



# Huron Shores Hospice

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

You're receiving this August newsletter because you expressed interest in the work being undertaken by the Huron Shores Hospice Steering Committee to bring residential hospice services to our communities. The last time we wrote to you we said, "...a lot has been happening!" Well, that goes double today!

Huron Shores Hospice is now a registered charity with the impressive CRA Number of 75168 9092 RR0001. We're very happy that we're now able to provide our own tax receipts to donors, and we want to thank United Way of Bruce Grey once again for its support in issuing the receipts while we waited for the federal government to designate us as a charity. To keep us organized, we have acquired a non-profit-oriented software called Sumac that helps us track our supporters and issues our

receipts, and we've hired Denise Vallis C.A. to handle our books.

On the fundraising front, **we are now at 70% of our goal to have \$310,000 in the bank** before we open our doors to the hospice suite co-located with Tiverton Park Manor. And we think that, once we close the book on our September fundraiser, we'll be within \$30,000-\$35,000 of the finish line.

We are expanding our Board of Directors and will have our Annual General Meeting on November 7, 2017. If you are interested in working with us over the next three years at the Board level, and you have talents in the legal, governance, fundraising or clinical care areas, please get in touch with us. We want to talk to you

## **HANDBAGS FOR HOSPICE FUNDRAISER SOLD OUT**

**THE POWER OF THE PURSE!** Only a month after tickets went on sale, all 160 tickets have been sold for the much-anticipated event Handbags for Hospice in support of Huron Shores Hospice.

The event, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, will include silent and live auctions, raffle, prizes, bubbly, sweets, and hors d'oeuvres. Popular brands such as Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, and Rebecca Minkoff will be making appearances in the form of handbags. Layne the Auctionista will be performing the Live Auction, which includes luxurious handbags as well as exciting experiences. All proceeds from the evening will go directly towards the establishment of a one-bed residential hospice operating out of Tiverton Park Manor. Fun and fundraising – what could be better?

More than **sixty** of the area's community-minded businesses and individuals have already offered sponsorships for the event and **there are more available**. Today, we want to thank our **major donors so far**:

Lesley & Duncan Hawthorne

Ideal Supply

RCM Technologies

Ideal Supply

Global Safety

Meridian Credit Union

NA Engineering

Rolls Royce Nuclear

The Juravinski Foundation

Jacques Law

Seven Acres

**THANK YOU!**

Bruce Power

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And we want to encourage any business or individual wanting to be part of this important event to head to our web site soon and the information there that we offer for a wide range of sponsorships still available. Or give us a call.

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We also need more volunteers for the *Handbags for Hospice* event, so if you didn't snag a ticket, why not come help out? It'll be a lot of fun. If you think you might be able to be a **silent auction table monitor, raffle ticket sales attendant, or a venue set-up and clean-up helper**, and you are available on September 27 (dress rehearsal) and September 28 (event night), please contact Cathy Herbert, event volunteer co-ordinator at [cathyherbert07@gmail.com](mailto:cathyherbert07@gmail.com).

## KINCARDINE PHYSICIANS SHOW SOLID SUPPORT WITH SIGNIFICANT \$10,000 DONATION

Just this month, Huron Shores Hospice received word that the doctors in the Kincardine Family Medical Team decided to donate pooled resources of \$10,000 to the hospice effort here! What a wonderful surprise. And the following letter from our medical director and liaison with the area physicians, Dr. Gunaratne, really lifted our spirits!

*From Dr. Damian Gunaratne*

*On behalf of the Kincardine physicians group, I would like to extend our full support for the Huron Shores Hospice. As we provide palliative care to our patients both at home and in hospital, we can see the great need in our community for residential hospice services. Our patients deserve to have the option to die with dignity in a home-like setting and, with your help, we will make this a reality.*

*As the future medical director of our hospice here in Kincardine, I have dedicated the last 12 months to gaining more expertise in the field and honing my skills. I have networked at national palliative care conferences and have gained more skills in complex pain management. I have also worked alongside our palliative care specialists in the region who have given me their full support. I am confident that this hospice will fill an important gap in our community's care needs and we all look forward to opening later this year at Tiverton Park Manor.*

*Thank you so much for your generous donations!*

Thank you, Dr. G., and the same to all our dedicated doctors who provide very important services in hospice palliative care!

## NEW FUNDAMENTALS OF HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE COURSE BEING OFFERED

If you are interested in working with us once the hospice suite opens, you'll need to take the Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care that is offered periodically through funding from the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). A new set of courses is being offered in September with the closest location being Chesley. Another course will be offered close to home in the spring. If you want to sign up for the three-class course this semester, go to our web site and point your cursor to **In the News**. <http://www.huronshoreshospice.ca/news.php>

It's a very worthwhile course that provides valuable information about the issues in hospice palliative care.

# HIKE FOR HOSPICE GREAT SUCCESS: OVER \$12,000

For anyone who wasn't involved, we want to share that the Hike for Hospice on Mothers' Day was a roaring success. We hoped to raise \$10,000 and the community pulled together to help us raise **over \$12,000**. Amazing! The weather was cool first thing in the day but ended up being just the right temperature for all of our hikers. So many people to thank:

Bruce Power for donating baseball caps to all the hikers and volunteers, Bruce Telecom for providing prizes for the walkers, No Frills for donating water and napkins, The Beefway for donating the meat for the BBQ, the

Kincardine Lions Club for cooking up delicious hot dogs and sausages, Quality Construction Services for sponsoring the free swim following the hike, Linda Bowers for her laminating machine for maps and signage, the Municipality of Kincardine for allowing us to use their tracks, tables, chairs and washrooms, and, of course, all the wonderful volunteers and hikers (and dogs) who came out to support us!



## 100 WHO CARE & SHARE DONATION: \$10,000!!

Huron Shores Hospice was the very grateful recipient of over \$10,000 from the 100 People Who Share Bruce County members on July 24 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

The hospice was chosen as one of three presenters for the meeting and after a passionate presentation by board chair, Cheryl Cottrill, outlining the importance of having a residential hospice in our local community, the majority of the 104 members voted to support Huron Shores Hospice.

"Residential hospice not only supports the person who is dying, but also the family and friends of that individual," Cheryl told the members. "Right now, we don't have many options in the area for hospice, other than an acute care bed in the hospital for the last hours of life, being transferred to a long-term care facility anywhere in Bruce County or a residential hospice in Owen Sound, Guelph or Kitchener. Most people want to die with dignity, in the community where they live, with their loved ones around them."

Huron Shores Hospice was absolutely thrilled with the support from the *100 People Who Share Bruce County*

members.

The hospice project needs \$310,000 to open the door for the one-bed suite at Tiverton Park Manor. This donation left us with less than \$95,000 to fundraise, so it was a significant donation and brings us many steps closer to opening the door.



Chair Cheryl Cottrill being congratulated by *100 People Who Care* organizer Bill Pike

# BRUCE TELECOM SUPPORTS HSH: \$15,000 DONATION AS COMMUNICATIONS SPONSOR

Bruce Telecom, the Connection Sponsor for Huron Shores Hospice has confirmed its donation of \$15,000 in cash and in-kind services for the establishment of our one-bed residential hospice. Last month, Representatives of Bruce Telecom together with Huron Shores Hospice volunteers were impressed by a tour of Tiverton Park Manor guided by the Duncan Hamman. Bart Cameron, CEO of Bruce Telecom expressed, "We are very proud to be able to lend our support, and excited to see the project moving nearer to implementation."



Pictured here are representatives from Huron Shores Hospice gratefully receiving confirmation of a substantial contribution from Bruce Telecom toward the establishment of the one-bed residential hospice suite to be co-located initially at Tiverton Park Manor. From left to right, Cathy Herbert, HSH Volunteer Co-ordinator, Danica Chinnick, Community Program & Web Content Specialist for Bruce Telecom, Steve Soychak, CFO for Bruce Telecom, Duncan Hamman, Business Manager for Tiverton Park Manor, Zhiao Li, Marketing & Administrative Assistant for HSH, Joan Eaglesham, Vice-Chair for HSH, Peggy Zeppieri, Treasurer for HSH, and Kathryn Bruce, Marketing Co-ordinator for Bruce Telecom.

## HOW TO HELP?

There are as many ways to help as there are people helping us to reach our goal. Here are a few samples that might get you thinking about how you might help.

- Ruth Murphy of Kincardine showed a display of creative generosity when she donated all \$680 of the proceeds from her garage sale to the hospice! Ms. Murphy is an inspiration in turning a small event into a large act of kindness. The hospice group is extremely grateful to leaders in the community like Ms. Murphy who take the time and effort to support the hospice. What a great way to get rid of clutter and support an important cause.
- Peter Little from Little's Furniture Ltd. in Port Elgin donated a lovely queen size bed and other furniture for the family room in the hospice suite as the landmark store closed earlier this summer.
- Mrs. Mary Lou Franklin donated an electric hospital bed to the cause in memory of her husband Stan who passed away this year.

- Through Canada Helps on-line or at local funeral homes, many people have made donations in the name of loved ones who recently passed away.



- Earlier this year, the Kincardine Sunset Quilt Guild presented the HSH Board with a beautiful quilt that will be used to welcome new residents to the hospice once it opens.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### **Kincardine Bereavement Support Group**

**Saturday, September 9, 16, 23, 30**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**(followed by a light lunch)**

**Knox Presbyterian Church  
345 Durham St, Kincardine**

**Facilitator: Mary Winkler**

#### *What is Grief Support?*

- ∕ It is a way to express our experience of loss
- ∕ It is support & compassionate caring for family members & friends of the deceased
- ∕ An opportunity to share feelings or just to listen and not be alone

**No charge to attend; Pre-Registration Required**

**For Information & Registration:**

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**GET THE WORD OUT —  
WE'RE ALMOST TO OUR GOAL!**



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