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GREY BRUCE SPIRITUAL CARE COUNCIL

**Grey Bruce
Spiritual Care
Council
Annual Report
2021—2022**



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Mission Statement:

To oversee the management of the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care program.

To support the Spiritual Care Providers in their provision of service within the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care program through mentorship and education.

To offer a formalized structure of communication and accountability for spiritual care services amongst the Grey Bruce healthcare sector, ministerial associations and other partners.

Vision Statement:

To lead in the development and provision of spiritual care services to patients, family members, and staff of Grey Bruce Health Services, Hanover and District Hospital, South Bruce Grey Health Centre and Grey Bruce Hospice as well as the Palliative Home Care Team for the Home and Community Care Support Services South West.

Values:

Meaning, Comfort, Strength



Chair of GBSC Council Report

Dianne Jackson

Here we are another full year with the pandemic still with us. There have been times when it felt like the movie “Groundhog Day” but with life is change and GBSCC has continued to change and grow.

In the Owen Sound hospital, we no longer have a chapel but have the Reflection Room, a place for prayer and meditation.

With Cliff’s direction we now have an Investment Policy. This was needed so that funds donated are invested wisely to protect and grow. We want to continue to support our spiritual care providers that serve those in need at each of our hospital sites in Grey Bruce. As well, we changed insurance providers with significant savings and increased the liability insurance coverage for our spiritual care providers.

Under the direction of the Marketing and Communication Committee, Pat led the Council in the first fund raising campaign in years. The slogan, ‘I Care therefore I Walk’ helped each of us raise the profile of what this Council does. Some walked, skied, snowshoed or climbed stairs. Personally, I have never talked about what GBSCC does more than I did during February when the campaign ran. Much needed funds were realized as well as awareness. With help from Georgian College a video was posted on Facebook starring Joan and Ann that highlighted the drive. This committee also produced a new brochure that featured our services, a testimonial and how to support our cause.

As a Council we remain grateful to the Spiritual Care Providers who served the eleven hospitals, Chapman House and the Palliative Home Care Team in Grey Bruce. This pandemic remained and we appreciated your flexibility to be there whenever restrictions were modified to provide care however you could. You were there when there was a crisis, an unwelcome diagnosis and offered support to patients, family and staff. Thank you.

Thanks also to all those who have donated to GBSCC so that we can continue to provide this essential service to those in need in Grey Bruce. We look forward to your support in the future.

Dianne



(Past) Manager's Report

Joan Silcox-Smith

This year's theme for the Annual Report is "Spiritual Care Unmasked: Revealing the True Nature of Spiritual Care". I think the greatest blessing of COVID, if we can say it that way, is that the importance of Spiritual Care was brought to the forefront. With patients not being allowed to have family visit, or in a very limited way when visitation began, the emotional support, the spiritual nurture, the non-anxious presence of a Spiritual Care Provider was highlighted as never before. Although patients could not see the faces of their caregivers, they could totally "see" the unique care that spiritual care offered. So I hope you will enjoy reading this year's report as these gifts, skills and compassion are uncovered.

So many things to share with you about the year 2021-2022! And yet it is so simple... we cared for many sick and dying people, offered them a different way of handling their illness by being available for those deep spiritual conversations that many are not able to have. I have much gratitude to share with you and thankful for this avenue to do so.

Spiritual Care Providers - We have an ever changing team of Spiritual Care Providers (SCP) at each and every site of the 11 Grey Bruce hospitals, as well as the Grey Bruce Residential Hospice/Chapman House and the Palliative Home Care Team. The people they care for are the reason the Council exists and the reason we all work so hard to support them. There have been a number of changes with Alan Barr retiring from Lion's Head, and Kathy Underwood leaving the Palliative Home Care Team. We've welcomed some current SCP's into additional roles as Lyndsay McGregor took on another hospital, Ann Veyvara-Divinski took on the Coordination of the Palliative Home Care Team and Jan Temple-Jones stepped into my role as Manager. Phil Dwyer came back to supply at Wiarton while we await our new SCP there and Heather McCarrell joined the Meaford team, and we await yet others to join soon. I want to say a very heartfelt thanks to each of the SCPs wherever they offer themselves. It is a labour and ministry of love. I have tried to offer them support, counsel, and educational opportunities.

Council Members - Council exists to support the SCPs and to promote Spiritual Care in our beautiful area. If you have ever been sick, or had a loved one dying in hospital or hospice, or at home, you know the importance of spiritual care. My thanks to all the Council members for making spiritual care a priority in their life. When one comes onto a Council such as this, you make a commitment to offer your gifts and skills to the wider good in the community and it means giving your time to this cause. Thank you to each and every one of you!

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Council Chair/Dianne Jackson - We have been so very well served by Dianne in the role as Chair. I thank her for all the time she has given, the heartache and worry she may have carried when we had concerns, and for her fortitude in keeping us moving forward. I have totally enjoyed my time working with Dianne and I can't say enough good things. She ran a great meeting, and keeping us on track was not always the easiest of things to do! But she gave of her time, over and over again, to help with decisions that needed making, and even boxes that needed moving. Ask her about our files. That's another whole story. Dianne, thank you and God's blessings to you for your commitment to this importance of spiritual care for others.

Treasurer - Finance Chair/ Cliff Bilyea - The Council finances are not for the faint of heart for we are always looking to make our budget work. We have been very well served by the knowledge and experience of Cliff, and his gentle supportive way of keeping us on track. With Cliff's encouragement and consultation with others, the Council now has a Financial Plan, an Investment Plan and will be embarking on a Strategic Plan this fall. We could only do this with the leadership of someone like Cliff. I always looked forward to my time with Cliff at any meeting we had, and we had many. The Council is very well served with Cliff as Treasurer. Cliff, thank you for accepting the invitation to take on this role.

Communications Committee/Pat Dobec - Want to get the word out there? Ask Pat to do it. Want to raise awareness and some money to meet the budget? Ask Pat to do it. We have been so blessed to have Pat join the Council and to get so energized about Spiritual Care! Pat has a long history of working in healthcare and appreciates the difference that spiritual care can make in the lives of others. When we embarked on our fundraiser to meet the budget, as we always seem to be working with a deficit, Pat had the confidence to say that we could do it, and we did! Thanks to Pat for spearheading that amazing fundraiser and giving us all the confidence to do what we did to help out. Thanks Pat for all that you do and all that you are.

Direct report/Mary Margaret Crapper- It has been my absolute joy to work with and under Mary Margaret. I have worked with many Directors and VPs over the years, and I must say that Mary Margaret has been one of the very best. She is not only good at listening on the days when I wanted to pull out my hair, but more importantly she truly understands spiritual care. And because she understands spiritual care, she has been more than supportive. She has taken our concerns to the higher levels of the hospital system. It was because of her support we were able to renovate the Owen Sound hospital Chapel/Reflection Room for Prayer and Meditation, now known as the Reflection Room. It was because of her that we've never had our budget reduced at the annual review. It was because of her that Spiritual Care was noticed and taken seriously. I always looked forward to any and all interactions with Mary Margaret, not only for her support, which was ever present, but also for her good nature, easy way, and ready smile. Thank you Mary Margaret for making my time as Manager a very rewarding one. Couldn't have wanted anyone but you to report to. Blessings.

Secretary/Administrator/ Evelynne Hazen - It has been a blast working with Evelynne in the office. We hit it off right away and always were able to get things done. I couldn't have done what I did without her. Evelynne decided to retire in April which is just after this fiscal year end. I wish her every blessing as she decides what is next for her in life. I know with her it will be full of joy and laughter. All the very best!

And now I end my time as Manager after four and a half years, and pass the torch to Jan Temple-Jones. Jan is a wonderful, seasoned, experienced, certified Spiritual Care Practitioner. She has served the last 2 years at the Owen Sound hospital and Chapman House, after coming to us from Regina. She has co-authored a Palliative Care curriculum and is working toward her Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor-Education Certification. She will put her own unique stamp on the role as Manager and on the provision of spiritual care. I will support her in any and all ways that I can. I am so very pleased that she has taken on this leadership role. Many blessings, Joan.

CPE Unit Report 2021—2022

Clinical Pastoral Education is accredited through the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care and supported by the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council. It is an adult learning program that combines clinical spiritual care with qualified supervision in learning and reflection group sessions. It involves learning the art and skills of spiritual caring, spiritual/existential/theological reflection and an understanding of the human experience through a psycho-social lens. Spiritual Care Interns (students) assess and respond to patient/client needs during times of crisis, transition, and celebration. Spiritual Care Interns reflect upon their experience as a way of exploring their attitudes, values and beliefs as they cultivate their clinical practice with equal hours of direct patient care (200 hours over the unit) and in-class learning (200 hours over the unit). This program can assist with the preparation for application to the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario.

This year there were 5 students of varying cultural and religious backgrounds participating in the CPE unit. The CPE unit was led by Provisional Supervisor Educator, Rev. Jan Temple-Jones and supported by Certified Supervisor Educator, Rev. Warren Litt.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Temple-Jones

Left to right:

Esra Aksu

Sara-Jo Pipher

Laura Woolner

Muhammed Aksu

Paula Classey

Jan Temple-Jones

Warren Litt (Supervisor)



Outgoing Council Members for 2021-2022

Rev. Sue McCullough - a retired Anglican priest from the Bruce Peninsula - left the Council in August 2021 after moving away from the area to be closer to her children. We were very grateful for her insights and contributions, her good nature, and dedicated service.

Erin Zorzi - Erin fulfilled a 6 year term on Council (September 2021) being very involved as the Treasurer. As a committed member who cares about Spiritual Care, she was able to help keep our finances in good stead. We are grateful for her contributions, which were many. Thanks Erin.

Rev. Nicholas Forrester - Nicholas left the Council in December 2021. His was a short term of office since he had to move away as well. We wish Nicholas all the very best in his next place and that he and his family will be happy and healthy.

Mary Margaret Crapper - As Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Mary Margaret represented the Grey Bruce Health Services on the Council. She is the direct report for the Manager for Spiritual Care as well. Mary Margaret has been a full supporter of the Council in all aspects of its work. Having completed her 6 year term in November 2021, it was decided by Council to keep her on as an Ex Officio member because of the reporting structure for the Manager and her ability to communicate the needs of Spiritual Care to the organization. We are pleased to be able to continue to use Mary Margaret's skill, wisdom and counsel moving forward.



Reflections from Our Spiritual Care Providers

Spiritual Care Providers have been asked to reflect on the theme “Spiritual Care Unmasked: Revealing the True Nature of Spiritual Care.” What has it been like wearing a mask while providing spiritual care, what were the obstacles, what were the benefits?



Jan Temple-Jones

Staff Spiritual Care Provider

***GBHS—Owen Sound &
Chapman House Hospice***

The definition of “a mask” is “to conceal from view; worn as a disguise, to amuse or terrify”. Certainly, this definition is different from the intention of the masks we are required to wear, which is more about safety, protection and public health. The use of masks, while necessary, do conceal us, and I know, in providing spiritual care to those who are dying, lonely, distressed, or recovering, I have to be intentional through the inflection in my voice and through the use of my eyes, eyebrows and forehead to convey empathy, joy, surprise, dismay, concern and care. It is challenging, though, for those who are hearing impaired and who read lips as a means to receptive communication. But, I learned from one of my CPE students, there’s an app for that! -- an app called “Dictate Pro” that automatically dictates what you’re saying into words on your phone screen so that a patient can read what you’re saying while you say it thereby offering a supportive written means in conveying the provision of spiritual care.

Despite the masks my provision of spiritual care continues because the need for all of us to feel connected, one to another, remains...masks or not.



Alan Barr

Spiritual Care Provider

Lion’s Head

Over the course of 2021 and 2022, Spiritual Care continued to be an important and integral part of the total care offered at the Lion’s Head Hospital. The real essence of Spiritual Care, involves a combination of the physical, mental, and spiritual, towards wholeness and a sense of connection. This was achieved in spite of the difficulties caused by the requirement for, and the necessity of, personal protection equipment: such as masks, gloves, eye protection, and gowns. Their use became a necessary part of the Spiritual Care, experienced by patients, at the Lion’s Head Hospital.

Among the challenges that we all faced with wearing masks and other protective equipment, was an increase in heat. Wearing all of these things brought excessive heat, which made for some discomfort. Aside from that; wearing a mask presented a challenge at times, as it inhibited conversation, and made it hard to identify people, and/or pick up facial expressions. Wearing masks and other protective equipment did protect patients and Spiritual Care givers and thus added a layer of confidence for those offering care. In the end all persevered, and presented the care that was needed.



Ann Veyvara-Divinski
Staff Spiritual Care Provider
GBHS—Owen Sound

Providing Spiritual Care during COVID has been an exercise in perseverance as well as adaptation. From patients not being able to hear us properly to adjusting the mask and goggles appropriately not to be in a physical fog in looking at the patient, it has also been a time of hope for the “brighter times” ahead.

Yes, there certainly have been moments of extreme challenge and sadness but also some times of hope and laughter. As one nurse told me "sometimes you just have to laugh" and you know what, she was right. We see the situation we may be in as one of doom and gloom but a bright spark, a little levity makes things bright, even for a moment. Sometimes its offering a physical presence of "you know what, I hear you, so let's laugh together". It works! We are spiritual care and sometimes the spirit comes in a way that has a little more levity brings a smile when required and makes a difference! Many times "lock down" requirements left patients feeling like they were imprisoned and the conversations engaged in to understand what freedom meant to a person awaiting admittance to long term care were some of the most meaningful.



Kenneth Craig
Spiritual Care Provider
SBGHC— Kincardine

Every superhero wears a mask to conceal their true identity. Hospital “superheroes” have the ongoing challenge of revealing their true identity while wearing a mask. Such has been my experience over the last couple of years as medical experts recommend that Spiritual Care Providers wear masks while making their rounds. Face shields or protective eye goggles do not inhibit conversation and connection with the patient or staff to the same extent as masks. The purpose of a mask is to create a physical barrier between SCP and patient. The creation of this physical barrier challenges those who are hard of hearing, challenges those whose vision is even slightly impaired, and challenges those who, when I offer my hand to them in prayer, should refrain from accepting. I am grateful for the mask because it has provided some sense of protection for both patient and care-giver. Perhaps more accurately, the masks have demanded that I be more articulate, clearer in my enunciation, and more expressive with my voice and my facial expressions. My prayer is that I am seen to be someone who cares for staff and patient alike, that my true identity can be seen whether I’m wearing a mask or not.



Surya Leigh Mellor
Spiritual Care Provider
SBGHC—Durham

The experience of wearing a mask and other protective equipment has over the last couple of years become common now. I reflect back on the initial experience of transitioning into wearing a mask full time and how challenging it was inwardly and outwardly. It was a time of new protocols that were ever changing and required a flexible and creative approach. The patients were also adjusting to a foreign landscape within the provision of spiritual care and health care at large. I am so grateful for the ongoing supervision, community within the hospital and conversations around some of the obstacles and challenges of wearing a mask. Concerns around projecting my voice, being heard and understood clearly and not being able to meet someone with a smile were present. Finding a louder and slower voice, gesturing more and smiling from eyes and body language were responses that I found made all of the difference. Patients could know that their safety was being prioritized and I have experienced much gratitude from patients. At this point, the ease of wearing a mask has become the norm I feel for both myself as a spiritual care provider and for most of the patients I meet.



John Smith
Palliative Home Care Team

My work over the last 2 years as a Palliative Spiritual care provider has been relatively unchanged by the wearing (or not wearing) of masks. In fact, in many cases, especially in the last days for someone, I was requested to remove the mask if possible. On reflection, it occurs to me then, that the reason for unmasking when approaching the end of life might be this: that authenticity and clear communication are needed differently, and that the full expression on my face was important in order to convey truth, meaning, and comfort. I wonder if it goes even deeper: when we encounter the holy, and enter the holy space of dying, it's almost like Moses being asked to take off his shoes in front of the burning bush. We want to be completely open to the experience, we want to be "face to face" with God, metaphorically speaking of course. Despite COVID's wrath, and masked or unmasked, we still were able to find holy ground with our clients. How awesome is that! Thanks for the opportunity to offer this service to clients in the Peninsula region. I am leaving the position as of September 30th.



Lyndsay McGregor
Spiritual Care Provider
SBGHC– Chesley, Walkerton
Hanover Hospital

Masking during care did provide a bit of a barrier, especially for those who rely on reading lips to round out a conversation. However, barriers open up opportunity to explore creative ways to express care and empathy. In addition it served as a constant reminder that our role is to listen first, to be attentive before speaking. During this period my admiration for the health care staff deepened as they discovered ways to interact with patients while masked round the clock. It provided all of us an opportunity to find ways to continue to be caring and compassionate while overcoming obstacles. I am grateful to be part of the holistic health care team though this tough time.



Adam Nickell
Spiritual Care Provider
GBHS- Markdale

2021/22 year at Markdale was certainly a return to more of a “normal” feel for Spiritual Care in the Hospital. As Covid restrictions began to ease I could resume more of a regular and “normal” feel around my role in the hospital. This was needed as I and other Spiritual Care Providers discovered a medical staff exhausted and over-worked due to many staff shortages. The hospital at ALL levels was dealing with staff shortages either due to illness of staff themselves or just pure exhaustion and burn out. I think the “lowest” point of realization for me as the hospital chaplain was when I arrived on the floor one day with only two nurses scrambling to care for a full floor of patients with the explanation to me that they just can’t find people to work. This to me was a window into the depth of the problem hospitals were facing. Thankfully, this was the one and only time I witnesses this, and soon after the proper staff levels were being met again. It reminded me of the important role we as Spiritual Care Providers have, not just with patients but with hospital staff to support and come along side of them with encouragement and hope. Hope was certainly what I experienced as this past year continued, as restrictions eased and the hospital began to take on more of its regular “feel” even with the Café reopening in the front foyer! This did wonders to bring back a sense of “normalcy” in the hospital. I met with many, many patients throughout the year – mostly seniors with a variety of health concerns and ailments being addressed and cared for. I was also involved with many end of life situations – bringing comfort and hope to the dying and love and care for their families and loved ones left behind. On a few occasions I was also called upon to be present and care for very difficult and traumatic situations in people’s lives. These are difficult times of crisis to walk through with people, but I’m grateful for the sources of strength and meaning we can all draw from to navigate the dark and sad storms that we can experience in this life. I continue to remain grateful for my role as Spiritual Care Provider at Markdale. We are anticipating a move into a brand new space coming later in 2023 and I am excited about all of the Spiritual Care provisions and priorities being built into the new hospital build. Spiritual Care will have a more visible role in the new hospital and for this I and others remain grateful.



Heather McCarrel
Spiritual Care Provider
Meaford

In October 2021 I began as the Spiritual Care Provider at the Meaford Hospital. During this time COVID-19 restrictions were in place requiring the wearing of a mask (fitted 95) and goggles as well it was policy that there were no visitors allowed. This meant I was the only visitor all week. With this in mind I went to the hospital twice a week, hoping my two visits would help lessen isolation.

Since there were no televisions or free internet and the small radios could only reach one station; my visits were very much welcomed. Majority of my time was spent listening, reading to the patients, and often we found creative ways to pass the time. With a portable CD player we listened to music while playing board games, card games, colouring and at times we sung along.

None of this would have been possible if it had not been for the masks, hand sanitizing, and eye coverings. Despite the discomfort I am grateful for the protection they provided. This protection allowed for the Spiritual Care visits to continue through the pandemic and created the opportunity to lessen the strain of hospital stays for the patients.



Kathy Underwood
Coordinator
Palliative Home Care Team

My mind wanders from ‘spiritual care unmasked’ to the fable in which the emperor is revealed to have no clothes: fragile, naked, vulnerable. Spiritual care providers invite others to consider their fragility and vulnerabilities. We invite people to un-mask themselves and surrender to their true selves. From this place of surrender to themselves (or to God or whatever higher power they embrace) they are freed to accept and LIVE their lives fully with all of its beauty and its limitations. The apostle Paul’s insistence that it is in our weakness that we are made strong is what happens when we allow ourselves to be un-masked. It is not dependent on whether we wear a mask or not. It IS dependent on how we as SCPs come alongside the person in front of us—embodying a calm, non-anxious presence and creating a vessel into which the other places the worries, their joys, their fears, their hopes so that they can explore them for a time. It is a privilege to offer this to patients and families in their homes. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have had to do so since 2018 as the Psycho-Social-Spiritual Care Coordinator for the Palliative Home Care Team. I am grateful to all those SCPs with whom I have worked with special appreciation to Lyndsay McGregor and Surya Mellor, and to Joan Silcox-Smith for her unwavering support.



Darlyne Rath
Spiritual Care Provider
Warton and Southampton

The impact of COVID on the patients in hospital was significant. The staff in general had to be creative in order for the patients to stay connected to their families. We did this through Face Time and Skype and telephone calls and by having the relatives and friends come to the windows outside of their rooms and hold their hands together on the glass. For most of the pandemic the patients were not allowed any visitors. And so their interaction was with the staff. It was lonely for the patients during this time and as a result, we the staff, spend more time talking with the patients and supporting them with their loneliness for loved ones. As spiritual care provider it was one of my main goals – to spend time with the patients.

Equally important was the interaction with the staff. They would take time on occasion to share their fear of looking after COVID positive patients. It was really a tense time for them because they didn't want to become positive or take home this disease and give it to their families. They knew that wearing all the PPE in the world hadn't protected some health care workers from becoming a statistic in Grey Bruce County. Being able to listen to their fears and concerns became a significant part of my role.

As well, as a spiritual care provider, it became my role to visit the congregation members of the ministers who were not able to be in the hospital to say blessings and prayers. I was called to be with several palliative patients to support them in their final hours of life.



GREY BRUCE SPIRITUAL CARE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash, receivables, prepaids	263,466	250,100
LIABILITIES:		
Payables, accrued, deferred	16,305	32,115
NET ASSETS	247,161	217,985
 REVENUE		
Church, personal, and chapel donations	26,690	24,238
Grants, legacy donations	40,005	98,068
Healthcare corporations and foundations	64,100	68,267
Endowment distribution, bank interest	2,331	1,604
PHCT and Hospice revenue	71,531	67,486
Spiritual Care education	26,989	24,040
External fundraising	26,597	-
Presbytery Allocation funds from Toronto Conference (UCC)	1,989	-
TOTAL REVENUE	260,232	283,703
 EXPENDITURES		
Admin and Office expense	2,862	3,545
Chapel renovations	4,439	4,846
Insurance, professional fees	5,996	7,841
PHCT, Hospice services	60,846	56,756
Spiritual Care Education	20,186	22,876
Spiritual care providers, mileage, development	136,727	109,094
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	231,056	204,958
 Net Results	 29,176	 78,745

- ◆ Designated Funds: PHCT Benevolence, Library, Chapel Renovations, UCC Regional Grant
- ◆ GBSCC Endowment Fund (managed by Community Foundation GB) had a balance of \$37,258 on December 31, 2020
- ◆ GBSCC entered into agreements with the Southwest Local Health Integration Network for Palliative Home Care Team (PHCT) funding, Residential Hospice Grey Bruce, instructor Warren Litt, and GBHS. All contracts have been renewed. Spiritual Care Providers (SCP), who operate as independent contractors, each have a one-year contract.
- ◆ Grey Bruce Health Services provides GBSCC with access to office space and equipment, secretarial support, 59% of the salary and benefits of the Spiritual Care Department Manager, and clinical pastoral education facilitator compensation.
- ◆ Our complete Financial Statement can be provided to you, please contact our office if you wish a copy.

DONATIONS..With our gratitude for their

\$30,000+

- United Church of Canada Missions Support Grant



\$10,000—\$29,999

- Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation
- South Bruce Grey Health Centre



\$500—\$9,999

- Hanover & District Hospital Foundation
- Meaford General Hospital Foundation
- Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation Auxiliary
- Centre Grey Health Services Foundation
- Hanover & District Hospital
- Community Foundation Grey Bruce
- Cliff Bilyea
- John Smith & Joan Silcox-Smith
- John & Shirley Raeburn
- Pat Dobec
- Jane Kramer/Kathryn Forsyth
- Roderick Chisholm
- Paul Boulter
- Gay & Lloyd Wieringa
- Klees & Associates
- The Stewart Family Foundation (Jim & Katie Stewart)
- Ken & Nancy Craig
- The Pottruff Family
- Anonymous Donation



We're here for good.

...Donations from Individuals, Grants and Local Faith Communities with gratitude

239 Individual Donors to “ I Care Therefore I Walk” (Fundraising program, 2022)

Blackburn Foundation Grant

Trillium Mutual Roots Grant

And these Faith Communities:

St. John’s United Church Chesley

Crawford United Church, Elmwood

Tara United Church

St. John’s Lutheran, Elmwood

Durham Baptist Church

Durham Foursquare Gospel Church

Hanover Evangelical Missionary Church

Hanover Mennonite Church

Trinity Lutheran Evangelical, Ayton

Clifford United Church

Grace United Church, Hanover

First St. Matthew’s Lutheran, Hanover

Kincardine United Church

Tiverton Baptist Church

Gentle Shepherd Community Church,
Flesherton

St. James Anglican Church, Fairmont

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian, Owen Sound

Rockcliffe Pentecostal Church, Owen Sound

Zion Keppel United Church, Owen Sound

Tobermory United Church

Christian Reformed First, Owen Sound

Georgian Shores United Church, Owen Sound

First Baptist Church, Owen Sound

Community of Christ, Owen Sound

Calvary Evangelical Church, Owen Sound

Owen Sound Alliance Church

Lutheran Church of our Saviour, Owen Sound

First Christian Reformed Church, Owen Sound

Canadian Reformed Church, Owen Sound

St. George’s Anglican Church, Owen Sound

Bahai’s, Owen Sound

First United Church, Owen Sound

Kemble United Church

Trinity United Church, Annan

Sauble Beach/Hepworth United Churches

Parkhead United Church

St. Peter’s Lutheran, Desboro

Southampton United Church

Faith Lutheran, Port Elgin

St. Thomas Anglican, Walkerton

Paisley United Church

St. Paul’s Presbyterian, Wiarton

St. John’s United, Wiarton

Franck Street Baptist, Wiarton

Bethel Evangelical Mission Church, Lion’s Head

Marketing and Communications Committee Report

To state that we had a busy year, would be an understatement.

Our committee of Joan Silcox-Smith, Cliff Bilyea, Evelynne Hazen, Mary Margaret Crapper, Danielle Pillon and Pat Dobec met frequently, 15 times since inception of March 25/2021. A. Veyvera-Divinski joined us for several meetings. Many more hours were spent preparing and raising money for the organization. Face to face meetings did not exist except through ZOOM.

Our initial purpose as listed below quickly morphed into a fund-raising initiative and we became mostly focused on our final bullet point.

Purpose

To promote Spiritual Care as an essential service

To revise and update publications and all media sources for accuracy and consistency.

To develop a strategy for dissemination of information

To get quality of service feedback through staff/patient/resident/client questionnaires.

To develop a media strategy

To compile a series of personal stories from clients (patients/staff/residents/volunteers) to be used for publications either anonymously or identified with permission. "My Story".

To assist with fundraising strategy – target date for Fundraising – February 2022

The above was an ambitious agenda. Our fundraiser "I Care & I Walk" became our primary focus and \$27,000.00 was raised for the ongoing Spiritual Care Programme. Because of the Fundraiser we definitely heightened awareness of the service.

We are promoting the Spiritual Care Programme by developing a video this fall with the assistance of Georgian College. We also have a radio engagement coming up in October. Speaking engagements will be promoted throughout our catchment area.

Our publications are more consistent particularly in the area of how to contact the programme and donate. Also, our mailing list has been brought up to date.

This year we will be focusing on story telling and content of quarterly newsletters.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Dobec

www.gbhs.on.ca/spiritualcare

Caring Benches: Addressing Loneliness

Loneliness and isolation are at record high levels in Canada, and Saugeen Shores is no exception. The pandemic has added a new layer of challenge to people wanting to connect in a meaningful way. "The Caring Committee" of our local chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women has taken a small first step towards addressing this issue in our community. 'Caring Benches' are soon to be installed in Southampton and Port Elgin.

A bench is a bench is a bench...but a bench with two people sitting on it sharing thoughts and ideas is a 'Caring Bench'. We want these benches to be worn thin from people sitting on them and having real conversations. The benches are for everyone, young, old, rich, poor, happy, sad, lonely and not so lonely. We have more things in common with one another than we will ever know, unless we take the time to chat.

The 'Caring Benches' will be located at Coulter Parkette in Port Elgin, and by the Art School in Southampton. They can be recognized by their bright blue colour and brass plaque which reads 'Spend time...Share time'.

For Pat Dobec, the benches are a physical symbol of the caring walk undertaken each day by our Spiritual Care providers. She challenged her Women's group to support us, and give to the bench program at the same time. THANKS PAT!



Spiritual Care Statistics 2021-2022

	Total Number of Visits	Total Number of Referrals	Total Number of Contracted Hours per month
GBHS Sites— 7 - Spiritual Care Providers (Grey Bruce Health Services)	3421	1561	O/S #1—60 O/S #2—40 MK—13 ME—18 WI—20 LH—8 SO—16
SBGHC Sites—4 - Spiritual Care Providers (South Bruce Grey Health Centre)	1290	107	DU—10 CH—15 WK—17 KI—17
HDH—1 - Spiritual Care Providers (Hanover & District Hospital)	256	57	20
GB Residential Hospice—1 - Spiritual Care Providers (Chapman House)	680	43	60
Volunteer Chaplains (GBHS-Owen Sound only)	—	—	
GBHS-Owen Sound On-Call Referrals		30	
GBHS-Owen Sound Patient Self Referrals		27	

The Spiritual Care Department facilitated over 5647 in-hospital visits for Community Clergy across Grey and Bruce Counties.

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