



Olds and District
HOSPICE
SOCIETY

Hospice Happenings FEBRUARY 2016

February is often referred to as 'heart month'. We like to take that concept one step further with the question: "Do you have a **Heart for Hospice?**"

In 2009, O&DHS had a logo designed with "heart for hospice" in mind. The intent was to connect with local residents to determine if hospice palliative care was important. Did our community agree that there was a need to work toward better access and quality palliative care? Your response was incredible. Our county-wide survey was dotted with touching stories; some with positive experiences and others with less than positive experiences. It has been an honour to work toward improving the lives of individuals, their families and friends who face end of life in our rural communities.

We are grateful to all who have supported our endeavours in any way, and we are excited as we move forward, connecting with several groups across our province to bring increased awareness, education and support for those in a palliative journey. Thank you for your 'heart for hospice'. Please know that all the hours and dollars and support truly make a difference.

Sharing Talent...ART BATTLE RETURNS!!

We are excited to share the news that 'Art Battle' is once again being hosted in our community through the excellent organizational skills of Deb Ohlhausen from Different Strokes. The battleground has changed and will now be held ***in the Pomeroy Inns and Suites on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.***

Art Battle is live, competitive painting where artists create the best work they can in 20 minutes. As they work, patrons move around the easels, closely watching the creative process. At the end of the round, the audience votes for their favourite painting and bid in silent auction to take the work home. We invite you to come and share in the excitement of the evening. We are fortunate to showcase some of the best artists in Alberta!

General admission tickets are \$20 or \$15 for students with ID. Proceeds will go in support of Olds & District Hospice Society and Hope 4 Mountain View County Kids.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2016.....OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY!!

We are excited to host our 5th Annual HIKE FOR HOSPICE this year!! Hospice palliative care continues to receive support from many corners of the community, but Hike for Hospice is the only annual fundraiser that is hosted by the Olds & District Hospice Society. We have learned so much in our five years of being a part of this national awareness initiative and look forward to connecting with our growing "family" of hikers who show up every year.

We are excited about the changes in our hike this year. We will be hosting it on a Saturday morning versus Sunday, and the route itself has taken a new turn as well.

Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 and stay tuned for the pledge forms to arrive in the community and on our website soon!!

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