



Four Tides
Hospice
Society

July 2025

“An idea whose time has come...”

A warm Hello! to all our members, staff, volunteers, advocates, and allies:

First, but most heartfelt: **Wishing you all good things, Leslie!**

For those of you who don't know, Leslie, our amazing executive director, has moved on from her role at Four Tides, and we are so grateful for everything she has accomplished. Leslie came to Four Tides at exactly the right time: supporting the board through changes, setting up administrative, program, and personnel systems to lay the foundation for continued growth, and firmly establishing Four Tides Hospice Society in the array of well respected social-health community services. We are grateful and send a huge “Thank You” to Leslie. The good news...we know she won't ever be too far away! (FYI – ED recruitment is underway.)

The statement above, “...an idea whose time has come...” is attributed to Victor Hugo. Referring to a concept or innovation that is ready to be widely adopted and implemented (due to favorable circumstances and societal readiness); the statement suggests that when an idea aligns with the prevailing needs, sentiments, and technological advancements of a particular era, it gains unstoppable momentum. Could ‘hospice’ be such a concept?

Consider this: **Baby Boomers, as they age, are significantly reshaping service industries**, particularly in senior living, healthcare, and funeral services. Fact-check the statistics—they are interesting, to say the least. Healthcare specifically is having to adapt to meet the increasing demand for options, as well as adjust to meet the demographic ‘bulge’. We know for sure that those healthcare options include end-of-life and bereavement supports.

Consider also the fact that **Four Tides Hospice Society has**

seen an increase in referrals of 280+% in one calendar year. Coincidence? “I think not” as another popular phrase goes.

Hospice...and Four Tides Hospice Society specifically...is now “an idea whose time has come”...in qathet.

You might ask, “what does this mean for Four Tides?” or “what can I do?”. Well, here is one possibility:

Your Board of Directors has undertaken the challenge of transitioning to a governance (rather than administrative) board. Governance boards focus on strategic oversight and direction. This distinction allows a governing board to concentrate on long-term goals, ensure legal compliance, and provide monitoring and oversight, all which lead to a more effective and sustainable society performance. We are committed to this change because the time has come to do so.

To this end, **we are now recruiting for our 2025–2026 board**; and, we are recruiting strategically. Four Tides Hospice Society and the Hospice House project deserve no less. The Board has developed a robust recruitment process to ensure our 2025–2026 Board of Directors have the skill sets needed to support program growth and forward the progress of Hospice House.

Do you or someone you know have some of these skills? Financial, legal, critical thinking, strategic thinking, ability to envision the future, serving on a governance board, community development? If so, I encourage you to contact me and I will direct you or your referee to our Board Recruitment Task Force. I’m looking forward to hearing from you.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the **Lutheran Church** for their recent generous donation; the **Reform Church** that hosted a ‘Tea and White Elephant Sale’ with all proceeds directed to FTHS, and the **PR Community Foundation** for hosting qathet’s first ‘Charity Appreciation Day’! And to each and every **Smile Cookies and Hike for Hospice participant**... whether hiker, decorator, packer, transporter, organizer, chef, face-painter, money collector, reporter. Whatever! Know what a difference you make. We doubled our target for Smile Cookies and achieved 75% of our target for H4H...meaning we were *so* successful. And all because of you. Thank you!

All the best to you and yours,

Malerie Meeker, President
president@fourtideshospice.org



Thank you, Leslie!

Summer Support Groups

Grief Support Groups

**Tuesday, July 22 6:30-8pm &
Tuesday, August 12th, 6:30-8pm**

**At Four Tides Hospice Society
4675 Ontario Ave, Unit C**

*Sometimes it can be helpful to
know you're not alone.
These drop-in groups offer a
supportive space for adults who are
grieving the death of a loved one to
come together and share their
experiences.*



For more information contact
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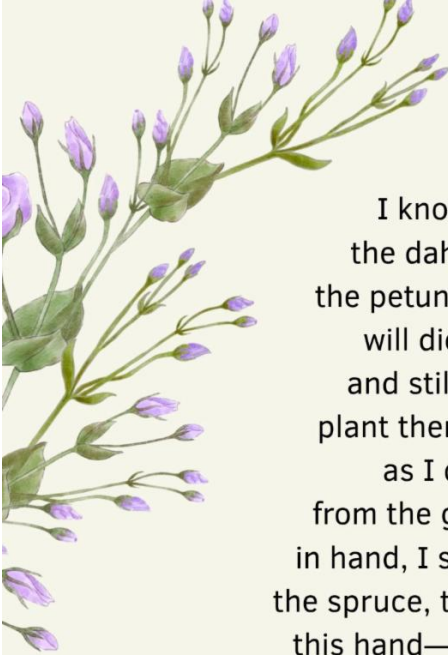


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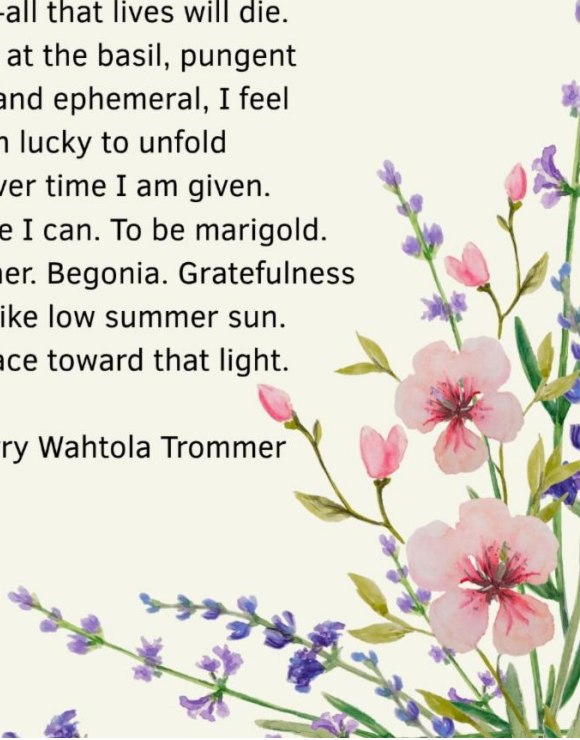
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Our annual membership drive ended on June 30
with 121 members, a 20% increase over last year!
Membership will reopen after our AGM in November.

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I know they will die,
the dahlias, the zinnias,
the petunias, the geraniums,
will die come autumn,
and still I buy them, still
plant them and sing to them
as I do. Looking up
from the garden beds, trowel
in hand, I see it in everything—
the spruce, the ants, the swallows,
this hand—all that lives will die.
And staring at the basil, pungent
and green and ephemeral, I feel
so darn lucky to unfold
for whatever time I am given.
To bloom while I can. To be marigold.
Calendula. Mother. Begonia. Gratefulness
floods me like low summer sun.
I turn my face toward that light.



—Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer



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