

A MESSAGE FROM - Dr. Janet Morse, Chair

Gratitude

2020 was a year to remember, and for not-for-profits in the healthcare sector, it has been particularly challenging. The team at Hill House is extremely thankful for the dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteers, and Board, as well as the remarkable support of our community. The reason we have been able to continue to deliver high quality palliative care to families at Hill House is because of YOU!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our clinical care team, our nurses and PSW's, led by Terrilynne Young, Nurse Manager/Director of Clinical Care, with the support of Dr. Brian Berger, our Medical Director. Hill House leadership were able to ensure, even as policies changed in response to the pandemic, we were able to keep Hill House operating, while continuing to provide wonderful and compassionate care to our patients and their families. Our community of families have been incredibly supportive and understanding as we have had to make many adjustments while following pandemic guidelines; for this we THANK YOU.

Volunteers are the foundation on which Hill House Hospice was built. COVID-19 drastically limited their presence in the house, however, their continued support, in different ways, has been inspiring. We were so happy to welcome them back when restrictions lifted, and we would like to express our profound gratitude to each and every one of them.



Board Chair Dr. Morse completing the Hike For Hospice-Home Edition. Despite the changes to the fundraiser due to COVID restrictions, the hike was a success!

THANK YOU!

New developments

We are excited to announce that Michelle Hambly will be joining us in the New Year as our Executive Director. Michelle has extensive experience working for the last 15 years in the not-for-profit sector as well as the international development sector with a focus on health programming, as well as building and running health institutions. We look forward to working with and supporting Michelle as we explore new and better ways of serving the increasingly diverse population in our region. Michelle is humbled to join the Hill House Team and to be part of the local healthcare system, welcome Michelle!

Over the last several years, our Board of Directors has undergone a transformation. I would like to thank the Board members who have retired in the last year: Stephen Cappe, Richard Dobson and Susan Coish - all of whom provided many years of dedicated service on the Board. We welcome Elaine Walsh, Joanne Lott and Kim Baker as new members who bring with them a wealth of experience and heart. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the entire Board and thank them for their support as we've navigated through this challenging year. We continue to seek new members for our Board, and particularly would like to add strength in areas of Technology, Communications as well as Fundraising. Please let me know if you might be interested in serving on our Board or would like to discuss the opportunity to serve with us.



Michelle Hambly joins Hill House Hospice in January 2021
As our new Executive Director.

There are so many exciting developments at Hill House. Read on to get a glimpse! I am honoured to be involved and excited about what the future will bring to Hill House. Although COVID-19 limits opportunities to gather and meet, I would be happy to hear from you, and can be reached at janet.morse@me.com or 416-434-0304. We wish you and your family a healthy and happy holidays during this uncertain time!