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Association



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CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Inaugural Children's Hospice Palliative Care Day

OCTOBER 13TH MARKS THE FIRST NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE DAY FOR CHILDREN IN CANADA

VANCOUVER, BC, October 13, 2020 - The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA), and the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) along with BC's Canuck Place Children's Hospice are proud to mark October 13th as the inaugural *National Hospice Palliative Care Day for Children* in Canada.

The campaign aims to raise awareness about the importance of pediatric palliative care in improving the quality of living and dying for infants, children and youth with life-threatening conditions and their families.

Twenty-five years ago, Canuck Place Children's Hospice opened as North America's first free-standing children's hospice. Today, Canuck Place has two hospices located in Vancouver and Abbotsford serving over 818 children and families in BC & Yukon. Canuck Place provides medical respite, complex care in-home, pain and symptom management, art, music, and recreation therapy, education, end-of-life care, and grief, loss, and bereavement counselling. All at no cost to families.

"At Canuck Place, our goal is to optimize living for infants, children and youth aged 0-19 and their families," says Dr. Hal Siden, Canuck Place Medical Director. "We know a full life includes making the most of the time that is left. Together, with donor support, we empower children and families to make important choices: a choice for care focused on symptoms and quality of life; a choice for the place for end-of-life; and a choice for emotional and bereavement support."

Join us in celebrating *National Hospice Palliative Care Day for Children* and support the great work that Canuck Place provides to so many children and families right here in BC & Yukon.

ABOUT BC HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION

BC Hospice Palliative Care Association is a not-for-profit, membership organization, which has been representing hospice societies, individuals and organizations committed to promoting and delivering hospice/palliative care to British Columbians since 1986. Our Members provide a broad range of services to British Columbians who are dying and to their loved ones who are grieving; BCHPCA Members deliver these services in all regions of the Province.

Visit bchpca.org for more information.



ABOUT CANUCK PLACE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE: Canuck Place Children's Hospice is British Columbia and Yukon's pediatric palliative care provider. Over 818 children living with life-threatening illnesses and families from five provincial health regions receive Canuck Place inpatient and outpatient care (in home/in hospital). Canuck Place operates 13 patient beds and 8 family suites through two hospices in Vancouver and Abbotsford. Services include medical respite and family support, pain and symptom management, 24-hour virtual care, art and recreation therapy, education, grief, loss, and bereavement counselling, as well as end-of-life care. Through the investment of the community, our talented team, and over 400 energetic volunteers we make a lasting difference in the lives of children and the families who love them. Don't wait. Donate. Canuckplace.org

ABOUT CANADIAN HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION:

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) and the Canadian Network for Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC) provide leadership and a common voice for pediatric hospice palliative and palliative care across Canada, driving, empowering and supporting high quality care throughout the trajectory of the illness and through bereavement.

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