



HOSPICE SOCIETY

OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

“Hospice is an oasis where no one dies or grieves alone”

The following reports on the progress the Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley (HSCV) has made in the past year. We thank all businesses, organizations, funders, and individuals that supported HSCV in 2020.

The Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley is celebrating its 8th year of operation.

Major accomplishments of the last year include...

- Trained 21 new facilitators for the Children and Youth Grief program in collaboration with the School District #6
- Trained 13 volunteers in Advance Care Planning with the aim of assisting members of the community needing help to complete their ACP.
- Hosted new HOSPICE WEEK with the virtual Move It for Hospice and outdoor Art Auction activities.
- On-going partnerships with Interior Health, Family Dynamix Association, Child and Family Development Services, RCMP Victim Services, Hospital, and others.
- Renovated the office with the help of volunteers.

Measurables for 2020 (numbers compiled January 1- December 31, 2020)

- 78 active volunteers
- 328 End-of-Life (EOL) Visits; 21 EOL clients and their families served (in person and using technology).
- 4 EOL clients from Canal Flats.
- 418 Bereavement Visits; 32 Br clients served (in person and using technology).
- 5 Bereavement clients from Canal Flats.
- 1900 hours of volunteer work.
- 1-14 hours Bereavement Volunteer training workshop (provided with distancing and safety protocols).
- 2 12-weeks Bereavement Support Groups with a total of 9 participants (were held with distancing and safety protocols).

- 4 online volunteer in-service trainings covering subjects such as Death Doula, Complicated and Traumatic Grief, and Children and Youth Grief. A total of 49 volunteers participated.

Due to COVID-19 the organization could not hold any of its annual special fundraising events. There is no doubt that it was a difficult year for all Non-profit organizations. The Hospice had to adjust and modified the way it supported clients and volunteers and made use of technology wherever possible. Considering the restrictions, the Hospice has continued to serve all members of the community.

While the office needed to be closed from March to June staff took the opportunity to renovate and upgrade the physical space. The location the organization currently rents had not been upgraded since the early 1990's. All materials (paint, paint products, etc.) were donated and volunteers gave over 40 hours of their time during renovation. The office re-opened at the beginning of July and has since been following all COVID restrictions with success.

Board Members in 2020:

- Board Members include Barb Gagatek (Invermere), Maureen Fjeld (Radium), Linda Maurer (Radium), Dodie Marcil (Canal Flats), Daneve McAffer (Canal Flats), Laura Cuthbertson (Windermere) and Linda Herbert (Fairmont).

As we look to our future the purpose of our Society continues to be:

- a) To promote health by easing the suffering and distress of terminally ill persons and their families through the provision of a hospice visitation program and bereavement services conducted by provincially mandated trained hospice volunteers.
- b) To advance education by providing provincially mandated hospice visitor training and bereavement training to volunteers.
- c) To advance education in matters of dying, death, and bereavement by providing presentations on palliative care, advanced care planning, grief, and bereavement to the public, students and health care professionals.
- d) To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the above-mentioned charitable purposes.

Goals for the upcoming year include:

- Train Adults in understanding children and youth grief.
- Host children and youth grief support groups.
- Offer Anticipatory Grief support training to volunteers.

- Continue to build on the success of our EOL and Bereavement.
- Provide Public Awareness Education workshops (online and in-person when allowed).
- Outreach activities in the Valley.
- Offer support to community members with Advance Care Planning.
- Continue to offer Bereavement Support Groups.
- Continue exploring partnership opportunities with local organizations.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

As At March 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 164,452	\$ 98,782
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	5,085	5,000
GST recoverable	909	1,964
	170,446	105,746
Capital assets (note 2)	4,187	3,096
	\$ 174,633	\$ 108,842
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,161	\$ 7,530
Government remittances payable	3,346	5,289
Deferred revenue (note 3)	56,960	53,000
	64,467	65,819
Net assets		
Capital fund	4,187	3,096
Operating fund - unrestricted	100,979	34,927
Restricted fund (note 4)	5,000	5,000
	110,166	43,023
	\$ 174,633	\$ 108,842