



## What has happened at Hospice in 2018

2018 has been a very eventful year at Cumberland County Hospice Palliative Care Society. Our main focus this year has been raising awareness for the Hospice Society in all of Cumberland County. The citizens of Cumberland County not only need a hospice, they deserve a hospice. Everyone has the right to die with dignity, surrounded by their loved ones, in a setting of their choice. Everyone in Cumberland County needs to understand what the Hospice Society is about and why we are fighting so hard to gain approval from the Provincial Government. We have made presentations throughout the County, speaking to Lions Clubs in Amherst and Parrsboro, Springhill Senior Citizens Group, the Federal Superannuates National Association, Parrsboro Community Radio, Leamington, Mapleton, South Brook Sewing Circle and the End of Life and Estate Planning Seminar hosted by Campbell's Funeral Home.



### Toonies for Hospice

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we held the first draw for our 50/50 toonie draw. This has proven to be a great fundraiser with \$40,000.00 being raised to support the Hospice Society. This is not just a great fundraiser for the Hospice, but also a great form of publicity. There are many people who stop into the office to learn about the draw and Hospice. It takes many volunteers to run the draw and we are so fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who give their time and support on a regular basis.



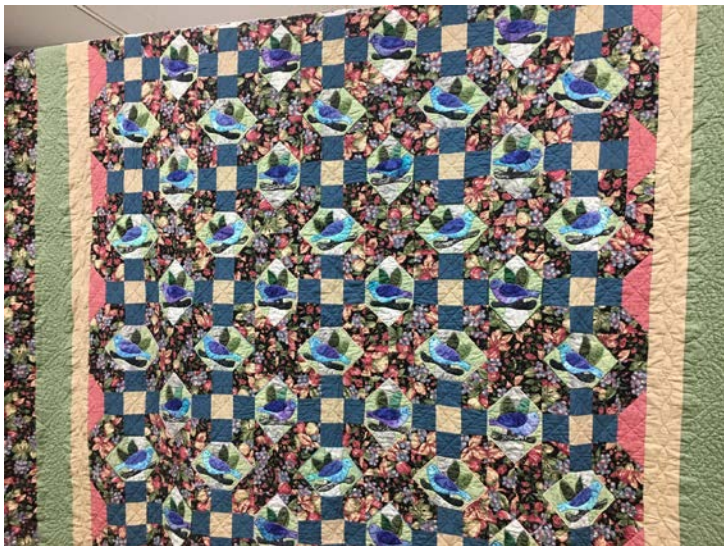
### Breakfast for Hospice

On Feb 3, 2018, Acacia Lodge #8 hosted a breakfast with all proceeds going to the Hospice Society. Despite the cold and icy morning, we had a great turnout. Thanks so much to the Acacia Lodge members for their great cooking and generosity which raised \$2,775.00



### Annual General Meeting

Our 2017 Annual General Meeting was held in Springhill on April 23, 2018. Your Board of Directors are as follows: Gerry Helm, Chair, Cheryl Smith, Vice-Chair, Rosemary Donkin, Secretary and Jeff Marshall, Treasurer. The Directors are – Anne Lawrence, Graham Allen, Taylor Ripley, Susan MacKay, Dawn Thompson, Jim Black, Robin Fage and Peggy Carter. We are always looking for new Board members. If you would like to offer for the Board, please contact Dawn Thompson, Chair of the Nominations Committee.



### It Starts with a Quilt

Sandra McSweeney has very generously donated a beautiful hand quilted quilt to us to be raffled as a fundraiser. Sandra has firsthand experience with hospice, having a sister pass away in a hospice in Calgary. Losing a loved one is a difficult process, but the Hospice environment was so kind and caring to Sandra's family, she wanted to give back and decided to donate a beautiful quilt to help us raise funds to our own hospice in Cumberland County. The quilt is on display at the Hospice Office and tickets are on sale \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The full story of the quilt is available on our website,



### Volunteers

We have the BEST volunteers! Every not for profit organization depends on volunteers, but we must say that we have the best volunteers - without a doubt! The tasks they perform are many and certainly varied from our Board members, Committee members, Office volunteers, Toonie volunteers, Drivers, Ticket sellers, knitters, crocheters and artists. We would not exist with our volunteers!

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### The Rollickers

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Bill and Phyllis Thompson hosted a Parlor Party in support of CCHPCS. A wonderful evening of music and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. This event raised \$490.00 thanks to the generosity of those who attended. Special thanks to Bill, Phyllis and the Rollickers.

### Craft Shows

Thanks to the generous donations of many beautiful handmade craft items, we were able to participate in the Collins Craft Fair, Amherst and the Annual Springhill Craft Sale.



### Christmas Parades

We participated in three Christmas Parades in Cumberland County this year - Amherst, River Hebert and Springhill. Thank you to all who helped construct and decorate this years float!