

Hospice Highlights

Hospice House

The Terrace Hospice Society (THS) has an ongoing list of Hopes, Wishes and Dreams and we are constantly striving to grow and create new projects favorable for the community. A Hospice House has long been on our Dream list. This would give patients who are nearing end of life an alternative option to spending their last days in hospital or at Terraceview, both with limited accommodation for palliative care beds.

It is the right of all individuals to die a dignified death and for most, that means in comfort and surrounded by loved ones at home. Unfortunately, many terminal patients are still dying in hospitals, with limited visitation schedules, less than adequate comfort and where they receive treatment that is often unwanted or unneeded. THS is hoping to change this for members of the area by building a Regional Hospice House.

A Hospice House is a facility that allows palliative individuals to face death in a warm, dignified atmosphere, surrounded by loved ones, feeling safe, comfortable and cared for. Hospice Houses generally contain guest rooms with all the modern comforts of home. A Hospice House, unlike a hospital, is laid out in a way that allows family members to stay in the company of their loved one all hours of the day or night. There are no restrictions on visitation, there are no limits on hours and there are even common rooms for relatives and friends to gather, playrooms for children and bedrooms where families can sleep.

Hospice Houses also offer support, advice and information to the families. It is common to find scheduled activities hosted by professionals, volunteers, and societies that include workshops, lectures, fundraising events and support groups. Doctors and nurses are available around the clock and are dedicated to providing quality care and carrying out the final wishes of the patient.

Hospice means to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family; a Hospice House does just that. Due to the increasing need and in an effort to prevent the frustration around end-of-life care, Terrace Hospice feels that a Hospice House would be very beneficial for the community.

Although in its early planning stages, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in learning more about this project, giving feedback, or becoming a donor, feel free to contact us.

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