

## Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County Patient and Family Programs

### How Your Contributions Make a Difference

Contributions received from donors, fundraising activities undertaken by community organizations and events organized by the Society such as its very successful fundraiser, Dancing with the Stars for Hospice help us continue our support and expand upon programming for patients and families.

Programming offered over the last year included the family assistance program, music therapy and equipment rental. Other much needed comforts of home offered to the delight of patients and families in An Cala and Hospice Cape Breton included sweets, soups and flower arrangements created through the baking and flower programs. With the goal of always ensuring patients and families continue to receive the highest level of care, the Society also supports other initiatives identified by Nova Scotia Health for palliative



*Donation made by the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia*

care staff, volunteers and the annual bereavement service. All patients and families referred for palliative care in Cape Breton County and where a need is identified, can participate in the Society's offerings regardless of where they are located – at home, in hospital, in the An Cala Unit, in long term care or in Hospice Cape Breton. Visit [www.hospicecapebreton.org](http://www.hospicecapebreton.org) for additional examples of the Society's efforts to meet end of life needs in our community.

## A Spotlight on Music Therapy

**Music Therapy is one of the Society's programs that provides joy to patients and enhances their quality of life whether they are creating a song for a loved one, singing along to a song, or simply moving or tapping their toes to the music.**

Over the past year, Jill Murphy, the Society's music therapist has continued to expand upon the musical offerings available to palliative care patients and their families. Valentine's Day, Remembrance Day and Christmas were just a few of the holidays filled with the cheer of music. Not to be forgotten is the music provided by the volunteer choir who regularly participate in sing-alongs with patients and families at Hospice Cape Breton.



*Hospice Harmonies, 'The Twelve Cape Breton Days of Christmas'*

Jill works with patients, creating individualized music pieces that provide lasting legacies for their loved ones, but also meaningful is the music created by groups. In the past year, Jill has worked with many hospice patients who created and released two Hospice Harmonies songs including "The Twelve Cape Breton Days of Christmas" and "Springtime in Cape Breton". Another impactful project was the song and video created entitled "These Hands", a song featuring the voices of patients, staff, volunteers and family members, the many hands that make up palliative care.

# The 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in Review

The contributions of donors, volunteers and community provided to the Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, have been invaluable. In this period the Society began planning for the refurbishment of the An Cala Unit at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, supported the ongoing operation of Hospice Cape Breton and continued to offer and expand upon its many programs for patients and families referred for palliative care.

To access a copy of the Society's 2023-2024 financial statements [please use this link](#).

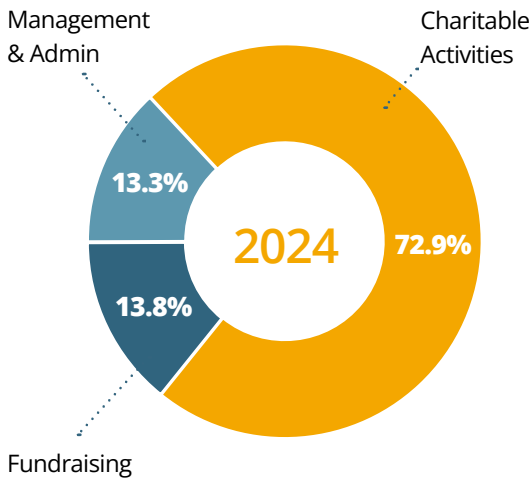
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**HOCKEY NIGHT FOR HOSPICE**

Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County Fundraiser

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

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## Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County As of March 31, 2024



	Operating Fund	Hospice Capital Equity*	Other Restricted Equity (Programming)	Total Restricted Equity	Total
<b>Beginning</b>	\$326,293	\$4,594,734	\$59,924	\$4,654,658	\$4,980,951
<b>Revenue</b>	\$579,021	\$65,000	\$72,288	\$137,288	\$716,309
<b>Expenditures</b>	(\$389,313)	(\$163,097)	(\$17,943)	(\$181,040)	(\$570,353)
<b>Appropriated to (from)</b>	(\$117,841)	\$116,718	\$1,123	\$117,841	\$0
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$398,160</b>	<b>\$4,613,355</b>	<b>\$115,392</b>	<b>\$4,728,747</b>	<b>\$5,126,907</b>

**OPERATING AND OTHER FUNDS**

The operating fund and other restricted funds pertain principally to the core operations and programs of the Society.

**RESTRICTED HOSPICE CAPITAL EQUITY**

Restricted Hospice capital equity includes the assets of the Hospice property and equipment \*.

**We thank you, our donors, volunteers, partners at the Nova Scotia Health Authority and community at large for the contributions of time and funding over the last year.**

We also look forward to continuing and expanding the programming, comforts and environments required to help palliative care patients and their families live life to the fullest in the year ahead.

As the Canada Post strike will significantly impact our Society's ability to receive the vital donations generously provided during the holiday season by mail, we are inviting you to help us overcome this challenge by making your gift through one of the following simple and secure methods:

**Online:** [Canada Helps](#)

**By Phone:** 902-562-0662

**By Email:** [corrie.stewart@nshealth.ca](mailto:corrie.stewart@nshealth.ca)

**In Person:** 6 Charles Herney Awti Street, Mira Road, N.S.