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THE COMPASSION CARE CLASSIC

Compassion In Action

When the Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community pitched to local media about its “Sunshine In A Box” event, the team never imagined the results would be more support for the members that they serve. With exposure from CTV, ourWindsor.ca and The Windsor Star the general public responded with compassion. Emails include a lawyer from Toronto and a personal trainer who’d like to support people like our member Carolyn Boismier who was featured in a Windsor Star article, is bed bound and who WECCC has been supporting to improve her quality of life. For more information or to read the article visit the Windsor Star link at <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/compassion-group-helps-those-who-fall-between-the-cracks> . Since this article was published, Carolyn has been moved to her living room with the support of several people in our community. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Let's Continue Giving Throughout the Year!

Join Assumption Cares at
711 McEwan Street!
(South of Wyandotte Street West)

6pm - 8pm

February 27th, 2020

For Music, Food and Fun!

Email: cnelson2@thehospice.ca
519-974-2581 ext 2427



In partnership with



Bring what you can! I.e. toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, deodorant, soap, and non perishable items like granola bars, dried fruits or nuts.

Items will be boxed and distributed to Downtown Mission, Street Help, and the Welcome Centre.

NEW YEAR NEW WEBSITE!!!!

WECCC is excited to share its new website! At www.weccc.ca you will find all of the latest information including reports, resources, calendars, services and action projects. If you have events that you would like added to our calendar please email the details to cnelson2@thehospice.ca or call Christie at 226-344-4022. Together we can provide the community with opportunities to connect with one another, become educated, share their stories and enjoy themselves in the process!

Celebration of Love

Friday February 21st, 2020 Hospice opened its doors to a group of amazing couples for a “Celebration of Love”. Couples dined by candle light, with decorations and table dressings. It is an annual event that has brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate their love for one another and life itself. Director of Patient and Family Support Services, Joseph Perry, describes it as a 5 star event. “It’s our take on a valentine’s event but it’s much broader than that.” Perry says it’s been a few years since he came up with the idea and enlisted the support of Chef Robert. Hospice clients were invited to write a letter to the organization about why they would like a night out. “Perhaps they’ve been not feeling well, perhaps since they’ve been ill they don’t have as much income, maybe they just want to celebrate the love they have for a person who’s really supported them the most in their journey. It could be a mother. It could be a spouse. It could be kids or their next door neighbour.” The celebration is also a way for those who have been receiving support to truly express how appreciative they are to have such caring people in their lives. “I think it’s a healthy process for people to express because we don’t often share with the people that support us, how truly deeply meaningful it is to us and how it touches us right at our very core, that this person has extended themselves to help us in our time of need.”

Chef Robert and Chef Harry cooked an amazing meal for guests including beef, chicken and vegetarian dishes. The Hospice band played and a lot of people got up to dance. Couples truly appreciated the night and for one couple it was the first time they had been out in a year, since the husband’s diagnosis of cancer and the first time they had danced in years. Donations included chair covers from Rose at Soiree, ballroom chairs and dishes from Caboto Club, stage lights from Long & McQuade, groceries from SuperStore, meats from Farron’s, support from St. Vincent DePaul and the list goes on. Perry says it was a community effort. “To me it was a true sense of WECCC (Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community). It was a real community effort. It wasn’t just our staff and volunteers here at WECCC or Hospice that were putting this together, it was really all the community coming together and saying YEAH, we’d love to see these people have a nice night out and we are happy to help.”

