

Newsletter Edition 1 - Summer 2022

Dave Carson is taking over the reins and stepping into the big shoes of Past President Dr. Si Lowry as the Chair of Mariposa House Hospice Board of Directors.



We are thankful that both of these men continue to volunteer their time and give their knowledge and expertise to lead our organization. (Link to Orillia Matters article [here](#))

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- Honour your loved one with a Patio Stone

"Honouring every moment of life"



Walk of Life

Our staff and volunteers have created a ritual to honour the life of each resident who has stayed at the hospice. A beautiful stained glass butterfly lamp sits in our reception area and is lit once a resident has died. The lamp stays lit for 24 hours to acknowledge the life and death of that individual. Once the family is ready, a "Walk of Life" is offered to allow those present to accompany their loved one out of the building while a special song plays - usually the song is chosen by the family and is meaningful to them or to the person who has died. Many families have shared with us that this ritual is such a special moment for them to be able to say goodbye, and a memory they will cherish when remembering their loved one.

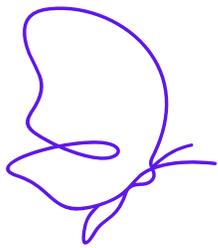
We appreciate ALL of our Donors, here is a sample of recent donations

(Acknowledged with permission - operational donations above \$5000 January to July)

Thank
you!

1. Estate of Gilbert Ayers
2. John Galt Endowment fund through CFOA
3. Jane & Gordon Ball
4. Patricia Morton
5. Washago Sr. Citizens
6. William & Marie Reek
7. Walter Bunn
8. Anonymous Donor
9. W.Scott & Jean Tudhope Fund through CFOA
10. Ontario Realtors Care Foundation via the Lakelands Assoc. Realtors

We recently received a grant of **\$10,000** from Second Harvest to enhance our food program and purchase much needed grocery cards. Thank you!



What we are hearing from our families

The Van Den Broek / Morris family never thought they would have to use the caring services of Mariposa House Hospice at such a young age. When Joe was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer at age 39, his wife Amanda reached out for a place for them to be as a family in a home-like setting. Amanda said one of the things she valued most was that she got to "be the wife" not the full time clinical caregiver for Joe's end of life care.

Amanda shared, "I honestly could have never done it alone at home. The love and support was unbelievable from the staff not only for Joe but our whole family."



When our team provides care and support to our residents - whether staff, volunteers, or family and friends - one of our goals is that they will not feel alone. Amanda expressed this same thought also when she shared "the kids and I were able to set up cots in his room and stay overnight so he was never alone. This would not have been possible in a hospital setting".

"Thank you for treating my sister like a princess in her final days. The entire staff were awesome with my sister and myself while I stayed with her. They made her transition as comfortable and easy as possible."

Events

1st Annual General Meeting - Date to be announced this fall -



Registered Golfers are invited to our "19th Hole Event" **Sept 1st at 5pm** for a complimentary hors d'oeuvres hour for a chance to connect and award the prizes to the teams! **Bring CASH** for our **50/50 draw!**

It's time for our Annual Golf Tournament August 1-31 Register for \$50 (full charitable receipt) at mariposahousehospice.com then choose your own course with your friends or colleagues. (Couchiching Golf will donate back to us and Hawk Ridge & Lake St. George will give our golfers a discount)

Send us your photo for a chance to win one of our excellent prizes. 19th Hole event invitations will be emailed out.

For more information contact Lynn Thomas, Donor Relations Lead 705 558 2888 x 208 or lynnrthomas@mariposahousehospice.com

Join the many community of "[Butterfly Club](#)" members to make a sustainable donation to Mariposa House Hospice. You decide the amount and frequency. Every Club member makes a big impact to secure the future of our organization. (eg. \$25/m, \$100/m, \$1000/quarterly, \$2500/annual... every amount makes a difference!)



Welcome New Staff Members



Lynn Thomas
Donor Relations



Denise Hawman
Kitchen Operations



Greg Muir
Facility & Grounds

Patio Stones: \$150/\$250/\$300/\$400/\$500

We are pleased to offer a special way to honour your loved one, whether they were a resident of Mariposa House Hospice or not. You can choose a legacy gift to share a favourite quote, or represent your club, association or business. Each engraved stone is part of our serene garden area and walking paths.

FALL DEADLINE: September 1st. [Engraving form on our website](#)

