

# Hospice Home Visiting



## What is Hospice Palliative Care?

HPC is a philosophy of care that informs how we work with people who are diagnosed with a progressive, life-limiting illness. Hospice is a continuum of services that aims to relieve pain and suffering and works to support the best possible quality of life until the end of life (and beyond for family).

Professionally trained volunteers provide emotional, social, spiritual and practical (non-medical) support to people at home and to their families.

Clients are professionally assessed and provided appropriate referrals internally and/ or externally.

## In-Home Volunteer Support & Caregiver Respite

- Professionally screened and trained volunteers are matched with a family for a weekly visit of between 1-3 hours.
- Volunteers are matched based on client and family needs/wishes and where possible take into account shared interests, backgrounds, culture, language, faith etc.
- Volunteers are present with the client to listen and provide respectful, compassionate service that is sensitive to family dynamics, culture, values, decision making etc.
- Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks within the scope of their role from legacy work to caregiver relief to companionship to help preparing to say goodbye.
- They will communicate changes or additional client needs to coordinator for follow up.

## CONTACT

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## ELIGIBILITY

We will place a volunteer in a home within our catchment area: Steeles to the lake, Victoria Park to Pickering Town Line. All clients must first be assessed by a nurse navigator. Call direct 416-847-4111 to speak with our intake nurse.

## VOLUNTEERING WITH SCHC

Contact the Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement at  
416-847-4127 OR  
[volunteerprogram@schcontario.ca](mailto:volunteerprogram@schcontario.ca)

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