Rotary Hospice House

In the early 1990s, Nancy Yurkovich had a vision of establishing a hospice as an alternative to hospital and home, a place where individuals and their families would be supported at end of life. As a citizen of Richmond and wife of a Rotarian, Nancy took the club on a journey to make this vision a reality hosting community forums, family surveys, and visits to other hospices. The Rotary Club of Richmond became convinced of the merit of this idea. With the leadership of Chuck Albert and Tony Yurkovich, the club made a commitment to develop a free-standing community-based hospice. The club invited the Salvation Army to partner on the project which resulted in joint capital fundraising activities, completion of a development plan for the hospice, the purchase of property, and the procurement of operational funding from the Provincial Government through Vancouver Coastal Health. After many years of collaboration with leaders of the regional health authority, the Richmond Hospice Association and various community groups, they welcomed the first resident to Rotary Hospice House on September 30, 2005.

"At Rotary Hospice House, residents and health professionals, in community with one another, will renew and sustain hope within the reality of impending death. They experience a depth of human relationship in which they are reminded of their shared humanity and the mystery of life and death. It is here that the possibility exists for an understanding of the human condition, the human spirit, the human journey that cannot be replicated in any other way." *(N.Y.)*

Hospice Mission Statement

Rotary Hospice House is a community that honours life, values humility, and shares hope.

Celebrating 50 Years

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Ribbon Cutting with representatives from Rotary, Salvation Army and Government