

HOSPICE HAPPENINGS
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Happy New Year!

As we reflect on the year past, we ponder the successes, the challenges and plan to move forward.

The Olds & District Hospice Society is encouraged by the successes we have witnessed in supporting those facing end of life through their journey and into bereavement. This is why we began 8 years ago.

Our highest profile success this year has been the addition of the hospice suites at Sunrise Encore. The suites have added yet another option for assistance in our community by providing a space which supports, not only the client, but family and friends as well. We believe that if an individual cannot be at home, they should be offered the opportunity to live in a home-like environment, with privacy and support, to share last days together.

Other successes in 2015 have been the many opportunities we have had to share, listen and provide education and awareness regarding hospice palliative care. We have had amazing community commitment both financially and philosophically; and our volunteers – the heartbeat of just who and what we are – are our greatest treasure.

Successes do not arrive without the challenges. Through the past 12 months there has been great opportunity to create relationships with the staff of Sunrise Encore and the great nursing crew through Alberta Health Services Home Care. We have bounced through the staffing changes and continued our communication and collaboration as we try to resolve issues together. We appreciate the support for this project through the many avenues we've traveled and we are more convinced than ever that it is possible, in a small community, to offer good palliative care to those facing end of life and still realize their desire to stay in their own community.

As we begin the journey through 2016, we look forward to creating a plan of support that will offer even better hospice palliative care to those who need it in our area.

May 2016 be a year of health, joy and peace. We thank you for the support you have shared with us as we move forward with our vision to help people LIVE until they die.

From the Board, Committees, Volunteers and our Service Coordinator
Debbie, we wish you a Happy New Year!