



## HISTORY AND HIGHLIGHTS

### Founders:

The founders of our organization are Dr. Jacky Fraser, Community Hospice Physician Consultant at Vancouver Hospice Program and President of the B.C. Hospice & Palliative Care Association, Denis Boyd, psychologist in private practice and Dr. Joe McInnis, physician in family practice. A general meeting was held September 30, 1987 for anyone interested in forming a hospice society for the Coquitlam, New Westminister, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody area. From that original meeting, we were incorporated as a Society in 1988.

- 1987**
  - First meeting held at Como Lake United Church on Sept 30. The first official meeting took place on October 28. A free standing hospice was one of the goals identified. The name Crossroads Hospice Society was chosen to identify the communities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, New Westminister, Belcarra and Anmore. Our original signpost logo even included loco.
- 1988**
  - Crossroads incorporated as a society.
- 1989**
  - Crossroads Hospice Society hires the first paid employees Coordinator of Volunteers. Crossroads Hospice Society is given an office at Eagle Ridge Hospital.
- 1990**
  - Crossroads has ten trained visiting volunteers that serve patients and families in the following facilities: Eagle Ridge Hospital, Royal Columbian Hospital, Saint Mary's Hospital and Queen's Park Health Care Facility.
- 1993**
  - First Treasures of Christmas fundraiser at Vancouver Golf Club.
- 1994**
  - Crossroads Hospice Society introduces their first major fundraising event – Treasures of Christmas held at the Vancouver Golf Club which raised \$20,000.
- 1995**
  - Crossroads Hospice Board of Directors engages in a detailed study of other hospice societies before continuing to develop programs and services.
- 1996**
  - Crossroads expands services and hires a trained volunteer as their second employee for the role of Bereavement Coordinator.
- 1997**
  - Additional volunteer programs created including Level 2 visiting volunteer and facilitator training. The training met two needs: 1) education and volunteer development; 2) assistant to Bereavement Coordinator to provide 10-week grief support program.
- 1999**
  - Rotary Club of Coquitlam offers support to raise funds for building the hospice. Crossroads Hospice Society hires an Executive Director.
- 2000**
  - Crossroads Hospice Society adopts dragonfly logo to replace signpost.
- 2001**
  - New Westminister Hospice Services Coordinator established to work with St. Mary's Hospital, Royal Columbian Hospital, New West Palliative Care Team.
- 2002**
  - Inlet Centre receives provincial approval.
  - First place in the national Hike for Hospice fundraiser.
- 2003**
  - Inlet Centre Hospice opens on September 2, 2003. First patient is admitted on September 15. At the time we were the only freestanding hospice in the Fraser Health Region. Concept for the labyrinth healing garden presented to board of directors for consideration.

### Did you know?

#### Hospice is a home

Hospice is a home for the dying. There is limited medical intervention but the patients and family members are completely supported by doctors, nurses, social workers, and hospice staff and volunteers.

#### Hospice is available

In order to be admitted to Crossroads Inlet Centre Hospice patients must be registered with the Fraser Health hospice palliative care program. Patients must also agree with the goal of hospice care.

#### Help is at hand

When the time comes, a home care nurse can assist the patient and their loved ones with the choices available to them, including when is the best time to come to hospice.

#### Hospice is in your community

Crossroads Hospice Society offers our visiting volunteer service in six communities – Tri-Cities, Anmore, Belcarra and New Westminister.

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- 2004**
- Crossroads Thrift Store opens in August at the corner of Falcon and Barnet in Coquitlam.
  - Crossroads board decides to join the Colony Farm Community Garden Society and volunteers work a plot to help raise fresh food for hospice patients and SHARE Family Foodbank.
- 2005**
- Pioneered the first ArtCare Program in partnership with the BC Artists in Health Care Society. This program allows patients and families to share moments of respite and memory making through creative art projects.
  - Crossroads Hospice Society is nominated for – Newsmaker of the Year in the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards
  - Crossroads receives recognition from the City of Port Coquitlam annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute.
- 2006**
- Crossroads retires debt for Inlet Centre in June.
  - Tri-City News Neighbour to Neighbour Award for the Spirit of Community Award from the Society for Community Development
  - Crossroads Hospice Society placed 1st Provincially & 2nd Nationally for Hike for Hospice.
- 2007**
- Crossroads Hospice Society wins Newsmaker of the Year Award from the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards and are a Finalist - Legacy Leadership Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards
- 2008**
- Crossroads celebrates its 20th Anniversary as a recognized leader in the community and the Fraser Health region. Ground-breaking ceremony takes place at Pioneer Memorial Park for the Crossroads Hospice Labyrinth Healing Garden. Crossroads participates in the Rotary May Day Parade and wins 2nd Place - Float Association/Club - City of Port Coquitlam
  - Crossroads receives recognition from the City of Port Coquitlam annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute.
- 2009**
- Crossroads receives recognition from the City of Port Coquitlam annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute.
  - Crossroads Hospice Labyrinth Healing Garden begins construction
  - Crossroads receives recognition from RBC and the Olympic Relay team for community support.
  - Music Program and Thrift Store staff makes presentations at BCHPC annual conference.
- 2010**
- Crossroads Hospice Society is nominated for – Not for Profit of the Year in the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards
  - Crossroads Hospice Labyrinth Healing Garden opens to the public.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Dancing with Our Stars fundraiser
- 2011**
- Crossroads Hospice Thrift Store expands to new location.
  - Crossroads receives recognition from the City of Port Coquitlam annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute.
  - Crossroads pilots Full Moon walks program in Crossroads Labyrinth Healing Garden
  - Crossroads New Westminster services move to Fraser Health Office
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dancing with our Stars fundraiser
- 2012**
- Crossroads Hospice Society and Crossroads Hospice Thrift Store both chosen as readers favourite in Tri-City News AList publication.
  - Crossroads partners with Tri-City News for Cookbook fundraiser
- 2013**
- Crossroads celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the following:
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary focus on Annual General Meeting
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Treasures of Christmas with 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Hospice and Port Coquitlam 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Crossroads Inlet Centre Hospice
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Crossroads Thrift Store and Community Mural Dedication