

*"We will do
all we can
not only to help you
die peacefully but also
to live until you die."*

*"Spiritual care
is not an optional extra
for the dying."*

*"The way in which
care is given
can touch the most
hidden places..."*

*"How people die
remains in the memory
of those who live on."*

—Dame Cicely Saunders
(1918 - 2005) founder of the
modern hospice movement

Honouring the journey

Powell River Hospice Volunteers are non-medical visitors trained in dying and grief. We provide companionship as well as emotional, social and spiritual support to the dying person and their families.



The Powell River Hospice Society is a member of the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association and the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEER VISITOR PROGRAM

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What is the Powell River Hospice Society?

We are a community-based, non-profit organization offering social, emotional and spiritual support to individuals at the end of their life—through compassion, respect and care, aimed at quality of living and a good death. We also support family and friends in grief and bereavement, and are committed to providing education and advocacy throughout the community.

The Powell River Hospice Society considers death a natural and meaningful part of life's journey. The values that guide us include respect, compassion, empathy, equity, caring, healing, open communication, collaboration, accountability, creativity and honouring in all that we do.

What does a Volunteer Hospice Visitor do?

Hospice Visitors are trained volunteers chosen for their caring, sensitive qualities. They are good listeners to people who are nearing the end of life, and to their family and friends, without judgment or advice. Visitors respect privacy and commit to strict confidentiality. Support by Visitors may include some or all or of the following:

- Visiting in private homes, hospital or care facilities
- Companionship, reading, letter writing, etc.
- Relief of caregivers for short periods of time
- Spiritual, emotional and social support
- Simply being with the dying person and/or their loved ones during the death journey, grief and bereavement

How do I get a Hospice Volunteer?

For more information or to request a Volunteer Hospice Visitor simply call us at 604-

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- You...for yourself or someone you care about
- Your physician, nurse, clergy, friend or family member

Volunteer Hospice Visitors and their clients are carefully matched by the Volunteer Coordinator.

Visit the Powell River Hospice Lending Library

Visit us to borrow books about hospice and palliative care, life, death and dying, that may help you and your loved one on the journey.