



# 2023: Our Year at a Glance

## Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues are payable each year in January. They are \$5. Being a member gives you the right to attend and vote at our Annual Meeting (usually in April) and also to receive our newsletters either by email or regular mail. Being a member also shows your support for Cumberland Hospice to the community. Please contact us at 902-669-0261 to find out more about becoming a member or to pay your membership dues.

## Annual Meeting

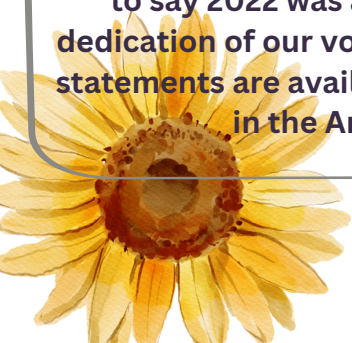
Our 2023 Annual Meeting was held on May 29, 2023 at our Hospice Volunteer Office in the Amherst Centre Mall. Reports were given on our activities of 2022. New Board members were elected and welcomed and our executive was elected from our Board members. If you would like information about serving on our Board of Directors please contact us at 902-669-0261. We are very pleased to say 2022 was a successful year due to the dedication of our volunteers. Minutes and financial statements are available upon request at our office in the Amherst Centre Mall.

## Volunteer Visitation Program

2023 saw the launch of our Volunteer Visitation Program. We have developed a program to provide volunteers with training to be a friendly visitor to palliative patients. These palliative patients can be in their homes, in hospital or in long-term care. Our volunteers provide the support of friendship. We plan to expand this program to all areas of Cumberland County in the coming years. If you would like to become a volunteer with our program or would like more information please check our website [cumberlandhospice.ca](http://cumberlandhospice.ca) or contact Susan Short at 902-660-2310 YOU can make a difference !

## Christmas Parade

Volunteers from our Volunteer Visitation Program spent many hours creating our entry in Amherst's annual Santa Claus Parade. This year's theme was "Christmas Around The World" and our volunteers had a great time creating scenes from New York, Paris, Florida and Canada on our float. The float was fabulous and we can't thank our volunteers enough for making it all possible.





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## Toonies for Hospice

Every week on Wednesday we hold our 50/50 Toonies For Hospice draw. In 2023 we were able to give over \$80,000 back to our supporters in the community. We live stream the draw on FaceBook and also post the winners on our site and on FaceBook.

Tickets are available at our office in the Amherst Centre Mall. Money raised helps support palliative patients and our volunteer visitation program. It is amazing what \$2.00 each week can do !

## Hospice Shop

We have a hospice shop in the Amherst Centre Mall and we accept donations of gently used items - books, dishes, china, small appliances, small furniture pieces, yarn and craft items, almost anything except clothing and encyclopedias. We have new beautifully hand knit children's sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves, shawls and lap blankets and baby afghans. We sell these donated items at very reasonable prices. Looking for a unique gift - you never know we just might have what you are looking for. So if you are downsizing keep us in mind.

## Online Auctions

Are you on Facebook ? Do you like on-line auctions ? Check out our Facebook page Cumberland Hospice Online Auction. Every two to three weeks a new auction is posted. These are new and gently used donated items. You never know you might find a real treasure.

## Raffle Ticket & Yard Sales

Several times each year we sell raffle tickets. Items are donated. In 2023 we sold tickets on a diamond ring, easter basket, Father Day Feast, Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Christmas Dinner.

We had 2 yard sales in 2023 in the former Shoppers Drug Mart location. Again these sales were possible because of the many great donations we receive

All of this is due to the efforts of our wonderful volunteers - none of this would be possible without them !!!

