

Dundas County Hospice Companion

DID YOU KNOW?

Anyone at all can refer directly to us.

Simply call 613-535-2215

**We take referrals at
ANY stage of a life threatening illness.**

All our services are FREE.

DUNDAS COUNTY HOSPICE PROVIDES:



- œ **Trained Volunteers**
- œ **Library**
- œ **Volunteer Training Course**
- œ **Equipment Loan Cupboard**
- œ **Service 7 days a week**
- œ **Caregiver Support Group**
- œ **Day Hospice/Men's Breakfast**
- œ **Bereavement Support**
- œ **Support Groups for Men & Women**

∞ HOSPICE ACTIVITIES ∞

Training Course: We offer a 10 week/30 hour Hospice Palliative Care Course primarily for visiting volunteers.

Graduates of the March 2011 and November 2011 courses are: Laurie Ann Barkley, Debbie Byvelds, Donna LaPorte, Evelyne Merkley, Melissa Bowman, Jennifer Markell, Dianne Marion, Michelle Levers, Kim Droppo, Crystal Dowson, Kelly Dugray-Butler, Catherine Caza, Sally Baillie, Jessica Matthies, Terri Barkley, Jacqueline Burke, Janet Hutt, Shelly Hutt, Yvonne Jamieson, Rosalyn Kingston, Kylie Larstone, Amanda Laub, Jacqueline McMillan, Ruby Mekker, Jo-Ann Naish, Mindy Roderick, and Amy White. Congratulations to all. Next course will be held in Fall 2012.

Volunteers: Volunteers are caring, generous and kind people. We are proud of our 54 Volunteers who, in 2011, gave approximately 6500 hours of their time to 120 Clients for visiting, and also for Fundraising, Board duties, Office work, etc. Each year Dundas County Hospice shows our appreciation for all their hard work by having an evening of musical entertainment, snacks and a motivational speaker.

Library: Over 200 books and 20 videos are available for loan at any time to anyone requesting the information. Some topics covered are Hospice Care, Caring for Loved Ones at Home, Specific Illnesses, Therapies and Dealing with Illness. Some of our titles include: After the Rain, Words of Comfort, Words to Heal, Humor Your Stress and The Meaning of Life, Children & Grief.

Equipment Loan Cupboard: Through generous donations of both funds and equipment, we are able to offer our clients a variety of equipment to make life easier. Some of the items include several electric lift chairs, wheel chairs, walkers, bath seats, privacy screens, room monitors and specialty comfort pillows.

Bereavement Program: In addition to individual volunteer visiting for bereaved persons, Dundas County Hospice offers seminars on helpful topics open to everyone. As well, Hospice offers bereavement support groups for those in need.

Messages and Memories: Clients, their caregivers and/or family members are welcome to borrow video equipment to record special events with loved ones or tape their own individual messages. If you wish, a Dundas County Hospice volunteer is available to assist you in capturing your memories.

Day Hospice/Men=s Breakfast Club: Since it=s inception, these programs have been very popular with our clients. Attendance is still regular and clients are very positive. The day consists of an activity (crafts, speaker, and a nutritious meal, etc.) Occasionally, an outing is planned.

Caregiver Support Group: In addition to caring for our clients, we feel that it is important to support those who are instrumental in keeping their loved ones at home for as long as possible. This is a huge commitment on their part and they often need support to prevent burn out and help to cope with stress. These support groups currently meet monthly.

∞ VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ∞

ANITA ROBITAILLE is a valued volunteer for our organization. For the past six years she has visited clients with passion, compassion, expertise and commitment. Not only is Anita a valued member of our team but she is also an accomplished artist. She has generously donated items of her work to our fundraising events.

Thanks for Volunteering !

OUR DUNDAS COUNTY HOSPICE TEAM

CAROL FROATS, B.A., Executive Director: Leave of Absence

BEA VAN GILST, R.N. Director of Client Services / Acting Executive Director:

Bea assesses new clients, then matches them to the volunteers. The Day Hospice Support Programs are organized by Bea as well. She is especially appreciated for her quiet, compassionate approach to our clients. Other duties include infection control and supporting the volunteers.

JAN CLAPP, R.N., Palliative Care Course Facilitator:

Jan was one of our founding board members in 1992. She has retired from CCAC and is enjoying her work in facilitating the Course for volunteers and other interested individuals.

LISA CASSELMAN, Office Administrator joined us in June 2011. We welcome her organizational skills and energy and enthusiasm.

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

To **retiring** Board Members: Nellie Leightizer for over 10 years of service as Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and board member. To **retiring** Jane McIntosh for her years as Treasurer and board member. To **retiring** Stephany Vautour and Hennie Joldersma for their service on the board. To **new** Board Members Paul Renaud, Arlene Nesbitt & Jackie McMillan.

Dundas County Hospice is a Non-Profit Organization

All Hospice services are provided without charge to the client and their family, so that no one will go without support. Your financial gift will help. Thanks for your donations.

Gift Idea:

We greatly appreciated donations received this past year that were in lieu of a gift for a special person=s birthday, anniversary or Christmas. Income Tax Receipts are issued to the Donors and the people honoured are sent a card informing them of the donation and the Donor=s name.

Memoriam Donations:

All money received from **In Memoriam@** donations is used for direct client care only.

Fundraising:

Your generous response to our fundraising events has enabled us to continue our Hospice Services in 2010/11. We thank you for your continued support. **June 9, 2012** is set for our annual **Golf Tournament** and our Bi-annual **HOEDOWN** will be held October 20, 2012 at the Matilda Hall.

Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the generous community for their continuous support of Dundas County Hospice.

As an example of their generosity, a special thank you to the local Service Clubs, North and South Dundas Townships.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre for their ongoing assistance.



The "Autumn Crocus" is the symbol of the hospice movement because these crocuses add a burst of colour just as many flowers are dying, which is symbolic of the care and support provided by hospice volunteers at the

end of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Dundas County Hospice strives to maintain an active program that serves and offers support to terminally ill patients and their families. The program operates in collaboration with like-minded community agencies and service groups.

2011 - 2012 STAFF

Executive Director:	Carol Froats, B.A.
Director of Client Services:	Bea Van Gilst, R.N.
Course Facilitator:	Jan Clapp, R.N.
Office Administrator:	Lisa Casselman

2011 - 2012 BOARD

Chair:	Bob Pitruniak
Vice-Chair:	Sandra Jennings
Volunteer Liaison:	Diane Wilson
Secretary:	Marilyn Boissonneault
Treasurer:	Diane Annable
Medical Advisor:	Dr. C. Adamson
Members:	Crystal Dowson Paul Renaud
	Mary Gibson Arlene Nesbitt
	Betty Guy Jackie McMillan

*Board members come from all walks of life.
Anyone interested in becoming a board member
please contact the office.*

Stop in to see us at:

4324 Villa Drive, Williamsburg

Phone: (613) 535-2215

Fax: (613) 535-1749

Office hours: Monday to Friday ~ 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

E-mail: info@dundascountyhospice.ca

Web site: www.dundascountyhospice.ca

I would like to help: DUNDAS COUNTY HOSPICE, 4324 Villa Drive, Box 228, Williamsburg, Ont. KOC 2H0
Phone: (613) 535-2215

- My donation of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- Please send me a receipt for Income Tax Purposes.
- I would like to volunteer my time and energy.
- I would like more information about hospice programs.
- I would like to become a Dundas County Hospice member (fee - \$10.00).

Please make all cheques payable to:
DUNDAS COUNTY HOSPICE
Charitable Registration No.
89131 6382 RR0001

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

YEAR: 2012