

HPCO Accreditation

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Hospice Dufferin receives Accreditation from Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO)

Accreditation assures the delivery of consistent, high quality hospice palliative care among accredited programs and services located throughout the province.

Orangeville, ON February 8, 2022 — Hospice Dufferin is proud to announce they have attained accreditation from Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO) for 2021-2024.

Accreditation from HPCO signifies to health professionals, the public and funders that Hospice Dufferin in compliance with the industry standards that has been recognized by HPCO bases on a rigorous review of overall performance by industry peers.

“We are so proud of our staff, board members and volunteers for their commitment and hard work in helping us achieve this very important accreditation.” Maureen Riedler, Executive Director of Hospice Dufferin said. “This Accreditation serves as an indicator for our organization of our commitment to continuous learning and improvement which is a provincial benchmark for Ontario hospices.”

In order for a hospice to receive an Accreditation they must receive a score of 90% or higher, on a rigorous review of Hospice Dufferin’s overall performance by industry peers. This includes the creation of-and adherence to-policies surrounding all aspects of our organization, including family care, incident handling, clinical and legacy services and volunteer support. To maintain our Accreditation for three years, Hospice Dufferin will continue to improve upon existing processes and build new ones where appropriate, and collaborate with our HPCO partners to ensure our ongoing alignment to their Accreditation standards.

There are many benefits of Accreditation, these include:

- Validation of your efforts and contributions
- Opportunity for continuous learning and quality improvement
- Legitimizes the role and contribution of the hospice and the volunteer

- Ensures consistent delivery of services and practices which is essential for clients and their families
- Galvanizes and recognizes the team
- Provides outcome measurement for funders
- Improves risk-management
- Focuses on client-centered care with increased organizational confidence

“This accreditation serves as a demonstration for our health care partners that we are constantly delivering outstanding care to the community with professionalism and compassion.” Riedler commented.

Hospice Dufferin is responsible to raise 40% of their operating budget through fundraisers such as The Butterfly Release. Funds raised go directly back to creating programs and services to help empower people living with life-limiting illness, their caregivers and the bereaved to live fully in the face of challenges.

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