



SASKATCHEWAN HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual General Meeting

May 11, 1:30 p.m.

University of Regina - Luther College

Room 100, 3737 Wascana Park Way

Regina, SK

You are invited to join the SHPCA Board of Directors for our Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be followed by a panel of speakers who explore issues related to medical assistance in dying, the new legislation that has been tabled by the Federal Government and our work as advocates for and practitioners of Palliative Care.

Annual Sunset Reception

May 11, 6:30 p.m.

**Willow on Wascana, 3000 Wascana Dr,
Regina, SK**

On the evening of May 11th, we will be hosting our second Annual Sunset Reception at the Willow on Wascana. Tickets are \$125 per person and you receive a \$65 charitable tax receipt. Our first event was a huge success and we look forward to an even greater success this year. You may purchase tickets [online by clicking here](#). Please support your association.



Membership Renewal

Since, in the past, membership renewal has been included with the Conference and LEAP registrations, we wanted to ensure that you have the opportunity to stay connected to your

organization. Your membership fee is **\$55, by renewing by April 30th**; you have a **chance to win** one of these great prizes including a Gift Item valued at \$300, a ticket to the Sunset Reception valued at \$125, Palliative Care Books Gift Package valued at \$100. You can quickly renew on-line by [clicking here](#), you still have the option to pay by cheque or credit card.

By renewing your membership with your association your benefits are:

- Quarterly E-Newsletter from SHPCA & CHPCA
- Access to the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association and their Education Network
- Reduced rates to the National Conferences and Education Seminars
- Reduced rates to Provincial Education Seminars and Events
- Access to numerous high quality educational events and resources
- Information on national and provincial hospice and palliative care initiatives

- Access to latest hospice palliative care research
- Access to the CHPCA Nurses Group (extra \$20)
- Eligibility to apply for the *Dr. Zach Thomas*

***Education Award* deadline extended to April 30.**

Dr. Zach Thomas Education Award

The award symbolizes the dedication, compassion and desire Dr. Zach Thomas had to further advance palliative care. It also recognizes individuals who show excellence in the field of palliative care.

Through the establishment of this award, it is hoped that more opportunities for education will be made available to those interested in ongoing education and excellence in the provision of palliative care services.

The award will be allocated on a yearly basis, to a maximum of \$1,000 per year. The submission deadline is April 30th this year. Submission should be made in writing to the Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association by returning the attached form which is to include two (2) letters of reference. Feel free to enclose any other pertinent material that may help the evaluation of the application.

The applicant will be advised in writing of the decision of the Board of Directors. It is the expectation of the Board that the successful candidate will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting to receive the award, which is held yearly at the Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Conference.

The deadline was extended to April 30th. Application form is available on our website www.saskpalliativecare.org under the Education tab/ Bursaries & Awards.



Research

We are presently working with a researcher from the University of Saskatchewan who is analyzing Palliative Care Surveys conducted in the mid 1990's. When this analysis is completed, a new survey will be created and sent to our palliative care coordinators in order to assist in the development of an overview of the evolution of palliative care in our province. We are hoping to complete this research project by the end of the year and will be sharing the results with our membership.

LEAP Core

Our Spring sessions are now sold out. If you are interested in bringing a Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative and End of Life Care Education session to your health region or community this fall, please contact the SHPCA at info@saskpalliativecare.org or call 306.584.2526.



Virtual Hospice has launched Indigenous Voices: Stories of Serious Illness and Grief.

Indigenous people are commonly under served in the health care system and particularly in palliative care. The series was developed to empower and support Indigenous people living with advanced illness and their families, and to serve as a rich, educative tool for health professionals wishing to improve the delivery of culturally safe and inclusive care.

Indigenous Voices Stories of Serious Illness and Grief was developed by Indigenous people for Indigenous people. The team (composed of researchers, clinicians, patients living with advanced illness and families) worked in collaboration with the Canadian Virtual Hospice (see team list attached) and followed strict adherence to OCAP principles of ownership, control, access and possession. Funding for development of the series was provided by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. To view the Indigenous Voices series go to www.LivingMyCulture.ca

The Canadian Cancer Society continues to advocate for better access to quality palliative Care throughout the province. This spring it plans to use its Relay for Life fundraisers across the province to encourage participants to sign a postcard calling on the provincial government to make palliative care a priority. The Society is looking for volunteers to help with the postcard campaign at each of its Relays. It will provide information and webinar for anyone interested in this important initiative.

For more information call Donna Pasiechnik 306-790-9871

Compassionate Benefits

We are looking for testimonials from people who have used compassionate benefits and the impact it had on their lives.

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