

The Dying Person's Bill of Rights

The dying person has the right to:

- ♥ *be treated as a living person until death*
- ♥ *maintain a sense of hopefulness, however changing its focus may be*
- ♥ *express feelings about approaching death in one's own way*
- ♥ *participate in decisions concerning care*
- ♥ *to die in a setting of personal choice with loved ones present or not*
- ♥ *be free of pain*
- ♥ *to be cared for by compassionate, knowledgeable people who will try to understand one's needs*
- ♥ *have questions answered honestly and not be deceived*
- ♥ *retain individuality and not be judged for decisions made*
- ♥ *have help from and for family and friends in accepting death*
- ♥ *die in peace and dignity*

Adapted from "The Terminally Ill Patient and the Helping Person Workshop, 1975



**Langley
Hospice Society**

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Mission Statement

*Langley Hospice Society,
a community-based,
non-profit organization,
provides compassionate
support to help people
live with dignity and hope
while coping with grief
and the end of life.*

Our Privacy Policy

Langley Hospice Society is committed to protecting the privacy of its donors, members, volunteers, employees and other stakeholders. Your personal information is never shared with other organizations.



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**Palliative
Support Programs**

Hospice is a philosophy of care which:

- ♥ emphasizes comfort, dignity and quality of life
- ♥ offers support to patients, family and friends throughout the last stage of illness, at the time of death and during bereavement
- ♥ is available to patients and their families in their home, in hospital, in residential care or in hospice residence



The Langley Hospice Society is...

- ♥ a registered not-for-profit charitable organization established in 1983
- ♥ committed to providing emotional and practical support for people who are living with a life-limiting illness, and their family and friends, throughout the last stage of illness, at the time of death and bereavement following a death
- ♥ funded through general donations, fund-raising events, memorial and in-honor gifts, planned giving, grants, Second Story Treasures Thrift Store, BC Gaming, United Way and a service contract with Fraser Health

Palliative Care...

- ♥ is active compassionate care offered to improve quality of life for individuals living with a life-threatening illness where cure is no longer felt to be possible. Support is also available for their families and friends.
- ♥ is a holistic care plan that addresses the physical, psychosocial, practical, and spiritual needs of the patient and their family during end-of-life care
- ♥ provides symptom management and pain control
- ♥ emphasizes comfort care that neither postpones nor hastens death
- ♥ utilizes a team approach involving the patient, family, friends, doctors, nurses, social workers, hospice volunteers and staff and pastoral care volunteers and staff



Langley Hospice Residence

- ♥ The ten-bed hospice residence is located on the hospital grounds and is operated by Fraser Health and supported by the Langley Hospice Society.
- ♥ Langley Hospice volunteers are an integral part of the care team at this facility providing emotional, practical and spiritual support seven days a week.

Volunteer Palliative Support Program

- ♥ Volunteers provide:
 - One-to-one support to patients and their families in a variety of settings: at the patient's home, in the Langley Hospice Residence, in hospital and care facilities
 - Vigil support during the last 72 hours of one's life
 - Respite care for the caregiver
- ♥ Volunteers are skilled listeners who are sensitive, compassionate and respectful of confidentiality and cultural backgrounds.
- ♥ Volunteers must successfully complete the 30-hour comprehensive Hospice Volunteer Training Program.
- ♥ Confidentiality agreements must be signed, RCMP record and references are checked.

**For more information,
please contact the
Palliative Program Coordinator
at Langley Hospice Society
at 604.530.1115.**

***Due to the generous
support of our donors,
these programs are
offered free of charge.***