



A Beautiful Day for a Hike

The sun was shining, the trails were full, and our community came together once again for Hike for Hospice Huronia.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of participants, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters, this year's Hike was a tremendous success. More importantly, it was a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community rallies around a shared belief: that every person deserves comfort, dignity, and compassionate care at the end of life.



Whether you walked in memory of a loved one, in support of a family member, as part of a team, or simply because you believe in hospice care, thank you. Every step taken and every dollar raised helps ensure that Hospice Huronia can continue providing care and support to individuals and families throughout North Simcoe.

The day was filled with laughter, reflection, connection, and remembrance. Seeing so many people gathered together in support of hospice care was both inspiring and humbling.

From all of us at Hospice Huronia Tomkins House, thank you for making this year's Hike so special. **We were able to raise just over \$129,000!**



Where Your Support Makes a Difference

When people think about hospice care, they often think about our six residential hospice beds. While those beds are at the heart of what we do, hospice care extends far beyond a room or a building. Your support helps create moments that matter.

It helps provide a peaceful place where families can gather, share stories, and spend precious time together. It helps ensure that someone facing a life-limiting illness receives compassionate care, comfort, and dignity. It helps caregivers find support, and it helps grieving families access bereavement services long after a loved one has died.

Every day, we see the impact of this generosity.

Recently, a family member shared how grateful they were for the care their loved one received during their final days. While they arrived carrying fear, uncertainty, and exhaustion, they left knowing they had been supported every step of the way. They spoke about the kindness of staff, the comfort of simply being able to sit together without worry, and the peace that came from knowing their loved one was receiving exceptional care.

These are the moments your support makes possible. Because of donors, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners, Hospice Huronia Tomkins House continues to provide compassionate care and support when it is needed most.

Thank you for helping us be there for our community.



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Hospice Huronia's Grief & Bereavement Lead Tammy Vaters

Grief can feel lonely, overwhelming, and unpredictable. It can begin before a death occurs, continue long after a loss, and look different for every person. At Hospice Huronia, we believe no one should have to move through grief alone.

We are pleased to share that Tammy Vaters, RPN, CT, has stepped into the role of Grief & Bereavement Lead at Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House.

Tammy is a Registered Practical Nurse and Certified Thanatologist with more than a decade of experience in hospice, palliative care, pediatric hospice, community support, and education.

Many in our community may already know Tammy through her work at Hospice Huronia, where she has supported individuals and families at end of life, helped families navigate difficult decisions, and contributed to meaningful legacy and memorial initiatives.

In this role, Tammy will help individuals and families connect with the right grief and bereavement support, including one-to-one support, group programming, volunteer support, community education, and connection to additional resources when needed



You do not need to have had someone stay at Tomkins House to reach out. Hospice Huronia's grief and bereavement services are available to community members who are experiencing loss or preparing for the loss of someone important to them.

Support may be helpful if you are grieving, supporting someone through illness or end of life, feeling isolated after a loss, or looking for a safe place to talk.

For Grief & Bereavement Support, please contact: Tammy Vaters
Phone: 705-549-1034
Email: tammy.v@hospicehuronia.ca

At Hospice Huronia, we are here to walk alongside you with care, compassion, and support when you need it most.



Hospice
HURONIA
TOMKINS HOUSE

Summer

MEMORIAL



A Time to Reflect & Remember

A ceremony honouring our loved ones.

Outside in the gardens at Hospice Huronia

July 9th, 2026 at 11 am

All are welcome!

Register by calling 705-549-1034



Please bring
a lawn chair



at
Noon!

BBQ
hosted by



948 Fuller Avenue

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The Heart of Hospice: Our Volunteers

Behind every program, every event, and every moment of support at Hospice Huronia, there is a volunteer making a difference.

Whether welcoming visitors at the front desk, supporting families through grief, helping with fundraising events, providing companionship, or assisting behind the scenes, our volunteers help create the compassionate and caring environment that Hospice Huronia is known for.

In May alone, 116 active volunteers contributed more than 629 hours in support of our mission. These hours represent far more than time - they represent kindness, connection, and a commitment to ensuring that no one in our community faces illness, caregiving, or grief alone.

Many people are surprised to learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities available. Some volunteers work directly with clients and families, while others lend their talents through administrative support, special events, fundraising, or community outreach. Whatever the role, every volunteer helps strengthen the care and support we provide throughout North Simcoe.

If you've ever considered giving back to your community, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteering at Hospice Huronia is an opportunity to make meaningful connections, learn new skills, and be part of something truly special.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit our [volunteer page](#) or contact

Volunteer Lead: Kelly Asselin at 705-549-1034.

Together, our volunteers help make Hospice Huronia feel like home.



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Georgian Bay Garden Tour

Saturday, July 25th

More Info: gbgardentour.com



Hospice Huronia is pleased to be one of the beneficiaries of this year's Garden Tour. It's an adventure for both novice and experienced gardeners, with 12 gardens located in northern Tiny Township and the Penetanguishene area.

There is something for everyone with gardens in varied environments and terrain waiting to inspire you, a mystery plant competition to test your knowledge and artisans located at many of the gardens with beautiful items for your browsing pleasure.

Don't forget to stop by Hospice as we are a point of interest with wonderful gardens to see and a display of the on-line silent auction items as well!

A fantastic way to spend the day with friends and all for a great cause!

On your MARK, get SET ... TOSS!

Our 2nd Annual Cornhole for Hospice is in the works! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 19th** and be sure to register as spaces are limited. Registration opens on July 9th - www.hospicehuronica.ca or call 705-549-1034

With teams of 4 and only \$35 each, prizes, activities and lots of fun planned, you, your family and friends don't want to miss it! Don't forget to pick up your "Cornholio Raffle Ticket" with 5 amazing prizes!



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HOSPICE PROGRAM CALENDAR

Please call 705-549-1034 to register

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<p>Meditation Mondays 6-7pm</p>  <p>Guys Group 6pm-7:30pm 4th Monday</p>  <p>Pet Therapy with Bo</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 Wednesday 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 Summer Message from Team Tomkins

As summer arrives, we're reminded of the many ways our community comes together to support one another.

This spring was filled with examples of the incredible generosity that surrounds Hospice Huronia. From participants, sponsors, and volunteers at our Hike for Hospice, to community partners who continue to share their time, talents, and resources, we are continually inspired by the compassion that exists throughout North Simcoe.

While much of hospice care happens quietly, its impact is felt every day in a comforting conversation, a volunteer's visit, a caregiver finding support, or a family spending precious time together. These moments are made possible because of the collective efforts of our staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters.

As we look ahead to the months ahead, we remain committed to providing compassionate care and support to individuals and families throughout our community.

Thank you for being part of the Hospice Huronia family.

♥ Team Tomkins



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER MEMORIAL

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



GEORGIAN BAY GARDEN TOUR

July 25, 2026
12 Gardens - 1 Day of fun and
inspiration!
www.gbgardentour.com



ON-LINE SILENT AUCTION!

Georgian Bay
Garden Tour

JULY 15 - JULY 29

www.givergy.ca/campaign-GBGT-2026-online-auction

CORNHOLE FOR HOSPICE

Mark your
calendar for
September 19th



You've got all
summer to
practice!