



# HOSPICE GEORGIAN TRIANGLE COLLINGWOOD CINEMA CLUB THE HISTORY

The Collingwood Cinema Club (CCC) was established in 1997 from a list of films made available by the “Film Circuit”. The aim has been to promote the many Canadian and International Films.

CCC was formed by a group of volunteers led by the vision of Bob Campbell an inspired leader. The popularity of the CCC film program has grown to the level in 2009 of over 1200 subscribers and an attendance at the films of in excess of 9500 second only to the Thunder Bay Club.

Soon after the beginning of CCC the volunteer Directors noted that CCC was realizing an annual cash surplus. CCC was established on the basis of a nonprofit organization and is currently in the final stages of legal registration process (letters patent, etc.) By ballot announced by a majority of CCC subscribers Hospice Georgian Triangle was selected as their charity of choice. In 2001 Hospice Georgian Triangle received their initial donation of \$6,100 from CCC. Since 2001, and including that amount of \$6,100 CCC has donated \$135,000 to our Hospice. In addition the CCC Directors included a “top up” line on the annual subscription form should the subscriber wish to donate that little bit more or directly to Hospice.

The top up option which began in 2003 has resulted in further donations of \$98,000 to Hospice. Individual annual tax receipts for each subscriber donation of \$20.00 or more are issued each year. Hospice Georgian Triangle’s clientele benefit 100% from the funds coming in from Collingwood Cinema Club.

The Susie Newton Respite Suites which open on request to clients and client’s families for respite care are operational 78% of the year. The Suite provides volunteer and nursing support to clients suffering life-threatening illness –and allows for some “down time” for families who are seeking to keep their loved one home. Stays in the suite are from one to fourteen days. There is absolutely no cost assigned to any client.

CCC contributions help to keep the Suite stocked with supplies, allow for meals and treats for the clients during their stay, and the purchase of linens, pads and other medical supplies and devices that the client might otherwise have to do without.

Bereavement services are provided to families suffering the

devastating effects of death, divorce or separation. These services take place spring and fall for both the Adult Bereavement groups and the children’s grieving groups (Rainbows). Donated funding allows for group supplies and pamphlets, as well as additional

purchases of books for the HGT library. This little library is well used and well stocked with children’s grief support materials, books on disease processes, spiritual healing, how to plan a funeral, etc.

Our volunteer’s efforts in community have topped 10,000 hours. Donations from the CCC allow for many of our volunteers to attend seminars put on in this area and out of area. The topics are many and varied i.e. Bereavement, Spiritual Care, Suicide and Its Effects on Families, ALS, Osteoporosis and its Risks, etc.

CCC donations allowed for Hospice to host a “Care for the Caregivers” series that is put on in Sunset Manor to address the needs of those looking after client/family members or friends—how to look after someone on dialysis, how to transport a client with oxygen, Reflexology and Reiki training, Heartsave and CPR, keeping the patient and family at the hub of palliative care. These are but some of the topics covered in 2008/09; another wonderful “Caregiver Series” has begun in 2010. Hospice is able to bring in speakers, workshops and break-out sessions which help improve caregivers’ quality of care, lift their spirits and allow for networking with those palliative care experts who can comment to encountered problems.

HGT is so very grateful for CCC donations: so much would be lost without this valuable community focused funding source.

