

THIS YEAR, Victoria Hospice celebrates an incredible milestone—40 years of care, compassion, and excellence.

Throughout 2020, we will reflect on our beginnings as a volunteer-driven, grassroots movement. We were pioneers at providing palliative and end-of-life care at a time when it was not yet embraced.

Today, thanks to advocacy efforts from patients and their families, healthcare professionals, hospice societies, volunteers, and community champions like you, this shift is taking root.

Over the decades, our interdisciplinary team of volunteers and staff have earned a solid reputation for improving quality of life for patients and families when time is most precious.

Looking ahead, I have confidence in Victoria Hospice's ability to ensure best in class care for even more patients and families in our community. My optimism is thanks in large part to you!

You are part of an incredibly generous group—roughly 7,000 people each year—who give their own money to ensure that this organization can provide the care, compassion and empathy that should be available to everyone at the end of their life.

Because of you, Victoria Hospice is in a strong financial position to meet the challenges ahead. We can be nimble, innovative, and develop new programs to meet the growing needs of our community. Victoria Hospice can continue to put the needs of patients and families at the centre of all that we do.

Thank you for all that you make possible!

Sincerely,



Kevin Harter, CEO  
Victoria Hospice

PS If you have a personal story about your connection to Victoria Hospice, I invite you to share your story on our 40th Anniversary webpage: [victoriahospice.org/40yearsofcare/](http://victoriahospice.org/40yearsofcare/)



# Milestones Through the Years



VICTORIA  
HOSPICE



**1980**

The Victoria Association of the Dying (VACD) develops a new model of care for the dying with a volunteer-driven pilot project running from 1978 to 1980. After evaluating the success of the pilot project, BC's Ministry of Health designates **Hospice Victoria** as an ongoing essential part of the health care system.

**1996**

The third and fourth floors of the **Richmond Pavilion** at Royal Jubilee Hospital are developed to accommodate a 17-bed hospice palliative care facility.



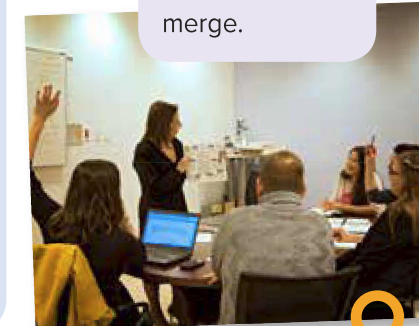
**2002**

Our volunteers and staff, and community members participate in **Walk for Awareness**, paving the way for our annual **Hike for Hospice** event, which officially begins in 2012. Dozens of cities across Canada now host **Hikes for Hospices** each May to raise critical funds and awareness for hospice palliative care.



**2014**

The **Education and Research Departments** merge.



**2019**

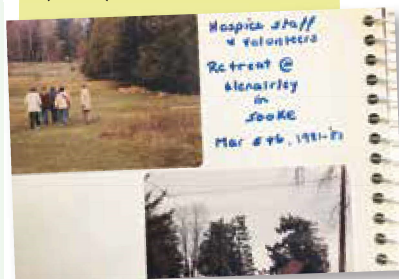
**Victoria Hospice Community Support Centre (CSC)** opens on Chatterton Way. It is the new home of Bereavement Services and will also house community education and volunteer-led patient navigation programs.



## 1980s

**1983**

VACD amalgamates with Hospice Victoria to form the **Victoria Hospice Society (VHS)**.



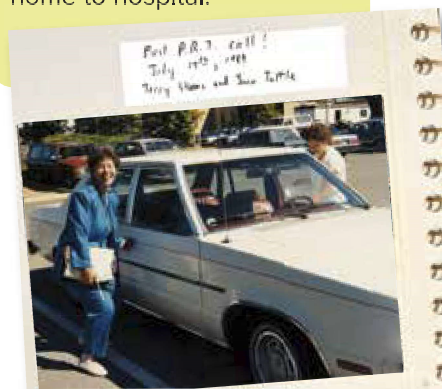
**1985**

Fran Cornish begins volunteering at VHS. She remains a steadfast supporter to this day—talk about commitment!



**1989**

With funding from the Victoria Health Project, the **Victoria Hospice Palliative Response Team (PRT)** is established. The PRT offers emergency short-term crisis consultation and treatment for problems that would otherwise require hospital admission. Victoria Hospice also expands its working relationships with Home Care Nursing, creating an integrated continuum of hospice palliative care from home to hospital.



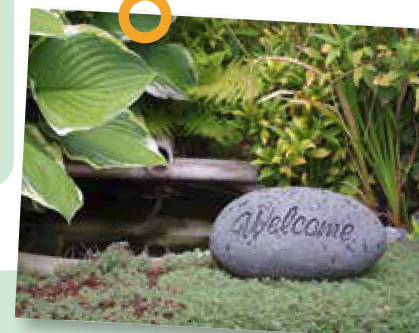
## 1990s

**1997**

Victoria Hospice establishes the **Victoria Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation** to assume a primary fundraising role, and to provide investment, financial management and stewardship of funds raised for Victoria Hospice operations.

**1997**

The **Rooftop Garden** at Victoria Hospice is established. It has become an oasis for patients, their families and friends. Inside the door that leads to the Garden is a Journal in which visitors record their thoughts, feelings, and experience of their visit. *"The garden is vibrant yet gentle – like the rest of the Hospice. Thank you so much for caring so beautifully."*



(Photo by volunteer photographer Lorna Shaw)

## 2000s

**1999**

The **Victoria Hospice Learning Centre for Palliative Care** is established.

**2006**

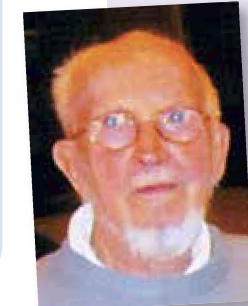
The **Research Office** is created to better understand current clinical care and to seek ways to increase the quality of care for all.

## 2010s

**2016**

In this year, a mere six weeks apart, Victoria Hospice receives two of the largest legacy gifts in its history. Two outstanding individuals gave legacy gifts totalling more than \$3.8 million!

◀ **Lloyd A. Barrett** left a legacy of \$2.4 million, to expand access to high-quality palliative care. He died in 2014 at the age of 91.



**Judy Kedwell** ▶ left a legacy of \$1.4 million to provide more accessible pain and symptom management for patients. She died in 2015 at the age of 70.

