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Annual Report

2024 - 2025



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Sea to Sky Hospice Society

We acknowledge our work and volunteer engagement takes place on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and of the Southern Stl'atlim Nations of Lílwat, N'Quatqua, Skatin, Samahquam and Xa'Xtsa/Douglas.

We acknowledge that the Nations and the people are the original caretakers and stewards of the lands and waters, and that their voices need to be centered in our partnership toward better health and wellness for all.



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This past year at the Sea to Sky Hospice Society has been one of care and compassion and meaningful impact.

Like many organizations in the non-profit and healthcare sector, we navigated shifting community needs and high demand for our services. Despite the challenges, we are very proud of what we have accomplished—thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Board, partners, and supporters.

We continued to provide compassionate end-of-life care at the Hospice and in homes across the Sea to Sky corridor, ensuring patients and families received comfort, dignity, and support. In community, our grief and loss programs offered safe spaces for connection and healing.

We also focused on raising community awareness, nurturing relationships with our supporters, and creating new opportunities for engagement with our mission.

We are deeply grateful to our Executive Director during the 2024-25 year, Leslie de Bie, for her leadership and our Hospice Society

team—Jody Kramer, Tatiana Lee, Carlee Baker, and Rosehannah Hartley—for their unwavering compassion, dedication, and creativity. We would also like to thank our committed Board of Directors, and our incredible team of volunteers whose skills and love bring our work to life.

As we move into 2025-26 and with your continued support, we look forward to expanding our reach throughout the Sea to Sky, enriching our programs, and providing support and care to families in the coming year. We will keep kindness at the centre of all we do.

With gratitude,



Muff Hackett

Chair, Board of Directors

Chris Wrightson

Executive Director



Our mission is to promote and provide compassionate care for all Sea to Sky residents with life-limiting illness and ongoing support for their loved ones.

Receiving the diagnosis of a life-limiting illness can be an emotional and challenging experience. Through the generosity of Sea to Sky community members, partner organizations and local businesses, we are able to provide care and intentional programming to individuals and families free of charge.

Our charitable organization has a compassionate team of over 60 trained volunteers who support residents throughout the Sea to Sky, from Furry Creek to D'Arcy.



19th Annual Hike for Hospice, May 2025

Our values and guiding principles are rooted in Compassion, Collaboration, Integrity, Respect and Engagement.



Each person's experience is unique and they will be valued, affirmed and treated with dignity, respect, and understanding.



Life is a precious journey of growth and development. Dying and grieving are a natural part of this journey that can be met with serenity and hope.



Individual choices will be respected to allow life to be lived to its fullest; while enabling each person's physical, emotional and spiritual needs to be met on their own terms.



Strength comes from our partnership with community, and we strive to promote and encourage an interdisciplinary, community-wide program of palliative care.





The Sea to Sky Hospice Society provides compassionate care for residents living with life-limiting illness, along with ongoing support for their families.



Memory pavers in the memorial garden at the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Sea to Sky Community Hospice



This includes patients at the **Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Sea to Sky Community Hospice** in Squamish, as well as clients in their homes and communities throughout the region, from Lions Bay to D'Arcy.

Our programs and services offer both practical and emotional support, delivered by our dedicated team of trained staff and volunteers. Each program is shaped by the needs of our communities.





Quilts provided by Squamish and Whistler Valley Quilters Guilds

Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Sea to Sky Community Hospice

The Hospice unit is located adjacent to the Squamish General Hospital and is operated by Vancouver Coastal Health and the Palliative Care Team. The Sea to Sky Hospice Society works in collaboration with the team to support patients and their families. Support is provided by our wonderful team of volunteers who visit patients, help out in the Hospice Unit, play music, and help families. We also endeavour to make the Hospice Unit feel more like home with beautiful quilts from Squamish and Whistler Valley Quilters Guilds, flowers, snacks, personal care products, and the Jamie-Lyn Marchant Library.



Palliative Support

Visiting clients

Social and emotional support for patients and caregivers including conversations, outings, and sharing hobbies and interests.

Bedside vigil

Support for patients and families in the final transition of life.

Patient Care Fund

Reducing financial burdens for adults with life-limiting illness and their loved ones, and to support a life well-lived through the dying process.

To apply for funds, visit us online at seatoskyhospicesociety.ca/care-fund

\$1,750 was distributed through the Patient Care Fund last year



Bereavement Support

- Grief and loss groups
- Walking groups
- Art therapy groups
- Bereavement support packages
- Pregnancy & Infant Loss care packages
- Book Circles

35 people joined our Whistler and Squamish bereavement walking groups.

Additional Resources

Clinical Counselling

We offer free clinical counselling for anyone in the Sea to Sky communities experiencing grief or loss. You don't have to have a connection to Hospice to access this support.

Squamish Volunteer Drivers

The Squamish Volunteer Drivers program provides transportation for Squamish residents to medical specialist appointments in Whistler, North Shore, or Vancouver.

Community Education & Outreach

We regularly host and participate in events throughout the Sea to Sky communities which support end-of-life planning and education including workshops on Advanced Care Planning and Estate Planning.

Oncology Tea Service

Volunteers provide tea and baked goods to those receiving care at the Oncology Clinic at Squamish General Hospital.

Memory Tree

Each year, we host the Memory Tree event in Squamish, providing a space for the community to honour and remember loved ones who have passed. Open to everyone, we gather to reflect, share memories, and inscribe wooden hearts which hang on the Memory Trees in tribute to those we love.





We supported **37 individuals** through patient visits and counselling. An additional **56 people** attended our group bereavement programs.

79 hours

of free clinical counselling was provided to Sea to Sky residents.

10 people

joined our caregiver support group.

443 rides

to medical appointments were arranged with Squamish Volunteer Drivers.

60 people

attended our 2024 Memory Tree event in Squamish.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are the heart of the Sea to Sky Hospice Society.

They show up with compassion and empathy as they walk alongside patients and families through some of life's hardest and most tender moments. Our volunteers provide companionship and comfort, guide group grief and loss programs and caregiver circles, offering a safe space where people can connect and heal, and they support our events and fundraising. Their dedication makes it possible for us to offer care and support throughout our communities. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers' gift of their time, energy, and spirit.

79

Volunteers

1789

Total
Volunteer
Hours

14 volunteers
completed
our intensive
30-hour
training

300+

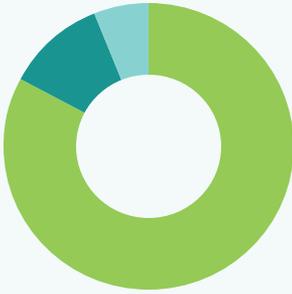
Volunteer
hours spent
with clients



“Shannon and her tea trolley do a super job connecting with the patients (in the unit). She’s so attentive, and noticed a change in our patient, which helped us to serve their needs better. Sometimes a patient will share different needs with a volunteer than they do with their clinical team... It’s exactly what we hope and wish for with the volunteer visiting program.”

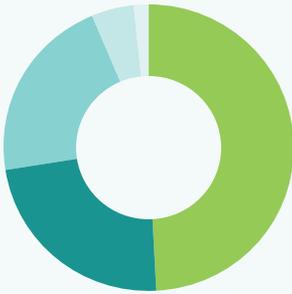
- Dr. Millar, Palliative Doctor

FINANCIALS



Expenses

● Programs & Staffing	\$218,547
● Facility & Operations	\$27,385
● Community Engagement & Fundraising	\$14,846
Total	\$260,778



Revenue

● Donations	\$171,789
● Fundraising	\$81,152
● Grants	\$75,134
● Interest	\$16,101
● Memberships	\$5,281
Total	\$349,457

For full financial statements please email us at info@seatoskyhospicesociety.ca

Thank you!

Thanks to **YOU**—our many generous individual, community, and business supporters—we have been able to offer a wide range of programs and services over the past year.

Thank you for believing in our organization and supporting compassionate care in our communities.



DONATE

Join us in supporting compassionate care.

This past year, thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to provide care, comfort, and connection to so many individuals and families across the Sea to Sky. Your donation can help us continue this important work, supporting those who need us most in the year to come.

Please scan the QR code below to make a donation, or reach out to us at info@seatoskyhospicesociety.ca if you would like to support our work.



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