

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The Heart of Hastings Hospice has funds available to assist individuals and families in our local catchments area to defray costs associated with, or incurred as a result of a life threatening illness.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

The Heart of Hastings Hospice will assist families by providing funds for diagnostic testing. A maximum of 4 visits from the technician to a client's home if the individual is too ill to travel.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Heart of Hastings Hospice will also assist families with parking and/or fuel costs to attend medical appointments:

- to Toronto max \$50.00 per visit
- to Kingston max \$30.00 per visit
- to Peterborough max \$25.00 per visit

- to Belleville max \$20.00 per visit
The maximum amount available to each client will be \$200.00. All expenses claimed must be supported by receipts.

NURSING CARE

Funds may be available to pay for two shifts of eight hours each, to provide overnight care by an appropriate caregiver.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment to facilitate in-home care may be available. Please call if you require a piece of equipment.

For additional information or to make a referral to the Heart of Hastings Hospice program, contact the Coordinator Doris Bush, RN by calling (613) 478-1884. (Tweed and Madoc).

Other contacts:

Beverley Maloney, RN 613 472-3708
(Marmora and Stirling)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Become a Volunteer (men and women)
2. Support our goals through financial donation.
3. Become a member of The Heart of Hastings Hospice. Membership is \$15/yr.



THE HEART OF HASTINGS HOSPICE

a support service for people with any life threatening diagnosis; including cancer, ALS muscle wasting degenerative nerve and muscle diseases, respiratory and circulatory diseases, Parkinsons, Diabetes, and AIDS.

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PALLIATIVE/HOSPICE CARE

Palliative care is the combination of active and compassionate therapies intended to comfort and support individuals and families who are living with, or dying from, a progressive life-threatening illness or are bereaved.

WHAT IS THE HOSPICE?

The Heart of Hastings Hospice is an **in-residence support service provided by trained volunteers.**

Hospice also has registered nurses as contact persons to help with your questions and concerns.

You can contact Hospice anytime from diagnosis of your illness. We will follow you along in whatever way is helpful to you and your family.

The Hospice is committed to improving the quality of life for those facing the diagnosis of any life-threatening illness. The Hospice volunteer supports in the home to relieve stress for both patient and family.

All information is treated with complete privacy and is not given to other agencies without consent of the client.

SERVICES

The Hospice volunteers function as extended family members, providing support for both the patient and their family. “We are whoever you want us to be”.

Volunteers provide companionship for the ill person by talking, listening, or sitting quietly with the person. They assist the caregiver by providing “time-out”, running errands outside of the home – such as picking up medication or groceries, by preparing a small meal, or assisting with personal care. Volunteers may also accompany a patient to a doctor’s appointment.

The Heart of Hastings Hospice accepts referrals from patients, family members, friends, visiting nurses, physicians, clergy, or home-care workers. Anyone can call Hospice!

Note that Volunteers do not provide hands-on nursing care. Services are provided in the home, hospital, nursing home or retirement homes.

FUNDING

The Hospice is Incorporated and is registered as a non-profit charity. There is **no fee** to patient and family for Hospice support.

HOSPICE GOALS

The first priority of the Hospice is to provide support and care to patients and families in their residence – home, nursing home or retirement home, or hospital. The volunteer coordinator will support you if you do not wish to have a volunteer in your home.

Hospice wants to get involved from diagnosis of a life-threatening illness and walk on with you.

Bereavement support individually or in a group is available. If you need our support, call 613-478-1884.

Representatives of the Heart of Hastings Hospice are available to speak to service clubs, church groups, and other interested organizations.