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**NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE DAY FOR
CHILDREN IN CANADA MARKS ITS THIRD YEAR ON OCTOBER 13**

VANCOUVER, BC, October 7, 2022 - The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA), and the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) and Canuck Place Children's Hospice are proud to mark October 13th as the 3rd annual *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 life and dying for infants, children and youth with life-threatening conditions and their families.

In 1995, Canuck Place Children's Hospice opened as North America's first free-standing children's hospice. Over 830 children living with life-threatening illnesses and families from five provincial health regions receive Canuck Place inpatient and community care (in-home/in-hospital). Canuck Place operates 13 patient beds and 8 family suites through two hospices in Vancouver and Abbotsford and a 24-hour Clinical Care Line for families. All at no cost to families.

"Caring for children and their families will always be at the heart of the mission of Canuck Place," says Denise Praill, CEO of Canuck Place. "The needs of patients and families are evolving and growing as they face magnified uncertainty. Bringing awareness at a national level to the complex care required will help bring focus to improved care for families facing unimaginable circumstances. Their short lives deserve the best of days."

**October 13, 2022 11:00 am PST Public Patient Families National Webinar - featuring
Canuck Place parents**

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association and the Canadian Network Of Palliative Care For Children are hosting a webinar, sponsored by Children's Healthcare Canada, that shines a light on the lived experiences of families whose children received hospice palliative care.

Barbra Mohan, Canuck Place Parent, Board Member, and liaison to the Canuck Place Family Advisory Council and Kerena Letcher, Canuck Place Parent and Family Advisory Council member, will join this national panel and share the impacts palliative care had on their child's life and their family. To register, see the link below! <https://www.chpca.ca/campaigns/hpcfchildren/>

ABOUT BC HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION

BC Hospice Palliative Care Association is a not-for-profit, open 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. 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 830 children living with life-threatening illnesses and families from five provincial health regions receive Canuck Place inpatient and community care (in-home/in-hospital). Canuck Place operates 13 patient beds and 8 family suites through two hospices in Vancouver and Abbotsford. Services include in-hospice medical respite and family support, pain and symptom management, provincial 24-hour clinical care line, music and recreation therapy, education and art, grief, loss, and bereavement counselling, as well as end-of-life care. With donors, research initiatives, our talented team, patient partners, and over 370 volunteers, we care for children with short lives and the families who love them. 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. chpca.ca

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