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# Canadian Western Bank supports Abbotsford Hospice Society

AHS Resource and Support Centre: providing leadership and programs  
in response to the social needs of the residents of Abbotsford.



Abbotsford Hospice Society is a charitable organization providing grief and loss support for all ages, and services for those living with a terminal illness.



Cheque presented to Abbotsford Hospice Society. Pictured L to R: Brian Siborne, Senior Manager Commercial Banking, CWB; Deborah Lehmann, Executive Director, Abbotsford Hospice Society; Paul Esposito, MC at recent Hearts for Hospice Gala "A Night in Cairo"; and Rick Howard, CWB Asst. Vice-President & Branch Manager.

AHS provides leadership and offers programs in response to social needs of residents of Abbotsford and nearby communities. Historically, the majority of AHS clients dealt with loss as a result of illness. However, in recent months we have assisted with grieving as a result of sudden or traumatic death. With this increase in complex grief comes added strain on families as children, teens and parents struggle to process their loss.

We continue to enhance our services through public education, community outreach, as well as offering a variety of unique individual and group support options. In all that we do, quality of life, human dignity, self-reliance and social justice are fostered and promoted.

Areas of service include:

- One-to-one companionship or counselling — a variety of settings including our centre, in hospital, private homes and extended care facilities
- Support groups — at our centre or at your organization
- Reading and reference materials — quiet time in the library or borrow from our resource selection
- Public education and professional development — at our centre or at your organization
- Community referrals — if we can't help, we will try to find someone who can

The annual Hearts for Hospice Gala provides an opportunity for different user groups (volunteers, sponsors, clients) to come together in support of a common goal.

**Our services embrace diversity and change.**

**Our success lies with our volunteers.**

**[www.abbotsfordhospice.org](http://www.abbotsfordhospice.org)**

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