



Community Care Northumberland Seeking Hospice Volunteers

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Community Care Northumberland is seeking volunteers to assist with the organization's Hospice Services program and the new Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre.

Through the Hospice Services program, Community Care Northumberland provides a range of support services to clients with a life-limiting illness and their caregivers throughout Northumberland County. The program provides caregiver support, education, grief and bereavement support, health system navigation and palliative support no matter where you reside and at no cost to clients and their families.

In addition to these services, Community Care Northumberland is leading the construction of Ed's House, the new Northumberland Hospice Care Centre, opening fall 2020 in Cobourg. Ed's House will be a ten-bed centre – six operational and four future – that will provide comprehensive care and support to those requiring hospice palliative care and their families.

Community Care Northumberland looks to begin the volunteer acquisition process immediately. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, interviews, reference checks, training and all other components of the volunteer onboarding process will be completed virtually at this time. This will allow new volunteers to begin connecting with clients by phone, video or email and will help Community Care Northumberland acquire and train volunteers for the opening of Ed's House while ensuring the health and safety of all staff, volunteers and clients. "Volunteer support is still an important resource for our Hospice Services program as we work through these challenging times together," says Bonnie Haughton, Hospice Volunteer Recruitment and Development Coordinator for Community Care Northumberland. "We are modifying our practices and delivery of care and finding innovative ways to continue serving both hospice clients and their families."

If you have ever considered joining Community Care Northumberland's specialized group of volunteers, now is a great time to start. If you are interested in volunteering or looking for more information, please contact b.haughton@commcare.ca or call 855-473-8875.

For more information on Community Care Northumberland's Hospice Services, please visit <https://www.commcare.ca/hospice-services.html>.

For more information on Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre, please visit <https://www.northumberlandhospice.ca/>.

CCN is a multi-service volunteer-based support organization in Northumberland County. By connecting our clients with our community resources, CCN makes it possible for them to experience a higher quality of life. From Meals on Wheels to Friendly Visits to the Community Diners to Transportation to Hospice Palliative Care to Home Support, CCN offers services that cover the needs of our client base. In doing so staff, partners and volunteers maintain trust, dignity and respect for one another and our clients. This enables us to maintain our high standard of service to our Northumberland communities. www.commcare.ca



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