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CUMBERLAND HOSPICE

2020

"Grief is like the ocean, it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."
- Vicki Harrison

Spring and Summer



Eileen Lusby Memorial Garden

Have you driven up West Victoria Street recently? This is the property generously donated to Cumberland Hospice by the Lusby family. It is the proposed site for Cumberland County's Hospice residence. We have started a flower garden in the site - "The Eileen Lusby Memorial Garden." Several meaningful plants have been donated in memory of loved ones and there is also a lovely bench for visitors to pause for a moment of quiet and reflection. Please feel free to stop by if you are in the area. If you would like to donate a plant or shrub in honor of a loved one please contact us at (902) 669-0261.



Mary's Angels

Last fall, Mary Kuris, a kind hearted woman from Toronto, stopped by the Hospice Office and liked what she saw. She saw a team of volunteers working hard to support a great cause. This inspired her to become a part of it. Along with a letter, she mailed a box of angels to the office to be put up for sale. They were put on display and sold very well during the Christmas season. The angels found many homes in the Amherst and surrounding areas, and all profits went towards the Hospice Society.



Fast forward to a few weeks ago, a call was made to the office by Mary's daughter, letting everyone know that Mary was sick and was now in hospice herself. She had said that she wanted to spend her last few months making angels to be sold at Christmas time. In the true spirit of Christmas, Mary wants to give back. To honour her, it was decided that these treasures would be called Mary's Angels. They will be ready in November for anyone who wants to support a good cause, and add a beautiful angel to their home in time for the holidays. For those who know the story, the dolls will serve as a reminder that the true angels are the very kind, selfless people who choose to use their time to give to others, those like Mary Kuris.



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Work of Art Donated



Mr. Ron Hastings was an avid supporter of Cumberland Hospice. We were gifted this beautiful wall hanging by Mr. Hastings' family. This unique piece was created by Dr. Halina Bienkowski. It is a treasured work of art that will be displayed in our hospice residence (when completed) in honor of Mr. Hastings.

Summer Student



We were very fortunate to have Sam Pike join our hospice team in the student position of office assistant. Having Sam join us for nine weeks was made possible with funding from the province of Nova Scotia Student SKILLS program and also a grant we received from the First Baptist Church Christie Fund, Sam was tasked with various communication projects with special emphasis on developing a grief self help kit. Sam is returning to his studies at Mount Allison University where he is pursuing a major in computer science. Sam was a great asset to our hospice community and we wish him great success.



Keys, Strings, and A Heavenly Thing

On Saturday November 30 The Old Crow's Entertainment Troop delighted 100 people with an afternoon of music laughter and reflection in support of Cumberland Hospice. The performance consisted of a one act play "The Pearly Gates-My Terminal Vacation" and several beautiful musical selections performed by Mary & Lawry MacLeod, Jim Scobie, and Barb and Jamie Black. All who attended were in agreement it was a lovely afternoon. There was to be another performance in Parrsboro in June but due to the pandemic it will be rescheduled to a later date. Thank you Old Crows !!

Beautiful Quilt 9 Patch With Stars

This beautiful quilt, expertly crafted by Quilting Expressions, Truemanville Quilters has been generously donated to Cumberland Hospice. The quilt is on display at our office and we are selling tickets for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Stop by and pick up your tickets today!



COVID 2020

What a year 2020 has been so far! Our office at the Amherst Centre Mall was closed from March 19 to June 22. We have reopened with reduced hours, as have most businesses. We are open daily Monday to Friday 12-5pm and on Saturday 10-1pm thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Our Toonies For Hospice draw restarted on July 2 and is doing well. We have also restarted our Online Auctions thanks to the generous donations from our many supporters. With the help of so many we will make hospice a reality for the residents of Cumberland County!!

Stay Safe!