

Queen Jean's Team: "Why We Hike for Hospice"

Last June, our family lost our matriarch, our Queen Jean.

When we were made aware that Grandma's dialysis was no longer working, her medical team had advised us that her passing would not be long.

We were so blessed that in a time of uncertainty and sorrow, Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth opened its doors to us to help us say goodbye. Grandma was a dear Mother and Mother-In-Law to 6, a grandmother to 19, and a great-grandmother to 20 (with 2 more on the way when she passed). Family was everything to her.

Grandma's comfort and dignity were of the utmost importance to us, and these priorities were naturally met. The staff embraced our very large family with deep understanding and respect. Not only did Grandma receive the very best of care, but family members were also supported by the staff during those most difficult days with compassionate conversations and accommodating gestures.

Grandma's stay was only 6 days, but in that time we grew to understand the purpose and importance of hospice with our first time experience. The calming facility, coupled with the kindness shown left a tremendous impact on all of us.

To honor Grandma's memory, and to ensure more families have access to this vital community resource, our family will be participating in Hike for Hospice on June 23, 2024.



Jean Walker with granddaughter Shannon

Grandma taught us to be kind, thoughtful and giving. What better way to carry on her legacy?

~ Shannon O'Shea Ross

Sunday June 23 | Hike with us to show Every Moment Matters >



5 years MAKING MOMENTS MATTER



June 22, 2024 will mark five years since we officially opened the doors to Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. Reflecting on the past five years, we observe that our original capital campaign tagline still resonates.

because you care...

375 individuals have been cared for on their end-of-life journey.

Countless cups of coffee were served to residents and visitors, providing a comforting touch of home.

12,434 memorial donations have been gratefully received, receipted and acknowledged.

25,912 volunteer hours have been provided to support the residents, care for our gardens, keep our kitchen abundant, support our fundraising activities and so much more!

357 days of care have been dedicated in memory or honour of loved ones, paying it forward for those who will call hospice home.

Behind these numbers are YOU – our dedicated supporters, donors, volunteers, family members, community partners, and staff.

Because you care, loved ones can be just that, loved ones.

thank you...

Because you care, Rotary Hospice is here for you.



Celebrating National Volunteer Week

On April 16th, 2024, Rotary Hospice celebrated our wonderful volunteers during National Volunteer Week as they joined us for an afternoon of recognition and celebration.

More than sixty Rotary Hospice volunteers were in attendance, some who have volunteered in palliative care since 1994 and some who joined our team in the last few months.

Every year, Volunteer Canada puts out a theme for the week and this year, quite fitting for our anniversary year, is "Every Moment Matters". This very line is the core vision of Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth.

All of our volunteer efforts are commendable but to those volunteers who have supported Rotary Hospice over the last five-years, we appreciate you and we thank you.

What Rotary Hospice means to Ellie and me

"Ellie is likely not aware that her hospice visits aid in reminiscing, easing loneliness, calming anxiety - but I know the benefits of visits with hospice residents and their families are numerous.

Hospice residents, staff and volunteers feel the unconditional love that a tail wagging, silky-eared, dark-eyed pup can offer. Individuals may experience a calm, emotional connection, a uplift in mood, or a release of stress.

We know our hospice visits affect happiness.



The opportunity to facilitate these moments for individuals at end of life, and their family members, is truly priceless. We are both honoured to serve this way."

Shawna MacNeil, Volunteer, St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program

Donations of \$2,500+, will be acknowledged on the annual giving wall, which is updated annually and cumulatively.

Donations can be made securely on our website at rotaryhospice.ca

For more information contact: Lucie Stuart, Director Fund Development and Stewardship 519-508-4900 x720 lucie@rotaryhospice.ca

DONATION FORM

/we would like to make a difference with the following donation:

\$2500 \$1000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

/we would like to make a general donation to **Hike for Hospice** \$ _____

Pay for a Day of Care for one resident \$350 Pay for a Week of Care for one resident \$2800 My special date(s): _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. **Total Donations** \$ _____

Donor Name: _____
 Address: _____ Prov: _____ Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: for tax receipt _____

Payment by credit card Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp / CVV _____

Payment by cheque Please make cheque payable to *Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation*



SAVE THE DATE
October 17, 2024

This event is an important fundraiser for us, raising \$135,000 last year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday June 19, 2024 | Hog Jog 2024
 Details: hogjog.ca

Thursday, June 20, 2024 | Grief: Day by Day Free Webinar | Hosted by Rotary Hospice Registered Social Workers | For details or to register, please email sw@rotaryhospice.ca

Sunday, June 23, 2024 | Hike for Hospice at Stratford Perth Museum | Check-in 10:30 am Warm-up 11 am | For details and to register visit rotaryhospice.ca/hike-sign-up

Saturday August 17, 2024 | 5th Annual Rooster Classic Golf Tournament | Registration is now open | For details and to register visit facebook.com/theroosterclassic

If you have an upcoming event in support of Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth, let us know so we can let others know!



Hike for us Sunday, June 23, 2024

Join us at the Museum for a BBQ lunch, music, games, cake and more and help us reach our fundraising goal of \$110,000!

\$350 Every Day Counts

That's the amount Rotary Hospice is required to fundraise per day, per resident room. YOU can make a gift of \$350 (or \$30 monthly) and dedicate the day of your choosing in memory of a loved one. To learn more, please visit rotaryhospice.ca/every-day-counts.

This gift is in memory of in honour of:
 (Name) _____

Please contact me, I am interested in:
 making a gift with securities (stock)
 leaving a gift in my will

To keep you up to date on the impact of your gift, you will be added to our e-news mailing. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Please mail this form with payment to:
 Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation
 80 Greenwood Drive, Stratford, ON N5A 0J1
 t. 519-508-4900