

Rosedale
Hospice

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to exceptional
end-of-life care.



Few people ever dream of spending their final days in hospital.

Perhaps it is the sounds of the stretchers as they race by, those urgent announcements over the intercom, the food, or simply anything about the setting that continually reminds you that you're sick.

A person's final days can be scary enough. After all, there is a lot going on, and a lot to process, both for the person and for the people who love them.

If we have the choice, we want to be surrounded by the comforts we know and love, with as little pain as possible.

“What would be important to you or your family at home? That's what guides us.”

-ERIN FORSYTH, DIRECTOR
Clinical Care at Rosedale Hospice

For 27 years, our team has worked tirelessly to provide care above and beyond our patients' medical needs. We create a home-like environment for our patients in a residential hospice. We provide lasting memories for our patient's family and friends tailored to their wishes.

Everyone deserves the right to exceptional end-of-life care.

We rely on individual donations to provide specialized care to people at the end of their life – when every moment matters.

We are a quiet, peaceful home where adults with cancer and their families can focus on quality of life, at end-of-life.




Since 1996, Rosedale Hospice has offered a life-affirming alternative to hospitalization or dying at home as patients are cared for in a supportive, responsive environment.

We are not a government agency and we rely on your support.

Rosedale Hospice is part of Hospice Calgary.

We are a registered charity and we rely on the support of our generous community to make this essential work possible.

We help:

-  Manage pain so that everyone can feel at ease;
-  Relieve symptoms that can be concerning and help people understand them better;
-  Nurture mental and spiritual health, for the patient and their loved ones.

MISSION

To help people find hope and well-being through the provision of compassionate support and exceptional care during advanced illness, end-of-life, and grief.

VISION

People of all ages can live well in their unique experience through illness, death, and grief.

Many people say, **“I wish I would’ve come sooner.”** A bit surprising, considering it’s *a hospice*.

Rosedale Hospice doesn’t feel like a place where people are sick or dying. It’s warm, calm, and inviting. Whatever we can do to help improve the day, the hour, or even the moment, is the heart of Rosedale Hospice. There are smiles, home-baked treats, and whatever you need to make your days just that much better given the difficulties you’re facing.

John’s Story

Like most of us, my dad wanted to die at home. But when his symptoms progressed, and we could not care for him anymore, Dad chose hospice.

The first time I entered Rosedale Hospice with my younger brother, he turned to me and said, “I don’t know how to do this.” “That’s ok,” I said, “they do.”

They literally and figuratively held our hands, navigating us through the steps.

I saw their many hours caring for Dad, bringing food and medicine, changing him, and bathing him. (They also brought him a lot of bacon sandwiches and got my son, Charlie, a

summer’s worth of popsicles during visits.) But more important were the hours they spent listening to Dad.

My brief time at Rosedale taught me a few things about hospice. Hospice is merciful. It’s considerate, kind and forgiving. Hospice is not only for the dying. It’s also for the living. It’s for those who leave us and for those of us who must watch them go. My dad felt fortunate to experience the compassion of a dignified death. I feel fortunate for witnessing it.

Rosedale Hospice is about:

- ! Prioritizing what’s important to you and your family;
- 🌸 Supporting you through those difficult days;
- 🤍 Nurturing the mind, heart and soul of everyone who comes here.

Your Reach

Rosedale Hospice has seven beds. It takes a village to support those 7 beds. Your donations help support that village.

7 beds



3 meals/patient/day
(that's 7476 meals/year!)



67 volunteers

5 kitchen volunteers



44 reception volunteers

8 patient care volunteers



10 garden volunteers



We also have dozens of specialized volunteers that come in on an irregular basis such as musicians, and sewers who sew shrouds and adaptive clothing for our patients.

76 staff (full-time and part-time)



1 medical director

3 attending physicians

13 health care aids

28 registered nurses

3 licensed practical nurses



6 cooks

3 housekeeping staff

1 maintenance staff



1 spiritual health practitioner



1 manager of volunteer services

4 patient care admin

1 house admin

11 SE office admin staff

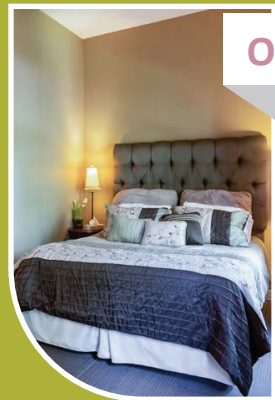
We Need You Now

Most people believe Rosedale Hospice is fully funded by government.

While Alberta Health Services provides important contract funding, we must fundraise to keep up with the increased costs of providing service to our patients, operational costs, and our upcoming patient room renovations.

We must fundraise to provide the right care and support for people's final days.

This year, we need to fundraise **\$745,000** to continue providing exceptional support to not only the dying patient, but also to their family and friends.



OUR FACILITY

Your choice to support allows us to renovate and maintain our patient and family spaces, increase energy efficiency, and keep up with modern comfort and accessibility needs.



FOOD & WARMTH

As inflation leads to growing utility, food, and maintenance costs, your donations assist us in keeping up with these costs and continuing to provide specialized comfort care.



SPIRITUAL CARE




Your donations to Rosedale Hospice ensure that each patient has access to spiritual care at a time when many cultural, emotional, and spiritual needs arise.




STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Fundraised dollars assist us in responding without pause to ever-changing staffing and volunteer needs.

Rosedale Hospice is:

-  Part of the greater Hospice Calgary, a registered charity;
-  The only cancer-specific hospice in Calgary;
-  A 7 bed hospice (out of the total 114 hospice beds across Calgary).

Everyone deserves access to exceptional end-of-life care and donors like you help us make that happen.



**Give a warm embrace
to people facing
their most difficult
moments**

You can allow families to be families again,
prioritizing what matters most at the end of life.

**Please consider a
meaningful gift.**

Together, we can help people navigate some
of the most vulnerable days of their lives with
dignity and comfort.

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