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Newly released collection of stories takes readers on a journey of the heart

Book launch for *Life's Way, Reflections of Hospice Volunteers in Northwestern Ontario* to take place on **Friday April 13th at 7:00 pm** at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery

Life's Way is an honest and inspiring collection of personal stories chronicling the experiences of Hospice Northwest volunteers in Thunder Bay and region. In the publication, palliative care volunteers reflect on the profound experiences of being a companion to persons who are acutely grieving or facing a life-limiting illness. Many speak of the lessons they have learned and offer practical wisdom for life and death.

A tender, courageous, and sometimes heartbreaking collection of true stories, this book takes the reader on a journey of the heart and invites them to look within and embrace their own potential for authentic human connection.

Joan Williams, Executive Director of Hospice Northwest says this about *Life's Way*: "*We hope that the stories in this collection will ignite a desire in readers to pursue hospice volunteering so that they too may appreciate the honour of accompanying a fellow human being on the end-of-life journey*".

In celebration of the publication of this collective project, Hospice Northwest will be hosting a book launch reception at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery on Friday April 13th at 7:00 pm. This event is open to the public and will include readings from the book, music and light refreshments. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a copy of *Life's Way* and have it signed by some of volunteers who shared their experiences within the book.

This book would not have been possible without the financial assistance of The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, The Paterson Foundation, Tbaytel, and The Port Arthur Rotary Club.

To arrange an interview or for a sample copy, please contact:

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Hospice Northwest is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate support to individuals and their caregivers as they face the challenges of living with a life-threatening illness.

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