

## **HOSPICE HAPPENINGS**

April 2016

### **HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2016**

*Why the Hype for the Hike?*

Olds & District Hospice Society held its first Hike for Hospice in 2011 in conjunction with the first ever proclaimed Hospice Palliative Care Week in the town of Olds.

In 2016 we are celebrating five years of continued awareness, education and support for all those facing end of life. We are so appreciative of all our partners in this adventure we would like to take a moment to say 'thank you' and celebrate the work and collaboration of our communities as we work together to support each other.

THANK YOU to the Hike Committee! The same crew have been planning and mapping out the day for 5 years. You have done a terrific job and we are so grateful. We are looking forward to the new adventure starting at Holy Trinity School and walking 'new paths'.

THANK YOU to our regular Hikers! In honour of your commitment in joining us every year, we have a special surprise for you in our 5<sup>th</sup> year. We are so appreciative of your energy and enthusiasm and look forward to sharing the hike with you on a new day...SATURDAY!

THANK YOU to those who have donated dollars! Through the hike, we are able to offer the Hospice Suites in Olds, and also the support of respite care at home for those facing their palliative journey. In the last five years we have supported over 125 families in nine different communities in Central Alberta. We have received such positive feedback from those who asked us to share in this journey, and it is an honour to walk the road with these families.

THANK YOU to all our Volunteers! The true heart of who we are! As we honour volunteers in April, know you are the most precious part of what makes our community. Thank you for your gift of time, talent and treasure as we grow and change!

We look forward to seeing all of you at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Hospice Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Holy Trinity School. Please see our website for more details or call our office!

### **HEALTH MINISTER VISITS OLDS**

It was an honour to share our project with the Honourable Sarah Hoffman and her staff on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Our endeavours to raise awareness for the need of increased funding and support for hospice palliative is a large part of our focus. It was great to spend a few moments sharing that importance with our government.

### **VISIONING**

The board and committee members met for a full day workshop in February, led by our President, Harold Johnsrude, to evaluate our past year and refocus a plan for 2016. It was great to share the time amongst amazing voices and experience and we look forward to the plan we have in place.