

## ***What is Hospice Palliative care?***

Hospice palliative care is a specific approach to care which provides physical, psychological, social, spiritual and practical support to people living with a life-threatening illness and to their loved ones. Hospice care is given by a team of people which may include your doctor, nurses, dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, home care workers and trained hospice volunteers. Each provides assistance based on his/her own area of expertise.

## ***Where is hospice palliative care provided?***

Hospice palliative care can be provided in the hospital, long term care facility or in the home. It is not unusual for service to begin in the home and then transfer to the hospital or care facility depending on the level of care required. In New Denver's medical facility, there is a designated room for palliative care.

## ***When should a decision about requesting hospice support be made?***

Many people are uncomfortable talking about what might happen if active attempts to cure the disease are no longer effective. However, discussion of the alternatives for end of life care brings relief to most people and is best done when they are able to participate in decision making. Options may be discussed with family and friends, their physician, other health care professionals, hospice personnel or clergy.

***Hospice volunteers*** are people within the community who receive training and on-going education to provide professional and compassionate care to the ill person and their family.

Our policies include:

- Listen without judging or giving advice
- Respect religious beliefs without imposing personal values
- Respect confidentiality at all times



## ***Services***

Volunteer support to palliative patients and families includes:

- Compassionate care to the ill person, time out for caregivers, and information on resources and services.
- Grief Support
- Support with Advance Care Planning and Funeral arrangements
- Seminars on end of life issues
- Library books, DVDs and other resources available at Hospice Office
- Bereavement Groups
- Webpage

## ***How can you help?***

New Denver Hospice Society receives funding from Interior Health Authority. The society also applies for grants for special projects such as volunteer education and public seminars.

We are reliant for a large percentage of our funding on the generosity of our community. We charge no fees for individual or family support. Please consider making a donation to the New Denver Hospice Society.

Your donation provides direct care for individuals and families today, as well as helps us to meet the need for end-of-life and bereavement care tomorrow. There are a variety of ways for you to make a donation:

- Send a check to New Denver Hospice Society
- Donate through Canada Helps on our website [www.newdenverhospice.ca](http://www.newdenverhospice.ca)
- Donate through Paypal on our website [www.newdenverhospice.ca](http://www.newdenverhospice.ca)
- Select New Denver Hospice as your preferred charity through the "Change It" program offered through Kootenay Savings Credit Union
- Consider New Denver Hospice as part of your legacy
- Support us at our fundraising events.
- Donations by friends and family can be made to New Denver Hospice in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers or gift.

***\*We provide tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 or more.***

The New Denver Hospice Society is a community based program dedicated to providing support and compassionate care for terminally ill patients, their family and friends.



the greatest gift one can give  
may be the ability to walk with a  
person  
provide them with grace,  
strength and courage  
on their path to transition  
...and then let go

A referral to hospice can be made by family, physician, nurse, friends or patients themselves.

Becoming a member of the New Denver Hospice Society entitles you to:

- Voting privileges at the Society's Annual General Meeting and the ability to run for office on the Society's elected Board of Directors.
- The opportunity to serve, by appointment or election, on any committee of the Society.
- Reduced admission fees for seminars and educational offerings.
- Bi-annual newsletter

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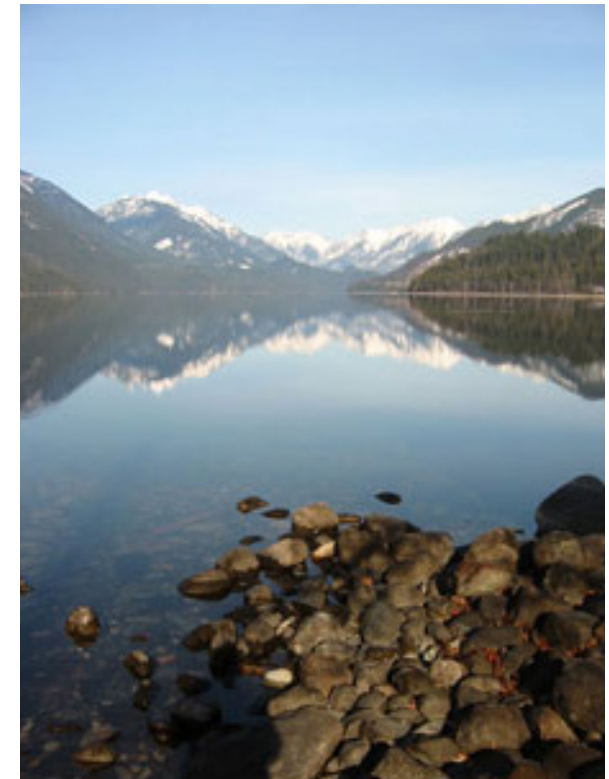
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Our website contains many  
resources for the palliative client  
and their family.