
FALL 2023

WHEATLAND & AREA HOSPICE SOCIETY

The latest news and updates



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

With hope and hard work, anything is possible.

Providing community-based palliative care and building our rural hospice is just one piece of increasing our community capacity. Projects like ours strengthen our sense of community when we come together to work on shared problems and can give us the courage to feel hopeful about change. We hope you feel personally involved in our plans and continue to ask how and why—both **to us** and **with us**—as we journey towards becoming a community that can better care for its own.

The Board is very grateful for those who have contributed time, money, volunteering, and leadership. Our next 6 months will be even more thrilling as we move from the planning to the execution phase.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Together We Are Better 


Dying2Learn

The Vault Cultural Collective hosted various speakers to help broaden our knowledge of dying and palliative care. Included was an award-winning 4H speech, insight into day-to-day hospice care, and words of encouragement from a founding member of the Foothills Country Hospice, Dr. Jim Hansen.



The Vault Cultural Collective Speaker Series

presents



Our Hospice - An Update

Learn about day to day hospice life. Hear how Wheatland & Area Hospice Society's (WAHS's) plans are progressing. Get in on the latest news of our Build

Pansey Angevine; RN Manager, Dulcina Hospice

Dr. Joni McNeely; Chair, WAHS


Dr. Jim Hansen; Founding Board member, Foothills Country Hospice

Keith Clayton; WAHS and WHMB Building Committees

April 21 7 pm

@ The Strathmore United Church 410 - 4 Ave

Registration is free,
pick up tickets at The Vault 136 - 2 Ave

 WHEATLAND & AREA



Community Presentations

In March and April, we visited 7 communities to discuss details of our joint build project with WHMB. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we promise to continue with updates on our progress together.

Building Together is hatched!



2000+ Signed the Petition!

Thanks to all who gave their opinions and insight and signed petitions to support our project!

Congratulations!

We're so proud of the recent accomplishments of our supporters:

- Joni McNeely and Keith Clayton (Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Awards)
- Gerry Cool (Stars of AB Volunteer Award)
- Teri McKinnon (University of Calgary Senate)
- Drew Gregory (Country Music Alberta Community Spirit nominee)
- Diane Cammaert (Alberta Blue Cross Community Wellbeing Award)

Thanks for sharing your talents with WAHS!



BUILDING OUR HOSPICE

Building Together

Plans are on track with preparations to build the new lodge with 120 spaces. With these spaces and the retention of spaces at the current lodge, about 50% of the anticipated seniors' low-income spaces needed in the next 25 years will be available for our community. The location will be east of Kinsmen Park in Strathmore. Our 3-6 bed hospice will be located within the new lodge build and is planned to be about 8000 sq. feet.

Since our spring newsletter, the Building Committee has continued its work with Derek Weiss (financing), M3 (project management), and Berry Architecture. WAHS is very satisfied with their progress. Early reports of their work are on our website.

Interviewing and hiring for the construction management role is completed, and our build team is now finalized! Geotechnical and environmental updates and further design input are ongoing, and we are nearing completion of Class C and then Class B budgets. Our application for provincial grant funding through the Alberta Affordable Housing Program will be submitted by the October 16 deadline, followed by the Phase 3 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) funding submission.

Unfortunately, this latest round of AAHP applications was delayed 4 months by the election and housing ministerial letters. But overall, we're doing good! We have received very positive feedback from government officials about this project and our efforts.

Still in the works:

- 3D and virtual models for you to explore
- Bottom line municipal tax changes to you and your family

It's official (again)!

WHMB and WAHS signed a second memorandum of understanding (MoU), reflecting each society's responsibilities moving forward, especially regarding reporting, decision-making, and financial roles.



Advocacy to Our Representatives

Wheatland Regional Partnership..... January 17
Wheatland County..... February 21
Joint councils and staff..... June 15
Provincial electoral candidates..... May 16, 22, 31
Assistant Deputy Housing Minister..... July 21
Premier Smith..... August 6
MLA Chantelle Dejong..... August 6, August 22
MP Martin Shields..... August 6, August 22

On the Road

What's better than a summer road trip? Members of WHMB and WAHS travelled to Magrath, Taber, Okotoks, and Canmore to visit and explore the design and operational choices for both housing and hospice planning. We're grateful for all the valuable information these communities shared with us.



Remember!

Housing and community hospice care are significant and not simple. Support our partnership with WHMB and their intensive well-planned funding proposal. Talk to your friends, family, and local leaders to champion our projects.

Our hospice and new lodge are concrete evidence of the value we place on each other in our community.

OUR FUNDRAISING

Hike for Hospice 2023

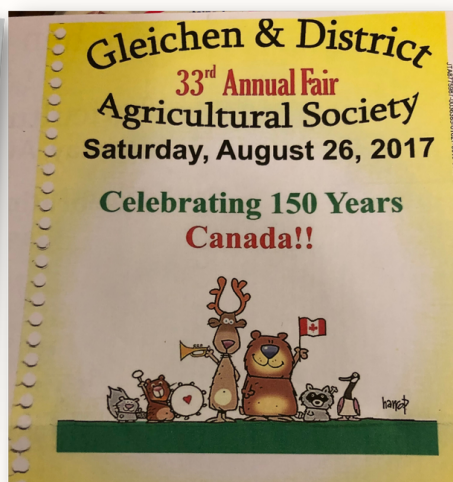
This year, we raised over \$31,000! The Strathmore High School Boys Rugby team won the Fire Truck Pull, an especially inspiring event! It was a beautiful day for a walk around Kinsmen or Gray's Park. See you next year on May 5!!



Thanks to Third Party Fundraisers!

- Gleichen Fall Fair Committee
- Wilson Rodeo and Gleichen & Cluny Lions Bullarama
- Mike's Restaurant
- Rockyford Lions
- Tiffany @ Drew Gregory/Origins private concert
- Strathmore Golf Course
- Vintage and Vines Country Market

Hospice—we are all doing this together. Thank you!



Farming for Hospice

Our bounty is plentiful, and we are very, very grateful. This year's esma barley crop yielded 121 bushels per acre. Thanks to all who have supplied inputs, labour, expertise, and machinery. Our sponsors are the best! New this year was a team auction event to pre-sell our barley and involvement of Brandt Equipment.

Help us out! Buy an acre by donating on our website or bringing a cheque to Shelah at Bechthold & Becker Professional Accountants.



Save the Date!
Drew Gregory's Hospice Harvest Wrap-Up is on November 24.

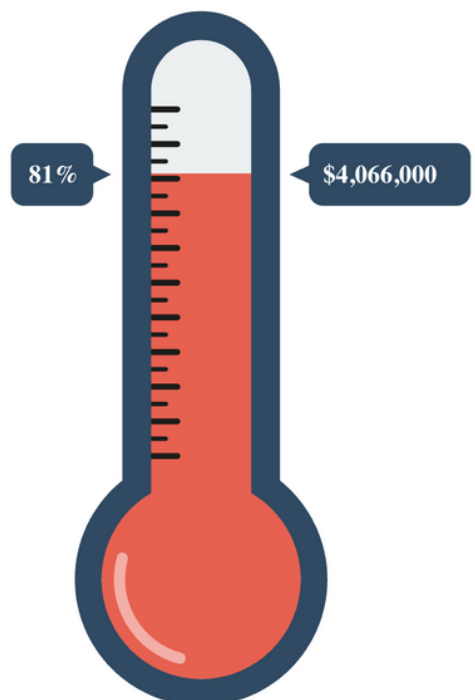
Wine Raffle

Our Summer Fun white wine raffle concluded early August with some VERY happy winners.

Enjoy some romantic reds this Valentine's Day, 2024!



GOAL: \$5,000,000



OUT & ABOUT

WHMB 60th Anniversary

60 years! Members of our Board joined residents and staff in celebrating the Diamond anniversary of the Lodge. Best wishes for many more years of excellent seniors care in our community!



Well, That Was Fun! *Community Matters*

Strathmore Stampede saw us sharing a parade float with WHMB, helping out in the Strathmore Lions concession, manning a 3-Man Scramble 50/50 raffle at Strathmore Golf Course, as well as visiting and sharing with a variety of municipal, provincial, and federal representatives that had come to town.



Want to Make a Difference? Drop us a line at info@wheatlandhospice.ca, and let us know how you'd like to help improve rural palliative care.

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