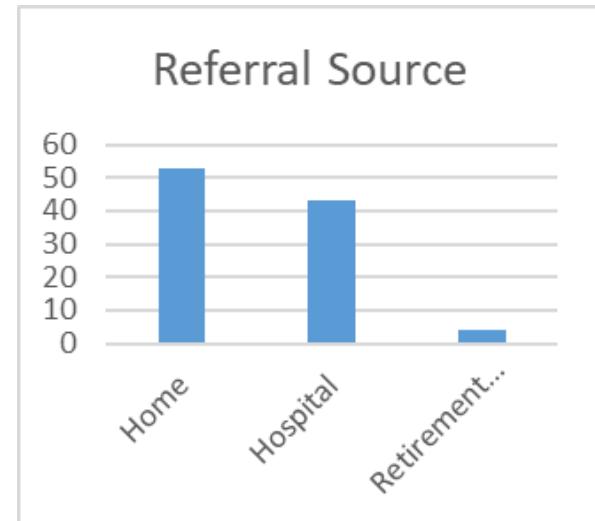
Tomkins House: A Place of Comfort and Dignity



Providing exceptional care at the end of life - right here in our community.

In 2024–2025, 112 individuals called Tomkins House their final home. Each one brought a story, a family, and a lifetime of memories. From the youngest, just 45, to our oldest resident at 99, our team provided around-the-clock care rooted in compassion, dignity, and love.

With the opening of our 6th bed in January 2025, we've increased our ability to serve more families at a time when wait lists for end-of-life care continue to grow. Our average occupancy remained above 89%, and over half of our residents came directly from home, avoiding unnecessary hospitalization.



Families came from across North Simcoe – including Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay, Tiny, Springwater, and Christian Island – and occasionally from beyond our region. While the clinical care we provide is essential, it's often the little things that leave the biggest mark: a favourite song played at the bedside, fresh linens each day, or a simple hug in the hallway.

At Tomkins House, no one dies alone. And no one is forgotten.

Expanding Community Support

At Hospice Huronia, compassionate care doesn't end at the doors of Tomkins House. In 2024-2025, we expanded our reach in the community - offering support, connection, and comfort to people of all ages and at all stages of the grief journey.



From one-to-one support, yoga classes, reiki, children's grief groups to memorial events and wellness initiatives, our community-based programming is growing rapidly thanks to donor support and dedicated staff.



We also strengthened partnerships with service clubs like Askennonia Senior's Centre, faith communities, schools and Indigenous leaders. These collaborations are essential as we build a more inclusive, resilient, and compassionate community for all. Because hospice care isn't just where we die - it's how we live, how we grieve, and how we care for one another.



Our Volunteer Family



Hospice Huronia's volunteers are the heart of everything we do. Whether preparing meals in the kitchen, tending the gardens, offering reiki or massage, providing home visits, attending board meetings, or facilitating one-to-one and group bereavement sessions, their impact is profound. From the most practical tasks to the most tender moments, they meet people exactly where they are - with compassion and care.

In 2024-2025, more than 130 volunteers gave over 8,000 hours of their time to help create a space of dignity, warmth, and peace.



Financial Summary

We are proud to report a strong financial year - balanced between strategic investment in care and responsible stewardship of every dollar. As community needs grow, so does our responsibility to ensure long-term sustainability.

Your support makes this possible.

Where Our Funds Came From

Ministry of Health:

\$1,049,244 (47%)

Includes funding for nursing costs & community programs

Donations & Fundraising:

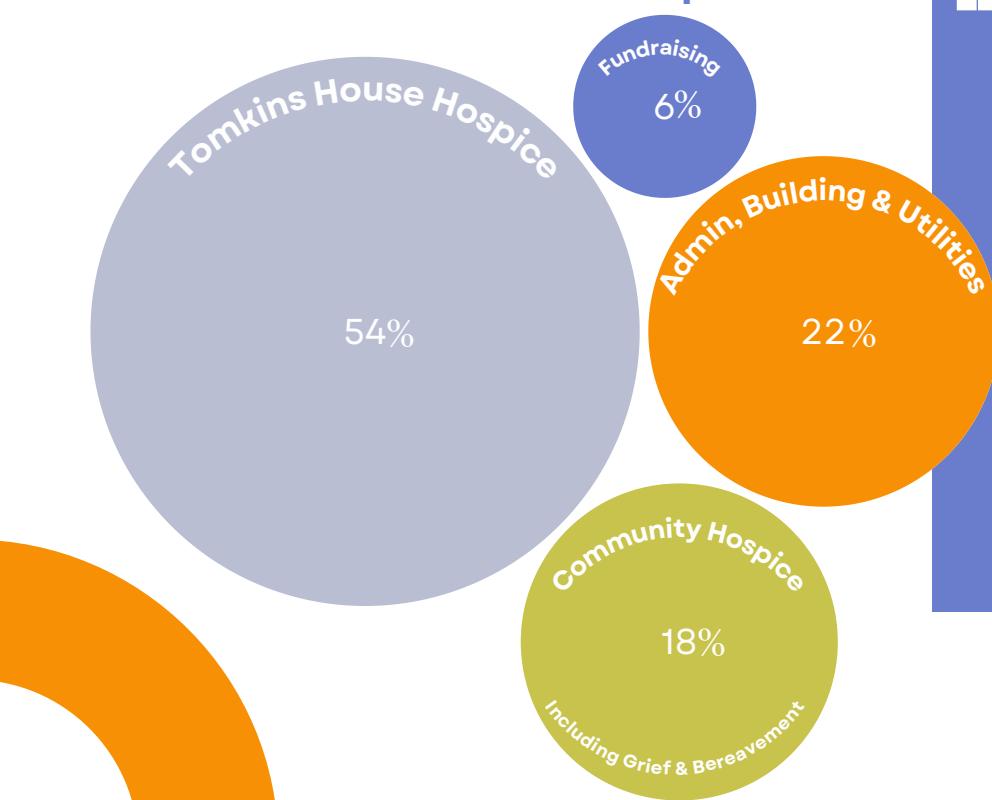
\$810,231 (36%)

In memoriam gifts, special events like Hike for Hospice, 3rd party events, annual appeal letter, bequests & grateful families who want to help the next ones who need us.

All other sources including grants, interest:

\$380,367 (17%)

Where These Investments Help



Fundraising, Efficiency & Impact

At Hospice Huronia, we're committed to using every donated dollar responsibly.



Cost to Raise \$1:
For every \$1 raised in 2024–2025, we spent just 16 cents.
(Industry best practices suggest staying under 35%—we're well within that range.)



Return on Investment:
For every \$1 we spent on fundraising, we generated \$5.10 in net donations.

This means donor support doesn't just sustain our programs it multiplies our impact.

As our community programs grow, we anticipate even greater efficiencies.

Major Donors 2024-2025



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Monthly Donors 2024-2025

Monthly or recurring donations allow us to plan for the year and ensure that we have a steady stream of funding coming in at regular intervals. One of our strategic goals is to increase the number of monthly donors and this past year we welcomed many new donors to our Family. Thanks to everyone who has made Hospice Huronia their charity of choice!

- Anne Desroches
- Astrid White
- Carmela Watts
- Catherine & Rob Root
- Dan & Sue Cousineau
- Don & Joan Roszmann
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- Dr Julie Caron
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- Carroll Ann Girard
- Margaret Monette
- The late Don Farquhar

- Carol Finlayson
- Zoe Hilton
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- Gisele Mellish
- Pat Shacklady
- Graham Hilton
- Anne Robitaille
- Karen Guluche
- Barb & Jeff Proctor
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- Bruce Dunn
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- Cathy Whytehead
- Sylvia Westcott-Tigwell
- Don Cunningham
- Julie Quesnelle
- David & Doris Webster
- Bobbie & Ross McConnell
- The late Betty Valentine
- Patricia Van Overschelde
- Mary Vallee
- And several Anonymous donors

Staff Monthly Donors

- Kelly Asselin
- Karen Buttineau
- Sharon Bryan
- Stacey Cooper
- Rebecca Duke
- Debbie Kesheshian
- Sarah Schell
- Tammy Vaters
- Sue Wright
- JoAnn Warren

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YOU!




In Honour & In Memory

2024-2025

Adolf Romanowski	Bill Orr	Donald Farquhar	Imi Melnyk
Aileen Cadeau	Bill Pickett	Donald Garon	Irene Olliff
Aime Gignac	Bill Thorne	Donald Woods	Irene Robertson-Smith
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	Dollie Moulden	Harold Trotter	Kenneth Thomas Popple
	Dolores Currie	Harry Wood & Doreen LeClair	Kim Fraser
	Don Farquhar	Harvey Graham	Lawrence Bellehumeur
	Don Gordon	Heidi Beutler	
	Don Miles	Helmut Straeche	
		Hildegard Groetzsch	
		Ian Turnbull	

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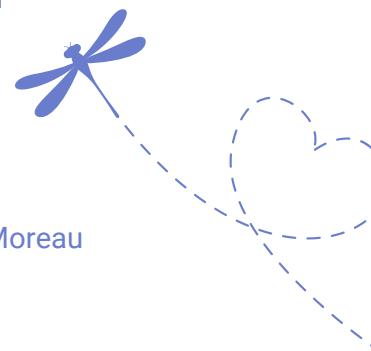
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Leslie Stewart
Linda Asselin
Linda Berriault
Linda Holly
Lloyd Leroux
Loretta Johnston
Lorraine Press
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Lucille Martin
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Susan Martin
Ted Aldred
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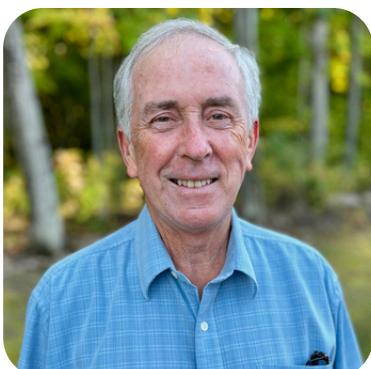
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RN



**Sue
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Looking Ahead Rooted in Care. Growing with Purpose.

As we reflect on a powerful year of care, community, and connection, we also cast our vision forward - with clear intention, bold ideas, and a heart rooted in service.

Guided by our [**2023-2026 Strategic Plan**](#), we're building a future where Hospice Huronia is known not only as a place of comfort, but as a place of excellence in hospice palliative care, grief support, and education.

In the years ahead, we are focused on:

Growth, Awareness, Accountability & Wellbeing

Pillar 1 - Growth

- Launch new community day programs and caregiver support sessions
- Expand and sustain peer-led and professionally supported grief & bereavement programs
- Leverage technology (Stratim, Meditech Expanse) for data, safety, and decision-making
- Develop a capital plan for the 928 Fuller Ave property

Pillar 2 - Awareness

- Host education and engagement events to demystify hospice and grief
- Strengthen partnerships with local healthcare, cultural, and Indigenous organizations
- Use storytelling and outcomes to amplify impact in our community
- Enhance our online presence to reach new audiences and share accessible resources

Pillar 3 - Accountability

- Achieve full HPCO Accreditation for residential and visiting programs
- Foster operational excellence with clear performance metrics
- Grow our donor base through transparent, impact-driven communication
- Maintain a magnet workplace with high satisfaction, education, and mentorship

Pillar 4: Wellbeing

- Prioritize staff and volunteer wellness with support, training, and work-life balance
- Expand grief care for those at all stages: diagnosis, death, and beyond
- Centre trauma-informed and inclusive approaches in all services
- Foster a culture of connection through team-building, reflective practice, and peer support

Our 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was built not just as a roadmap, but as a reflection of who we are: a compassionate, responsive, and community-rooted organization. Over the past year, we've taken meaningful steps toward that vision, from expanding access to care to investing in people, partnerships, and purpose.

These achievements are only possible because of the remarkable commitment of our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors. Their passion and perseverance continue to shape every program, every decision, and every quiet moment of care.

As we look ahead, the work continues - with humility, with boldness, and with deep gratitude for those walking alongside us. The next pillars of our plan focus on how we operate and how we care for the people who make our mission possible.

Thank You | Miigwech | Merci

At Hospice Huronia, every moment of care is made possible by the generosity, compassion, and trust of people like you. Whether you've given your time, your voice, your resources, or your heart - thank you. Your support ensures that no one in our region walks through diagnosis, death, dying, or grief alone.

This past year, we have:

- Comforted individuals at end of life
- Walked beside grieving families
- Supported caregivers in the hardest moments
- And created a place where dignity, peace, and compassion lead the way

Help us continue this work



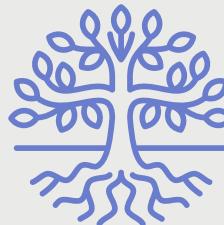
- Become a monthly donor
Your steady support provides comfort all year long



Host a community fundraiser – Celebrate, honour, or remember someone special



Join our volunteer family
Make a meaningful difference, one shift at a time



Leave a legacy
Include us in your will to support care for generations to come



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