

## Our New Logo...

We are pleased to launch our new logo displaying an Autumn Crocus

*The purple orchid-like flower is symbolic of the Hospice Palliative Care movement*



*In 1996, in order to raise public awareness of the hospice movement, the Hospice Association of Ontario adopted a floral emblem to represent hospice in its awareness campaign*

The crocus flower is particularly symbolic of hospice palliative care in that it arises in autumn - a time when other flowers and plants lose their vitality and freshness - a time associated with decay or rest. Like all perennials, it follows a cycle of growth and decline, birth and death.

The green Autumn Crocus logo also reflects that while death may be all around us new life can arise out of that; symbolic of hope, growth and healing.

**Old**



**New**



## Meet Our new staff

*Hospice welcomes Executive Director Jill Sadler and Client Care Coordinators Karen Robertson and Carolyn Parkes.*



Jill Sadler comes to Hospice with a diverse background in long-term and palliative care. She looks forward to working with staff and volunteers to “enhance HKL’s ability to make a difference in the lives of others by continuing to reach out to those in our community whose lives have been impacted by life-threatening illness or grief, and feel that they have nowhere else to turn.” Jill feels that HKL will face some great opportunities for growth in the coming years as Hospice Palliative Care is on the road to becoming an integral part of the healthcare system. “People are looking beyond the obvious medical issues and beginning to challenge health providers to see the individual as a whole person – a view which must naturally include hospice care!”

Karen Robertson joins the HKL team as Bereavement Coordinator, a role she has filled with enthusiasm and expertise since she began her college placement with us. Karen enjoys meeting with clients and listening to their stories, explaining “I have a great opportunity to provide support to people at a time in their lives when they are consumed by many overwhelming emotions. I have experienced grief and loss in my own life, which helps me to listen with empathy and understanding.”

Palliative Care Coordinator Carolyn Parkes may be new to the Kawarthas, but she is certainly not new to hospice care. Her passion for hospice began when she spent time as a client care volunteer at a residential hospice while attending university. Carolyn explains what joy she finds in her role with HKL: “What I have enjoyed most about my position so far is having the opportunity to spend time meeting so many new people. Everyday I am impressed by the dedication and caring of our volunteers and the courage of our clients.”

## Save the Date

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Service, 7- 9 pm, Location TBA**

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Open House, 3 - 6 pm**

*\*Draw date for Michael Hughes artwork “Autumn”*

## Volunteer Connection

Volunteer support sessions take place monthly at 112 McLaughlin Road on the third Wednesday morning from 10 am – 12 pm and third Thursday evening from 6 pm – 8 pm. Our goal is to provide time and space for education and sharing.

**For more information Call Karen at 324.2811 x 4**

### Upcoming Topics

**July 21/22**

Support in Long Term Care Homes

**August 18/19**

Spiritual Care

**September 16**

Combined Open Forum & Pot Luck