

Hospice Northwest

During Seniors' month, Hospice Northwest would like to acknowledge the efforts of several community groups for the ongoing support of the Memory Box Program. One such group is from St. John's Anglican Church on Pearl Street. The "craft ladies" from the Parish are an integral component of ensuring that family members have a dignified manner in which to remove personal belongings from long-term care homes after their loved one passes away.

The ladies tastefully decorate photocopy paper boxes with donated wallpaper and deliver them to Hospice Northwest for distribution. A comforting poem, and information about Hospice Northwest's grief support services, are affixed to the lid of each box.

"The ladies spend hours making beautiful memory boxes so that staff may respectfully place them in the room of every resident who dies," says Jackie McDonald, a personal support worker at Bethammi Nursing Home. "Families have commented to staff how grateful they are for the respect that is shown by this kind gesture. This helps staff find closure as well since residents become like family to them."

Hospice Northwest, St. John's Anglican Church and Bethammi Nursing Home are proud to be a part of honouring the lives of our seniors and the incredible contribution they have made to our community.

Terri Kannegiesser, Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice Northwest



Palliative Care & Bereavement Support Volunteers Needed

Hospice Northwest offers support and companionship to clients and their families in Thunder Bay and Region in locations such as private homes, long-term care and hospitals. Volunteers are also needed to support individuals living with dementia and to be compassionate listeners for persons grieving the loss of a loved one.

Training programs commence in Thunder Bay and Region this September.

Deadline for application is August 8 2014. For more information, call 626-5570 or visit our website at www.hospicenorthwest.ca

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