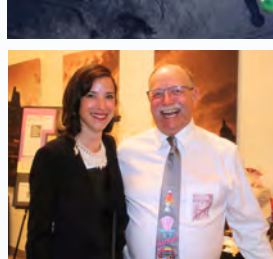
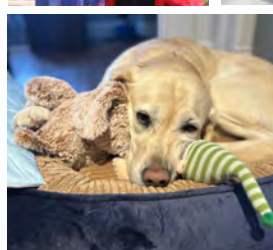
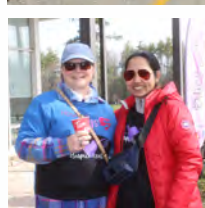




Summer Report

CONNECTING CARE, COMPASSION, AND COMMUNITY ACROSS EVERY LOCATION



Thank you for taking the time to read our Summer Report

We are pleased to share several exciting developments as we continue to strengthen and expand the hospice palliative care and bereavement services available to our community.

Over the past year, we have continued to build upon the successful amalgamation between Hospice Simcoe and Seasons Centre for Grieving Children. Together, we are creating a more integrated approach to supporting individuals and families experiencing grief and loss. This work remains a key focus as we continue implementing our Strategic Plan, and exploring new opportunities to meet the evolving needs of our community.

One of the most significant milestones this year was providing care for our first pediatric hospice resident. While this experience was both challenging and emotional, it reinforced the importance of ensuring that children and families facing life-limiting illness have access to compassionate, specialized care close to home. We are incredibly proud of our staff, volunteers, physicians and community partners whose dedication and expertise made it possible to support this family with dignity, comfort, and compassion.

We are also excited to share that our organization is undergoing a rebranding process and will be introducing a new name in the near future. This change reflects the growth of our organization, the expanded scope of our services, and our commitment to serving individuals and families across all stages of life and grief. We look forward to sharing more details as this exciting transition unfolds.

In our children's bereavement programs, we have introduced a new family dinner program prior to our peer support groups. This initiative provides children with an opportunity to share a meal and build relationships in a welcoming and supportive environment before participating in group programming. We have already seen the positive impact this additional time together can have in helping children and caregivers feel more comfortable and connected.

As we look ahead, we continue to advance our Strategic Plan, which will guide our organization over the coming years. Through ongoing collaboration, innovation, and community engagement, we remain committed to providing exceptional hospice palliative care and bereavement support while responding to the changing needs of those we serve.

We are grateful for the continued support of our donors, volunteers, community partners, and advocates. Your generosity and dedication make this work possible and help us provide compassionate care to individuals and families when they need it most.

Thank you for being part of our journey!
Kelly Hubbard, Executive Director



Community and Bereavement Support Update

This past year, our Community, Adult Bereavement, and Children’s Programs continued to provide compassionate support, education, and connection to individuals and families within our community. Through individual support, group programming, volunteer involvement, and community partnerships, we remained committed to meeting people where they are as they navigate illness, grief, and caregiving responsibilities.

From anticipatory grief support for children, youth, and adults to bereavement services, caregiver support, and the launch of new programs, our team remains dedicated to ensuring compassionate care is available at every stage of life’s journey.

Together, our staff and volunteers have created spaces where individuals and families feel supported, understood, and empowered as they navigate some of life’s most challenging experiences. Through these efforts, we continue to build connection and strengthen a community where no one has to face grief and loss alone.

Community Program Highlights:

- The Launch of our Ended Beginnings group- a program designed to support those who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss
- Number of adult participants supported: 559
- Number of individuals under 18 supported: 159
- We provided education to 2,186 individuals this last fiscal. Some examples include Anticipatory Grief Education, Advance Care Planning Musical performance & Education, Information Booths, and Bereavement Education session

Teneal Campbell -
Community Support Programs Manager

A terminal diagnosis doesn’t always mean someone is dying tomorrow.

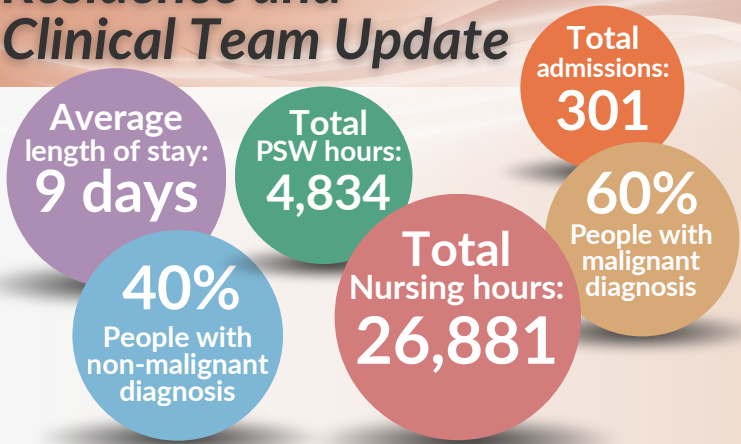
And in our experience, a lot of people don’t know what to do with the weight of that space. Every week, D attends an end of life stage group through Hospice Simcoe-Seasons Centre. It’s one of the few places where he feels fully understood by people who aren’t trying to fix it, avoid it, or change the subject. Just heard. And less isolated in those big feelings.

One thing we’ve learned through all of this is how many people wait. Wait to visit. Wait to say the meaningful thing. Wait because they’re scared of saying the wrong thing - And then it’s too late.

This is your reminder not to wait – Come by for a tea. Share what’s on your mind, have the hard conversation. Cry if you need to (we always have Kleenex). Laugh if you can. Pretending this isn’t happening will not stop D from dying someday. But showing up while he’s still here makes this chapter of his life feel fuller, more connected, and far less lonely.

Written by a young wife of someone in our Living Well Group

Residence and Clinical Team Update



Over the last fiscal year (2025-2026), we had a total of 301 admissions. Among these was a significant milestone for our hospice, as we welcomed and cared for our first pediatric individual and their family. What initially began as a short stay allowed our team to build a meaningful connection with the family, gradually earning their trust through compassionate, family-centered care. As their child’s condition progressed and end-of-life care became imminent, the family made the heartfelt decision to return to our hospice, expressing deep appreciation for the support, dignity, and comfort provided. They shared how meaningful it was to have access to quality pediatric end-of-life care close to home, avoiding the need to travel to Toronto during such a difficult time. This experience highlights the importance of accessible local services and reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting patients and families with empathy and excellence.

Betsy Joseph - Clinical Care Manager

Volunteer Team Update

Every act of compassion at Hospice Simcoe – Seasons Centre is made possible by people who choose to give of themselves. Our dedicated team of 220+ volunteers have contributed 10,000+ hours in the first half of the year helping to ensure that individuals and families facing serious illness, grief, and loss receive the care, comfort, and connection they deserve.

This year, our volunteers have embraced new opportunities to strengthen the care we provide, including:

- Improving efficiency behind the scenes by designing a new inventory and supply system for our kitchen program that streamlines purchasing and ensures essential items are always available when needed. Our kitchen program is led by our trained volunteers.
- Sparking meaningful conversations through ACP the Musical, an innovative community outreach initiative that uses music and storytelling to encourage Advance Care Planning discussions with audiences across the region.
- Supporting children through grief by piloting a pre-group pizza dinner for our Children’s Grief Services participants, ensuring children have a nourishing meal before participating in the grief program.

Our volunteers continue to respond with generosity and enthusiasm to a wide range of organizational needs, including event support, community engagement, complimentary therapies, administrative support, grief and bereavement support and more.

Connie Devlin - Human Resources Manager

Hope - the 30th Year Anniversary celebration for Seasons Centre for Grieving Children, providing care and support for children & youth in our community!



As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Seasons Centre for Grieving Children (now Hospice Simcoe–Seasons Centre), I am filled with gratitude and reflection. As a co-founder, it is incredibly meaningful to see an organization, born from unimaginable loss grow into a source of healing, compassion, and hope for thousands of children, youth, and families over the past three decades.

This milestone offered an opportunity to reflect on the impact Seasons Centre has had throughout our community. Through stories shared by participants and families, we were reminded that while grief touches every life, so too does love, connection, and support. The voices of those who have found comfort, understanding, and hope through our programs are a powerful testament to the importance of this work.

For 30 years, Seasons Centre has provided safe spaces where children and youth can express their grief, honour their loved ones, build resilience, and find a path forward. Every family served represents the collective efforts of caring staff, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, community partners, and supporters who have believed in our mission from the very beginning.

The strength of this community continues to inspire us. Through ongoing support, fundraising initiatives, and community events, countless individuals and organizations have helped ensure that grief support remains accessible to families when they need it most. Together, we have transformed heartbreak into hope and created a lasting legacy of compassion and care. We celebrate not only how far we have come, but also the thousands of lives touched along the way. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your commitment has helped build a community where no child, youth, or family has to navigate grief alone.

Rowley Ramey – Co-Founder of Seasons Centre for Grieving Children



Donor Relation Update

The first half of our year was very busy for our Events Team. Our annual Hike for Hospice, Tender Hearts Gala, Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Week along with several 3rd party events held in support of Hospice Simcoe – Seasons Centre, helped raise more than \$500,000.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped plan, organize, execute and attend these great fundraising events! Not only are they a lot of fun, but they're a great way to raise awareness and often introduce people to our organization.

Our annual fundraising goal is \$2.5 million dollars, and we are incredibly grateful for the many gifts we receive in memory of loved ones, for our monthly donors, for gifts of shares, and to those who include us in their wills. Every donation – large or small – is appreciated and allows us to continue to serve our community.

If you're interested in making a donation, have questions about giving, or would like to book a tour at either our hospice residence or Seasons Centre, please contact:

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Community Events That Give Back...

Every third-party event begins with someone who wants to make a difference. Whether held in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a milestone, or simply to give back, these events help ensure hospice palliative care, grief support, and community programs remain available at no cost to those who need them most.

Thank you to every organizer, volunteer, participant, sponsor, donor, and supporter who helped make these events a success. If you're interested in hosting your own third party fundraiser, reach out to jackie@hospicesimcoe.ca to learn how to get started.

Gallery Collage 2026

Special moments, events, families, volunteers, education, and more...



If you or anyone you know would benefit from any of our programs, services or education, visit our website at: www.hospicesimcoe.ca, or call 705-722-5995 or 705-725-1140.

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