

HOSPICE HAPPENINGS September 2015

THE BOARD

Every September we at Olds & District Hospice Society look to the community to share in the efforts of our board/committees in supporting those facing end of life. We have been blessed by the amazing support of our community by gifts of time, talent and treasure. Moving forward, we are always looking for individuals who can support the Society and its objectives. **Is it you this year?**

Currently, Olds & District Hospice Society is a volunteer board of 10 amazing individuals who have a passion for serving their community. We have six committees each chaired by a board member. Committee members, not currently on our board of directors, are asked to commit to one meeting per month. We come from all walks of life, with varied experiences and talents, and we work together to serve those in our community in palliative journeys.

In the past four years we have supported almost 100 families in our area as they face end of life and in bereavement. We have trained over 40 volunteers and have an active base of 27 volunteers who work with families in a variety of roles. Our part-time Service Coordinator connects with all levels of palliative support in our community and is a valuable asset as she supports clients and volunteers. She is a consistent presence for families during a very difficult time.

We have connected with over 10 communities across Alberta as we share our model of care and our experiences of Rural Hospice Palliative Care. We have been the focal point of a research project from the University of Alberta, and continue to stay in touch with those entities researching rural palliative care.

As we move forward, we continue to be blessed by the commitment of our volunteers. We recognize that any program is naught unto itself and the need for new ideas, new talents and fresh approaches is so important. We look to you, our community of Sundre, Didsbury and Olds, to consider supporting a great group with your time.

If interested, please contact us and we will gladly forward the board and/or committee application information to you.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.