



Moments of Comfort, One Paw at a Time



We are so grateful to be partnering with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Midland and District Animal Centre to bring a little extra comfort, and a lot of joy, into Hospice Huronia.

Through this special initiative, adorable furry friends will be visiting our hospice to spend time with residents, families, staff, and volunteers.

These gentle visits offer more than just smiles (though there are plenty of those!) they create moments of connection, calm, and companionship during what can be a deeply emotional time.

The bond between people and animals is powerful. Whether it's a soft purr, a wagging tail, or a quiet cuddle, these visits provide comfort, reduce stress, and spark meaningful memories. Programs like this reflect the Ontario SPCA's mission to bring compassion and care not only to animals, but to the communities they serve.

We look forward to sharing these heartwarming moments and are thankful for the kindness and partnership that make them possible.



JUNE CALLWOOD RECIPIENT

Debbie Cummings

2025

Outstanding Volunteer



Debbie first connected with Hospice Huronia in 2022, initially volunteering in Hospice Huronia's kitchen. Over time, she naturally transitioned into a supportive presence for those experiencing grief, becoming both a compassionate support person and a role model within the bereavement community.

Like many volunteers, Debbie's connection to hospice work was shaped by her own personal experience with loss. Since then, she has generously dedicated her time and energy to supporting others through a variety of bereavement initiatives. Her contributions include group facilitation, one-to-one peer support, teen support programming, and thoughtful involvement in program development and brainstorming.

Drawing on her personal life experience, professional background, and remarkable ability to meet people where they are at, Debbie has emerged as a natural leader and trusted role model within our community. She consistently demonstrates integrity, compassion, and an authentic, relatable approach to peer support.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Debbie and for the meaningful impact she continues to have on those we serve.

** Thank you! **



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2026 *Hike for*
HOSPICE

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Little Lake Park, Midland

Registration/Check-in: 9:30 am

Starting Ceremony: 10:30 am at the Pavilion

(Come anytime before 1 pm)

Refreshments from 11:00 am - 1 pm

Each spring, our community comes together for one of the most meaningful events of the year, Hike for Hospice.

This annual fundraiser helps ensure that Hospice Huronia can continue providing compassionate end-of-life care to individuals and families in our community. Nearly half of our care is made possible through the generosity of donors, and events like the Hike play a vital role in sustaining that support.

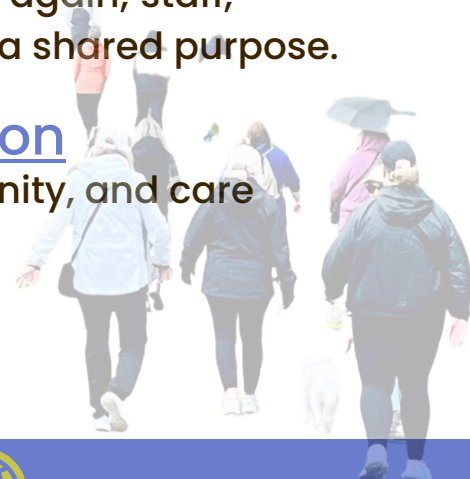
Whether you walk in memory of someone you love, in honour of a friend, or simply to give back, every step makes a difference.

We look forward to walking alongside our community once again; staff, volunteers, families, and supporters, coming together with a shared purpose.

[Join us, donate, or cheer us on](#)

Together, we can continue to provide comfort, dignity, and care every step of the way.

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Exploring the Future at Hospice Huronia



This spring, Hospice Huronia had the pleasure of partnering with students from Georgian College's Interior Design program as part of a real-world land use and design project focused on the property adjacent to Tomkins House (928 Fuller Avenue).

On March 16, 2026, students visited Hospice Huronia for a site meeting with staff and board members, using a comprehensive assessment framework to better understand our work, our space, and the needs of our community. The visit included a full site inspection and thoughtful conversations about how the land

could support hospice care, families, and the broader community.

On April 6, staff and board members attended Georgian College to hear six unique student presentations, each offering creative and compassionate ideas for the future of the land—from therapeutic outdoor spaces to community-focused wellness designs.

We are incredibly grateful for the students' insight, care, and innovation. We look forward to reviewing these ideas more closely and, together with our community, determining the next steps for this important space.



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VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION

Thursday April 23, 2026

9am-4pm

This gathering is our way of saying thank you! For your compassion, your time, and the meaningful difference you make in the lives of those we serve.

Please drop in, enjoy some light refreshments, connect with fellow volunteers and staff, and take a moment to reflect on the incredible impact you help create every day.

Whether you've been with us for years or are newer to the team, you are an essential part of our Hospice Huronia community, and we would love to celebrate you



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Community-based Palliative Nurse Navigator

Hospice Huronia, in partnership with the North Simcoe Ontario Health Team, is excited to announce the introduction of a Palliative Nurse Navigator program. This new navigator brings community-based clinical support, symptom management, and system navigation through early implementation of palliative approaches to care for patients and families navigating life-limiting illnesses.

A palliative approach to care focuses on meeting a person and their family's holistic needs – physical, psychosocial, and spiritual – at all stages of a chronic progressive illness. It amplifies personal autonomy and reinforces client rights to be actively involved in their own care. A palliative approach to care strives to give individuals and families a greater sense of control while enhancing quality of life throughout the various stages of illness, aging, and end of life.

Early identification is the first step in a palliative approach to care that focuses on identifying those who would benefit from palliative care early in their illness trajectory. Early identification creates opportunities to engage in conversations to improve the patient's understanding of their illness and to identify their values and goals. Identification is essential for creating fulsome care plans that prioritize the patient and family needs and goals of care, and facilitating access to important resources and supports

If you or a loved one have recently received a life-changing diagnosis and are in need of support – whether it is finding the right resources, managing troublesome symptoms, or completing Advanced Care Planning, please do not hesitate to reach out to Olivia at (705) 527-4890. For organizations or providers who would like a copy of our Palliative Nurse Navigation referral form or more information about our program, please email Olivia.h@hospicehuronica.ca



Olivia Horzempa is a Registered Nurse and joined the Hospice Huronia team in 2024. They have over 5 years of experience in community-based palliative care, including personal experience in navigating the local healthcare system while providing palliative care at home to their Grandmother for 18 months. Olivia is eager to help build this program for the North Simcoe Community!



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HOSPICE PROGRAM CALENDAR

Please call 705-549-1034 to register

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<p>Guys Group 6pm-7:30pm 4th Monday</p> 	<p> Yoga for Grief 11am - 12pm every Tuesday</p> <p> Art Therapy</p> <p>Spousal Loss Group 4pm-6pm</p> <p>Reiki 4pm-7pm</p>	<p>Coffee and Conversation Wednesdays 2pm-3:30pm</p>  <p>Caregiver Support Group 11am-1pm 3rd Wednesday</p>	<p>Virtual Art Therapy 1pm - 2:30 pm 2nd Thursday</p>  <p>Parents Circle Group</p> 	<p>"Let it Go" Fire Circle</p>  <p>Pet Therapy with Thor</p> 

A Season of Care and Connection

Spring often brings a sense of renewal and here at Hospice Huronia, we're feeling that in meaningful ways.

Each day, we witness the quiet strength of those who enter our doors, the love of families, and the deep commitment of our staff and volunteers. It's in the small moments; a hand held, a conversation shared, a peaceful presence that the true heart of hospice care is felt.

As a team, we continue to grow, reflect, and strengthen how we support our community. From the care provided within Tomkins House to the support we offer in homes and through bereavement programs, our focus remains the same: to ensure that no one faces their journey alone.

We are grateful for the trust you place in us, and for the compassion that surrounds this work; through our volunteers, donors, and community partners. Thank you for being part of the Hospice Huronia community.

Team Tomkins



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Volunteers: Come be appreciated!

Volunteer Appreciation
Open House

April 23, 2026
9 am - 4 pm

KIDS T-SHIRT
DECORATING
FOR HIKE

May 11, 2026
4:30 - 6 pm
Pre-register with Sarah

Tell us who you're
hiking for?!



Event
Sponsor:



2026 *Hike for*
HOSPICE
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026
Little Lake Park, Midland

Join us
for the Hike
on May 31st!



SUMMER MEMORIAL

July 9, 2026
Hospice Huronia Gardens
11 am, BBQ at noon!

Mark your
calendar for
September 18th

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You've got all
summer to
practice!