



WHEATLAND & AREA
Hospice Society

Life and Death Matters

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021



On October 8th, 2020 WAHS celebrated its 5th year. Anniversaries—your own or someone else’s are a good time to count life’s blessings. Remember we have a wonderful gift in each other. Thank you to all in our communities for your hard work, compassion and inspiration. Lets celebrate community, family and a future full of hope.

‘Tell Me Your Story, Please’

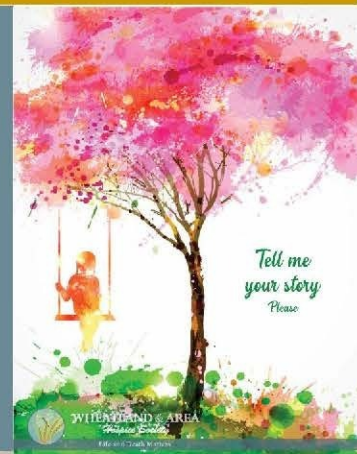
Wheatland & Area Hospice Society 5th anniversary project is a journal to record precious family memories and reflections.

It is now available for sale at Strathmore Municipal Library or Value Drug Mart.

\$10/each to support our vision to provide palliative care in our community

PLEASE VISIT Compassion Corner at Strathmore Library

This is dedicated space for resources on grief, death and dying offering trusted support and access to local expertise.



Special thanks to Mrs. Glenda Sorensen, Chelsey Tellier, and CMJH Grade 8 Students for the beautiful illustrations



FUNDRAISING

Goal
3,000,000



1,920,000
Raised

FARMING FOR HOSPICE

Once again a HUGE THANK YOU to Nutrien Carseland Nitrogen Operations for providing us a quarter section of land for the 2021 crop year. Wheatland & Area Hospice Society will source all crop input costs (seed, chemical, fertilizer, insurance, etc.) through sponsored inputs and acre donations. The crop will be seeded with 45CS canola seed from Pioneer.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE – DONATE TO COVER INPUT COSTS:

Input costs are estimated at \$300/acre and donations can be made in any amount. Individuals are invited to sponsor as many acres as they wish, and charitable receipts will be issued for all gifts.

A number of local area farmers and various agricultural businesses have generously donated the farming operations necessary (i.e., seeding, spraying, swathing, harvesting, etc.) All monies from sale of the crop, go towards Wheatland & Area Hospice’s goal of building a local hospice.

Left to right: Jeff Bodie (Nutrien), Dinsmore Swan (Nutrien) Dr. Joni McNeely, Gerry Kroon, Chris Page (Nutrien) Harold Hvingelby (Nutrien), Keith Clayton



The Wheatland Housing Management Body Board along with George Berry Architecture and Associates have been working hard on the development of a new community Seniors living facility and Hospice.

Where they are at

Application for supportive Living Funding from AHS (Alberta Health Services)
Completed 5 Community Engagement Video sessions with great involvement from all
Defining the prime location for the new lodge/hospice
Developing project schematic design options

Where they are not at

Detailed Project Design
Project Budget
Site Allocated
Financing Discussions
Name of New Lodge

Next Steps

Identify & Negotiate purchase agreement of site
Complete Schematic Design
Develop Project Budget
Research Funding Opportunities & Partnerships



Volunteer in Profile—Dianne Cammaert-Palliative Navigator

I graduated from the nursing program at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton in the mid '70's. My career started in Emergency room, then moved to general practice in Drumheller. This was motivated by the need to be nearer my beau and the mountains. In the late 1970's the Home Care Program came to be and this became my foray into community health. Over time I drifted down the hall to Public Health Nursing with short interludes in Long Term Care and Growing Opportunities(a Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program). Community Nursing was enjoyable for me as I got to meet the clients on their turf and got to know the communities throughout the County of Wheatland.

Pat & I met in Edmonton while he was studying Agriculture. We have 3 adult children who all live within an hour and a half from the farm. 2 Grandchildren and 2 adopted grandkids keep us in smiles and some sort of bendy shape. Hiking, Camping and skiing are some of the things we enjoy doing with them.

When I retired from formal nursing practice, I was concerned that I'd miss the community connection. So a natural choice was to volunteer with the programs that I'd worked with before. My connection with Hospice came by way of an invitation from Dr. McNeely. My interest was piqued by the fact that we could have a Hospice Facility in our own community. Surely, I thought, this is work that needs to be done. I enjoy the connection with people most. Having aging parents taught me that it's often difficult for them to find resources they need to care for themselves. When someone is palliative, this can be true also. It is compounded by the fact that it's a very emotional time, they don't know what to expect, what dying looks like and sometimes they might wonder who their supports will be. My role is to meet with them and help them identify what they need on their journey and offer help in connecting with formal and informal resources.

Welcome our new Directors

Shelley Harriman



Teri McKinnon



Save the Date May 1-10, 2021

We're moving Online!



Virtual Hike for Hospice

Contact us at 403-934-8199 or info@wheatlandhospice.ca

Courtesy of Berry Architecture + Associates

Wheatland Lodge + Hospice

Special Edition 1



Introduction

The goal of this newsletter is to provide up-to-date, accurate information related to the development of a new community seniors' living facility for Strathmore and the entire Wheatland County. This information will be truthful and accurate and comes from the people who know the information and the steps that are involved with a development such as this.

Where We Are At:

- A Seniors' Housing Needs Assessment and Business Case was completed in August of 2019. This report, completed by Gordon & Associates, demonstrated the need for additional seniors' housing in the region. Based on the recommended number of units needed in the region, there will be an increase in the level of care provided by the Foundation. We are designing for 165 new state-of-the-art seniors' living units.
- We have completed an application for Supportive Living Funding from Alberta Health Services. Feedback is expected on this application in February/March.
- There have been five Community Video Sessions, with excellent community involvement. These sessions provided project information, demonstrated a sincere commitment to the project by the WHMB and the community, and resulted in a strong foundation on which we can build a great project.
- Working with the Building Committee, we have reviewed several project locations and are working to establish one site for the new facility.
- Berry Architecture has begun to develop a schematic design of the project based on the information gathered to date.

Next Steps:

- ♦ Identify and negotiate purchase agreement of the site. We hope to begin this process by the end of January and be able to announce the selected site mid-February.
- ♦ Complete Schematic Design; this is expected to be completed at the end of January.
- ♦ Develop Project Budget; target is mid-February.
- ♦ Research Funding Opportunities and Partnerships; this is ongoing.

Project Team

Building Committee:

Committee Lead—Glenn Koester

Consulting Team

Architecture/Project Lead—Berry Architecture + Associates

Mechanical—Reinbold Engineering

Electrical—Acuity Engineering

Structural—LEX3 Engineering

Civil—AL-Terra Engineering

Where We Are Not At:

- ⇒ Detailed Project Design
- ⇒ Project Budget
- ⇒ Site Allocation
- ⇒ Financing Discussions
- ⇒ Name of New Lodge



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