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Community Joins Together to Celebrate National Hospice Palliative Care Week

Victoria Hospice spreads awareness and raises funds for end-of-life care with several community events this week

Victoria, B. C. – National Hospice Palliative Care week will run May 1-7, 2016. There are many ways to start the conversation about end-of-life care in Canada. Spreading awareness and education is one of the best ways to advocate for change and ensure that every Canadian has access to quality hospice palliative care. This week, Victoria Hospice aims to do just that by spreading awareness and raising funds with several community events.

National Hospice Palliative Care Week will kick off Sunday, May 1 with the 5th Annual Hike for Hospice at Fisherman's Wharf Park! Everyone is invited to join this fun, family event and enjoy a variety of entertainment, including live music by local favourite celtic band, Cookeilidh. Check-in and entertainment starts at 9am and the walk begins at 10am. A scenic 3.5km loop will take walkers from the inner harbour to ocean and back again as Victoria Hospice raises critical funds and awareness for end-of-life care in the community.

Later in the week, The Avenue Gallery's 2nd Annual A Little Something exhibition will run from Thursday, May 5 to Sunday May 8. This event will bring together twenty gallery painters to produce over one-hundred miniature gems, with a percentage from each sale donated to Victoria Hospice.

On Friday May 6, the First Annual Rotary Club of Victoria Gala and Auction in Honour of Patrick D. Crofton will be taking place at the Victoria Golf Club. Pat Crofton, an outstanding citizen of Victoria who passed away this year, made a huge impact on the lives of many as an outstanding community member whose caring, kindness and work were appreciated by all who knew him. Come share champagne, canapes, dinner, heartfelt stories, laughter and fun! Tickets are \$125 and more information is available at www.victoriahospice.org.

The week will wrap up on Sunday, May 7 with the 6th Annual Anneswer to Cancer fundraiser at the Finlayson Turf. Don't miss the soccer event of the season! Kids, adults and families will team up to compete in fun games and contests to raise funds and win prizes. Last year's Anneswer To Cancer was a huge success with over \$45,000 raised. Over the last 5 years the event has raised over \$215,000.

Donations fund almost half of Victoria Hospice's annual operating costs and are critical for the ongoing operation of programs for patients and families and for education and research. Over the past year, Victoria Hospice has raised over \$3 million dollars. This remarkable accomplishment was made possible by generous donors and community events. To learn more about any of these events or how you can support end-of-life care in our community visit www.victoriahospice.org



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Victoria Hospice is a registered charity that has, since 1980, provided end-of-life care focused on palliative treatment. Care is offered in patients' homes, within our 17-bed in-patient unit, and as specific medical consultation to patients in other health care facilities. Each year, almost half of Victoria Hospice's operational funding is supported by community donations Visit us at victoriahospice.org. We're also on Facebook and Twitter.