



NSHPCA

Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care
Association

ANNUAL REPORT



2025 – 2026

Compassionate care.
Stronger communities.

Together.

Reporting for the 12-month period from
April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.



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Message from the President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to share this year's Annual Report and reflect on the important work accomplished by the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association over the past year.

NSHPCA continues to play a vital role in strengthening hospice palliative care, grief support, and emotional wellness across Nova Scotia through leadership, collaboration, education, advocacy, and community engagement.

This year marked an important period of organizational growth and renewal, including the development of a new 10-year Strategic Plan designed to help guide the organization's long-term priorities and position NSHPCA on a path toward greater sustainability and future growth.

The Board is also proud to support the launch of NSHPCA's renewed Mission, Vision, and Values, which reflect the organization's continued commitment to compassionate, equitable, community-informed care and support for Nova Scotians. These guiding principles will help shape the organization's work as it continues to evolve and respond to the changing needs of individuals, families, healthcare providers, and communities across the province.

Throughout the year, NSHPCA advanced a wide range of initiatives, including Healing Pathways, the continued growth of the Nova Scotia Grief Alliance, expanded educational opportunities, public awareness campaigns, and the launch of a new website designed to improve access to programs, resources, and supports. Together, these initiatives have strengthened awareness, collaboration, and community engagement throughout Nova Scotia.

We are deeply grateful to the staff, volunteers, community partners, healthcare professionals, funders, and individuals with lived experience whose dedication and collaboration continue to strengthen this work. Their commitment helps ensure NSHPCA remains responsive, innovative, and focused on building compassionate communities across Nova Scotia.

As we look ahead, the Board remains committed to supporting NSHPCA's vision that all people in Nova Scotia can access compassionate, culturally responsive palliative care and grief support when and where they need it. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our mission and contribute to this important work.

Sincerely,

Corrie Stewart
President of the Board
Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association



Message from the Executive Director

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud of the continued growth, collaboration, and community impact achieved by the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association (NSHPCA). Across Nova Scotia, conversations surrounding hospice palliative care, grief, bereavement, and emotional wellness continue to evolve, and NSHPCA remains committed to helping strengthen compassionate, community-informed approaches that support people through serious illness, caregiving, loss, and grief.

This year marked significant progress across many areas of our work. Through Healing Pathways, we continued supporting community-based initiatives that strengthen grief literacy, emotional wellness, and local capacity across the province. The expansion of the Grieving Well™ directory, ongoing Community Funding Grants, and the launch of new public awareness initiatives helped increase access to resources and supports for Nova Scotians navigating grief and loss. Our Grief is Normal campaign also demonstrated the growing importance of public education and open conversations surrounding grief, helping engage communities throughout the province.

Collaboration remained central to our work. Through the Nova Scotia Grief Alliance, regional roundtables, webinars, and educational events, we continued bringing together professionals, community organizations, individuals with lived experience, and partners from across sectors to strengthen learning, dialogue, and connection. We also continued to advance culturally responsive initiatives, including our partnership with African Nova Scotian Affairs through Living Well, Leaving Well: Conversations on End-of-Life and Grief, helping create meaningful opportunities for community engagement and awareness.

In March 2026, NSHPCA proudly launched its new website, strengthening our digital presence and improving access to programs, educational resources, professional supports, and community information. As engagement across our digital platforms continues to grow, we are encouraged by the increasing number of Nova Scotians seeking information, participating in conversations, and connecting with available resources and supports.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, community partners, funders, healthcare providers, and the many individuals with lived experience who continue to guide and strengthen our work. On behalf of NSHPCA, thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and commitment to building compassionate communities across Nova Scotia.

Warm regards,

Tim Guest
Executive Director
Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association



Our Mission

To lead and advocate for quality palliative care and grief support by fostering education, collaboration, research and innovation. We connect partners and systems with communities to enable people to navigate serious illness, diverse losses and emotional wellness with dignity, compassion and informed choice.

Our Vision

All people in Nova Scotia can access compassionate, culturally responsive palliative care and grief support when and where they need it.

Our Values



EQUITY & INCLUSION

We promote cultural competence so all communities can access care that is culturally responsive and safe.



HUMILITY & RESPECT

We listen, act respectfully and adapt based on what we learn.



EVIDENCE & LEARNING

We use research and data to guide decisions, evaluate impact and share what works.



ACCOUNTABILITY &
TRANSPARENCY

We operate openly, communicate clearly and report honestly to our partners, network and the public.



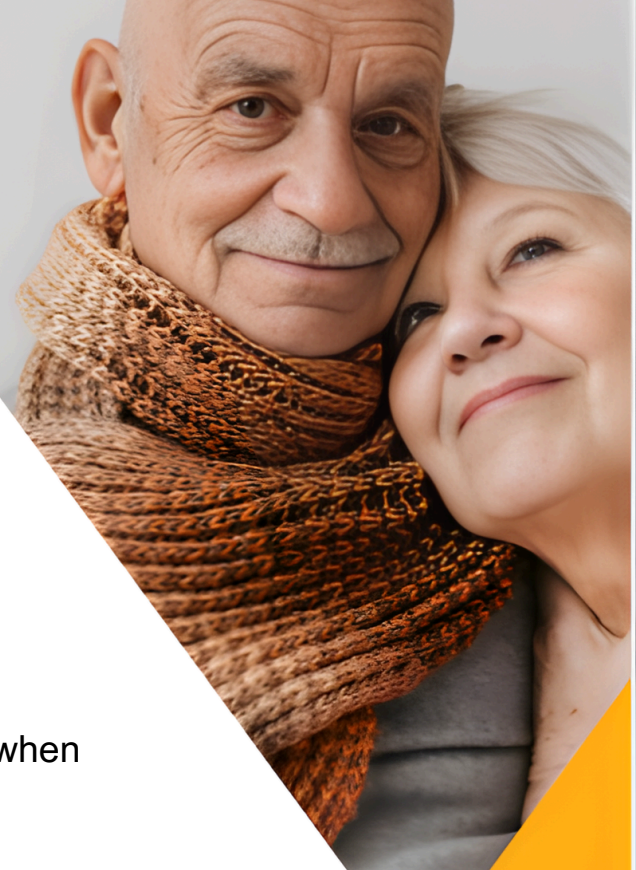
COMMUNITY VOICE &
PARTNERSHIP

We work with communities and honour lived experience-supporting and co-creating locally-designed solutions.



AGILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

We respond quickly to emerging needs while stewarding resources responsibly for long-term impact.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

In November 2025, the NSHPCA Board of Directors came together to establish a bold strategic roadmap for the future, defining a 10-year vision to strengthen hospice palliative care, grief support, and emotional wellness across Nova Scotia. Grounded in the belief that all Nova Scotians deserve access to compassionate, culturally responsive care and support, the plan provides a framework for advancing the organization's leadership role as a provincial hub for education, collaboration, advocacy, and community engagement.

The strategic plan is built around four key priorities:

- **Elevate Palliative Care & Embed Grief Support** – Strengthen awareness, access, education, and equitable grief support throughout Nova Scotia.
- **Strengthen Community Partnerships & Collaboration** – Build relationships, co-create solutions, and foster collaboration across communities and sectors.
- **Expand Public Understanding & Knowledge** – Advance education, research, data-informed decision-making, and public awareness of palliative care and grief.
- **Advance Organizational Excellence & Resilience** – Strengthen sustainability, governance, organizational capacity, and long-term impact.

Together, these priorities will guide NSHPCA's efforts to improve access to care and support, deepen partnerships with communities and healthcare providers, expand knowledge and awareness, and build the organizational strength required to meet emerging needs. Through this work, NSHPCA will continue to connect partners, amplify community voices, and advance compassionate, high-quality palliative care and grief support for individuals, families, and communities throughout Nova Scotia.

Programs & Initiatives

NSHPCA advanced a range of programs and initiatives designed to strengthen hospice palliative care, grief, and emotional wellness across Nova Scotia—expanding access, building community capacity, and increasing public awareness.



A key driver of NSHPCA's programs and initiatives is Healing Pathways, which includes Community Funding Grants and the Grieving Well™ online directory.



Building a Stronger Provincial Network

Other programs and initiatives continue to strengthen NSHPCA's role as a provincial hub organization and connector within Nova Scotia's palliative care and grief support system.

These efforts include province-wide education and awareness campaigns, professional and community training opportunities, the ongoing leadership and coordination of the Nova Scotia Grief Alliance, research and innovation activities, conferences and symposiums, and collaborative projects with healthcare, community, academic, and government partners.





Healing Pathways

COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANTS



2024

From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, a total of \$304,274.32 in funding was awarded to 14 community organizations across Colchester, Cumberland, and East Hants, representing an average grant of \$21,733.88 per project.



FUNDED INITIATIVES INCLUDE

- Community-based grief programming
- Mental health and emotional wellness supports
- Hospice and palliative care initiatives
- Peer support programs
- Projects designed to strengthen grief literacy and compassionate community connections



2025

From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, a total of \$635,879.61 in funding was awarded to 27 community organizations across Nova Scotia, representing an average grant of \$23,551.10 per project.



FUNDED INITIATIVES INCLUDE

- Grief education and training for community members and non-profit organizations
- The creation of a “Labyrinth of Grief”
- The development of a children’s grief book
- Innovative community-based programs such as “Grief Goes Skiing.”



Over a two-year funding commitment (2024 and 2025),

\$940,153.93

was delivered to **41** organizations – an average of approximately **\$470,000** per year.

BERNIE'S BUDDIES

Helping kids and youth live more fully after loss.



The DEANERY PROJECT



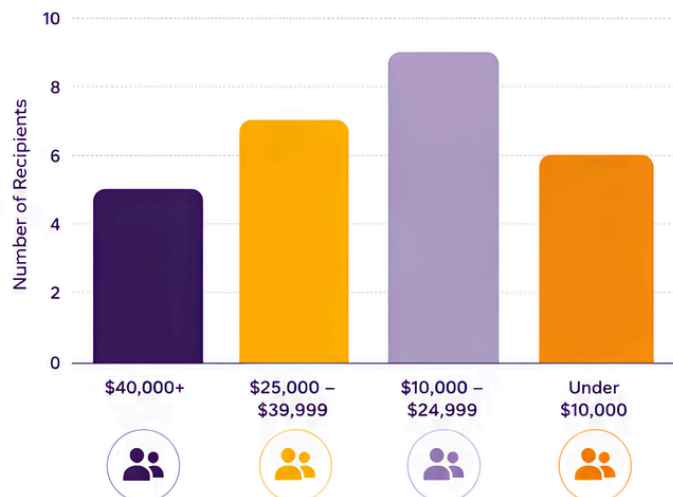
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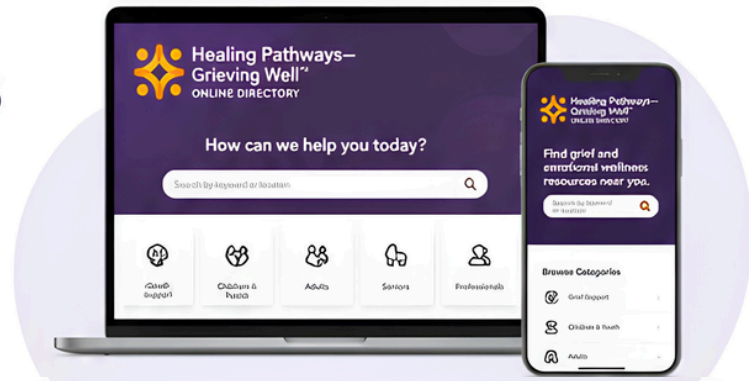
FUNDING DISTRIBUTION BY RANGE (2025)





Helping Nova Scotians Grieve Well.

Over the past 12 months, the **Grieving Well™ online directory** continued to expand awareness of grief and emotional wellness supports available across Nova Scotia while helping strengthen access to community-based resources and services.



Find local and online resources to support your grief and emotional wellness through **Healing Pathways—Grieving Well™**, an online directory designed for Nova Scotians.



PLATFORM ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Mixpanel analytics recorded an average of 251 session starts per month, with significant growth during late summer and fall 2025.

MONTHLY SESSION STARTS (JULY 2025 – APRIL 2026)



KEY INSIGHTS



The November increase closely aligned with the NSHPCA's **Grief is Normal** public awareness campaign, suggesting the initiative played an important role in increasing engagement with online grief education and support resources.



Sessions increased from 199 in July to 350 in August and 451 in September before reaching the yearly high of 476 in November 2025.



Engagement remained stable into early 2026, with **activity rebounding strongly** in April 2026 following a temporary decline in March.



Overall, the analytics demonstrate consistent year-round utilization and **growing public engagement** with grief and emotional wellness resources available through the platform.

With more than **300+** active resources,

the directory continues to grow as new organizations, programs, services, and community supports are added from across the province

Community Education

Building Knowledge. Strengthening Communities. Supporting Grief Literacy.



As part of our ongoing efforts to increase grief literacy and provide community-based education, two Community Grief Facilitators joined our team in August 2025.

Between December 2025 and March 31, 2026, a total of ten educational sessions were delivered in partnership with community organizations and in response to identified community needs, reaching approximately **200 participants**.

Sessions were co-facilitated by Community Grief Facilitators and community partners.



10

Educational sessions delivered



~200

Participants reached

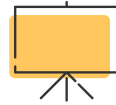


Building community partnerships

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Webinar on the legal aspects of life planning.



Presentations for the IWK Hospital Foundation focused on supporting compassionate conversations with grieving families.



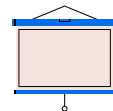
Sessions on ambiguous loss and anticipatory grief delivered in partnership with the Alzheimer Society.



Suicide loss and awareness education in the Northern Zone in collaboration with Roots of Hope.



Queer grief education.



Presentation on understanding grief for the Central Cape Breton Community Venturers in Iona.



Advance Care Planning (ACP)

Planning Ahead. Honouring What Matters.

The Advance Care Planning (ACP) program was refreshed in 2025 to align with updated resources from Advance Care Planning Canada and national best practices. Program materials, including the ACP Manual, Volunteer Booklet, and workshop presentations, were revised with input from the ACP Council. Criminal records and vulnerable sector checks were also introduced for volunteers to strengthen participant safety, confidentiality, and program integrity.

A new three-part volunteer training series was launched in fall 2025, covering volunteer roles, ACP workshop facilitation, and the legal aspects of life planning. **Twenty-two** individuals participated, including new volunteers, ACP Council members, and volunteers from the South Shore Hospice Palliative Care Society.

Since September 2025, **11** ACP sessions have been delivered – **10** in person and one virtually – with demand continuing to grow.



11
ACP Sessions
Delivered
10 in person and
one virtually



22
Individuals
Trained
New volunteers, ACP
Council members, and
community volunteers



**Stronger, Safer,
More Supportive**
Enhanced screening and
updated resources
strengthen safety,
confidentiality, and
program integrity.

LIVING WELL, LEAVING WELL

Conversations on End-of-Life and Grief



Living Well, Leaving Well: Conversations on End-of-Life and Grief was a community-focused initiative hosted by NSHPCA in partnership with and funded by African Nova Scotian Affairs. The program created safe and respectful spaces for conversations about end-of-life planning, grief, and wellness within African Nova Scotian communities, recognizing the influence of culture, faith, and family on experiences of death, dying, and healing.

Designed for community members, caregivers, elders, youth, spiritual leaders, and health professionals, the initiative provided grief education and Advance Care Planning resources while fostering discussions about grief needs within the community and promoting culturally responsive care, connection, and support.



3 Community Sessions

Held between January and March 2026



~30 Participants Engaged

From African Nova Scotian communities



Stronger Communities

Building knowledge, connection,
and culturally responsive support



Through ACP education and culturally grounded conversations, we empower individuals, families, and communities to make **informed decisions**, **honour what matters most**, and **support one another** through life's most important transitions.



nova scotia
grief  alliance

A network to connect, share, learn and build capacity for grief support in community.

Over the past year, the Nova Scotia Grief Alliance (NSGA) continued to strengthen grief literacy, collaboration, and community connection across the province through a range of educational and engagement initiatives. Activities included **four regional roundtables** across the Eastern, Western, Central, and Northern regions, bringing together community participants, professionals, and individuals with lived experience to share knowledge and identify local priorities.

The NSGA also hosted its first Provincial Grief Symposium featuring **nine speakers, panelists, and individuals** with lived experience, alongside **13 virtual educational webinars** designed to support grief literacy, professional practice, and ongoing learning. A total of **718 webinar registrants** participated throughout the year, with most reporting increased knowledge, new insights, and strengthened skills relevant to their work and communities.

Building on this momentum, the NSGA plans to expand opportunities for connection, learning, and collaboration in year two through additional webinars, virtual events, regional & topic-specific roundtables, and a Provincial Symposium in November 2026 shaped by participant-identified priorities. A full summary of year-one can be found on the [NSGA website](https://nsgriefalliance.com) (nsgriefalliance.com).



Good days. Bad days. Grief is normal.



NSHPCA's Grief is Normal campaign **successfully increased public awareness** and engagement surrounding grief and emotional wellness across Nova Scotia through a province-wide, multi-channel digital awareness initiative. Running from November 10 to December 7, 2025, the campaign focused on normalizing grief, reducing stigma, and increasing awareness of available supports and resources.

The campaign generated more than **1.4 million impressions** across digital platforms, demonstrating broad provincial reach and strong public visibility. Audience engagement was significant, resulting in more than 21,000 link clicks, 1,376 social engagements, and a 1.48% overall click-through rate – exceeding typical industry benchmarks across several channels.

TikTok and Snapchat emerged as particularly strong engagement platforms. TikTok generated more than **7,600 link clicks** with a 2.42% click-through rate, while Snapchat delivered over 4,700 link clicks and a 2.04% click-through rate, both outperforming Canadian platform benchmarks. Facebook and YouTube also produced above-benchmark engagement while helping drive traffic and awareness.

The campaign also demonstrated strong performance as an awareness initiative through Spotify, which delivered more than **163,000** completed audio listens, indicating high message completion and audience attention.

Overall, the results demonstrate that the Grief is Normal campaign **successfully expanded public awareness**, encouraged meaningful engagement with grief-related messaging, and strengthened visibility of conversations surrounding grief and emotional wellness throughout Nova Scotia.



NSHPCA Conference 2025, *The Cultural Implications of Death, Dying and Grief*, brought together more than **110 participants**, including in-person and virtual attendees, volunteers, exhibitors, and staff, for a full day of learning, reflection, and collaboration focused on culturally responsive palliative care and grief support.

Held in Halifax on May 8, 2025, the conference featured a keynote presentation and sessions exploring cultural safety and anti-racism in palliative care, newcomer experiences with grief, African Nova Scotian perspectives on end-of-life care, 2SLGBTQIA+ grief experiences, and Mi'kmaq spirituality and traditions surrounding death and dying. The event also included **10 exhibitor** representing organizations and community partners from across Nova Scotia.

Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Among survey respondents, **71%** reported being very satisfied with the conference overall, while an additional 21% indicated they were somewhat satisfied. Conference content was also highly rated, with **69%** of participants describing the sessions as very relevant to their needs and interests. In addition, 62% of respondents said they were very likely to attend a future NSHPCA conference, with another 31% indicating they were likely to return.

The conference created meaningful opportunities for cross-cultural dialogue, networking, and knowledge sharing while reinforcing the importance of inclusive, community-informed approaches to hospice palliative care, grief, and bereavement support across Nova Scotia.

ADVOCACY

Standing With Communities. Shaping Better Care.



Tim Guest Appears Before the Standing Committee on Health

On January 13, 2026, NSHPCA Executive Director Tim Guest appeared before the Nova Scotia Standing Committee on Health to discuss the importance of community wellness, grief support, emotional well-being, and hospice palliative care in Nova Scotia.

During the presentation, NSHPCA emphasized the need for compassionate, community-based, and grief-informed approaches that strengthen support systems for individuals, families, and caregivers. The discussion highlighted the importance of lived experience, collaboration, and locally informed solutions in advancing equitable, person-centred care throughout Nova Scotia.

OUR ADVOCACY APPROACH

Partner with Healthcare & Community Leaders

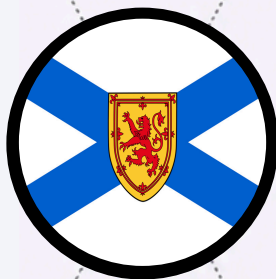
We work alongside healthcare providers, hospice societies, community organizations, and professionals to identify gaps and co-create practical, community-informed solutions.

Build Strong Relationships

We cultivate respectful, ongoing relationships across sectors and communities to strengthen trust and advance shared goals.

Communicate with Political Representatives

We communicate directly with MPs, MLAs, and municipal councillors to raise awareness, share priorities, and influence decisions that impact care and support.



Amplify Lived Experience

We value the voices of individuals and families with lived experience to ensure advocacy is grounded in real-life needs and community realities.

Use Evidence to Inform Change

We bring research, data, and community insights together to support evidence-informed advocacy and better decision-making.

Work with Provincial Government Officials

We collaborate with Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health and Health and Wellness department officials to inform policies, strengthen programs, and improve coordinated, compassionate services across the province.



PROVINCIAL FUNDING

The Honourable Brian Comer, Nova Scotia Minister of Addictions and Mental Health, announcing \$1.5 million in provincial funding for the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association to support the continued delivery of Healing Pathways Community Funding Grants during an announcement at Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre.



GRIEF ALLIANCE GREETINGS

MLA David Bowlby (Annapolis) delivered greetings on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia to attendees at the inaugural Nova Scotia Grief Alliance Symposium.



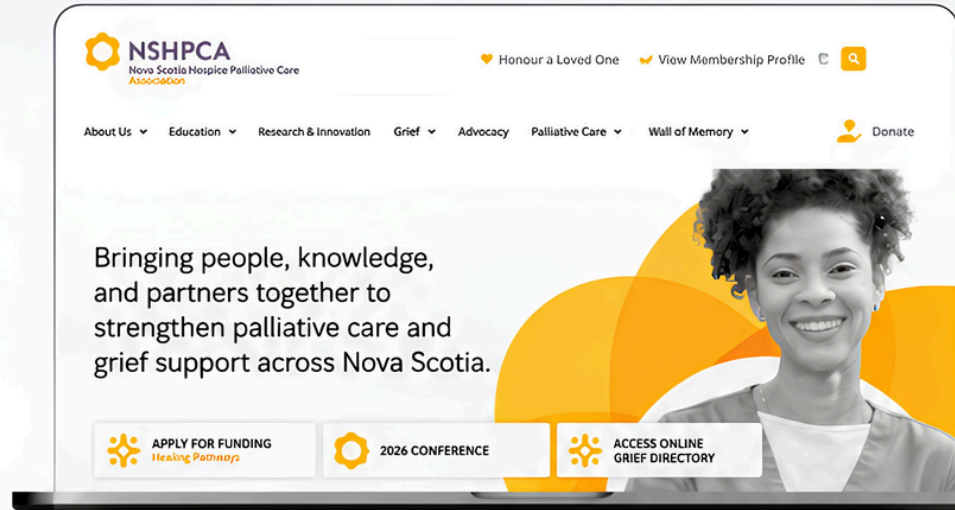
STANDING WITH COMMUNITIES. SHAPING BETTER CARE.

NSHPCA's advocacy work is guided by the voices of individuals, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, hospice societies, and community organizations who understand the importance of compassionate care and grief support within communities across Nova Scotia.



DIGITAL GROWTH & COMMUNICATIONS

NSHPCA continues to strengthen its digital presence across Nova Scotia, expanding access to trusted resources and connecting more people with the information and supports they need.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH



In early March 2026, NSHPCA launched a redesigned website to create a more accessible, user-friendly experience. The site improves access to key programs and resources – including the *Grieving Well™ directory*, *Healing Pathways Community Funding Grants*, a new Community Events calendar, enhanced membership benefits, and a dedicated pediatric palliative care section for children, youth, and families.

STRENGTHENING PROVINCIAL REACH



Enhanced navigation and expanded education, advocacy, and research content strengthened NSHPCA's role as a provincial hub for hospice palliative care, grief, and emotional wellness information – ensuring Nova Scotians can more easily connect with the supports they need.

GROWING ENGAGEMENT



Through consistent digital outreach, educational content, public awareness campaigns, and community storytelling, NSHPCA is reaching more people across the province, deepening engagement and supporting ongoing conversations about grief and emotional wellness.

DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 1, 2025 – MARCH 31, 2026

NSHPCA continued to expand our digital reach and strengthen engagement across key social media platforms. Our content connects, educates, and supports Nova Scotians through compassionate, trusted information about grief, emotional wellness, and hospice palliative care.



FACEBOOK ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR



685,824
VIEWS
▲ 11.8% YOY



4,656
TOTAL INTERACTIONS
▲ 11.4% YOY



1,262
TOTAL FOLLOWERS
▲ 42.4% YOY



NSHPCA YOUTUBE TOP 3 STATS APRIL 1, 2025 – MARCH 31, 2026



5,208
TOTAL VIEWS
Our content reached 5,208 views.



~277.6
HOURS
Total watch time of ~277.6 hours.



+26
SUBSCRIBERS GAINED
We gained 26 new subscribers.



NSHPCA INSTAGRAM TOP 3 STATS



339
TOTAL VIEWS
Our content was viewed 339 times in just 4 months!

Our content was viewed 339 times in just 4 months!



67.6% from followers
32.4% from non-followers



15
TOTAL INTERACTIONS
Meaningful engagement with our posts!

Meaningful engagement with our posts!



86.7% from followers
13.3% from non-followers



75
TOTAL FOLLOWERS
A growing community of people who care.

A growing community of people who care.



43 profile visits



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Strong growth across all major platforms year-over-year.

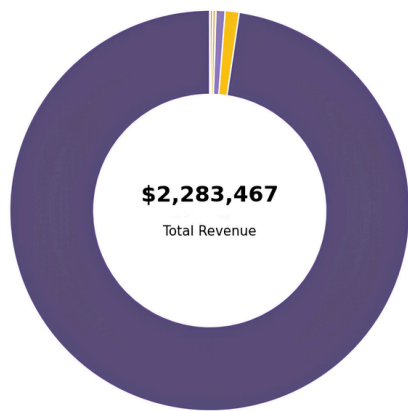
✓ YouTube content continues to drive deep engagement, with high watch time from external and direct audiences.

✓ Instagram launched in early 2026 and is showing strong early growth and engagement from both followers and non-followers.

✓ Our digital channels continue to increase awareness, build trusted connections, and expand access to support.

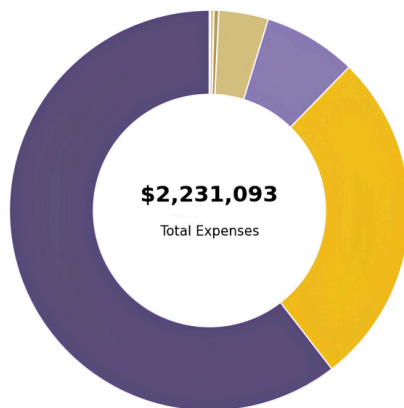
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year: April 1, 2025– March 31, 2026



- Project Revenues 97.65%
- Conference 1.13%
- Interest 0.72%
- Donations 0.28%
- Membership 0.21%
- Wall of Memory <0.01%
- Misc. <0.01%

Category	Amount	% of Revenue
Project Revenues	2,229,822	97.65%
Conference Revenues	25,816	1.13%
Interest Income	16,508	0.72%
General Donations	6,378	0.28%
Membership Fees	4,850	0.21%
Wall of Memory	50	
Miscellaneous	43	
Total Revenue	2,283,467	



- Vulnerable Communities 60.49%
- Personnel 27.22%
- Programming 7.54%
- Operating 4.01%
- Consultants 0.39%
- Governance 0.30%
- Membership 0.05%

Category	Amount	% of Expenses
Funding to Vulnerable Communities	1,349,610	60.49%
Personnel Costs	607,325	27.22%
Programing and Service Delivery	168,171	7.54%
Operating Costs	89,417	4.01%
Consultants	8,640	0.39%
Governance	6,778	0.30%
Membership Fees	1,152	0.05%
Total Expenses	2,231,093	100%

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Corrie Stewart, MBA, CPA, President

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Marcy Madamombe, CPA, CGA, FCCA (UK), CFE, Treasurer, Capital Finance Business Partner – Halifax Regional Municipality, Halifax, NS.

NSHPCA is fortunate to be guided by an exceptional Board of Directors that brings together a diverse range of expertise in healthcare, hospice palliative care, finance, governance, community leadership, cultural safety, public policy, and lived experience. Representing communities from across Nova Scotia, Board members provide strategic leadership, thoughtful oversight, and a deep commitment to ensuring all Nova Scotians have access to compassionate, culturally responsive palliative care and grief support. Their collective knowledge, dedication, and vision continue to strengthen NSHPCA's impact and position the organization for long-term success.

LOOKING BEYOND 2026

As NSHPCA looks beyond 2026, the organization is focused on building on the strong foundation established over the past several years while continuing to respond to the evolving needs of Nova Scotians. Guided by its new Mission, Vision, Values, and 10-Year Strategic Plan, NSHPCA will continue advancing hospice palliative care, grief support, and emotional wellness through collaboration, innovation, education, and community engagement.

Key priorities include expanding access to the Healing Pathways – Grieving Well™ online directory, continuing investment in community-led initiatives through the Healing Pathways Community Funding Grants, strengthening the Nova Scotia Grief Alliance, and advancing province-wide grief and emotional wellness supports. NSHPCA will also continue to promote Advance Care Planning, support professional education and knowledge sharing, and strengthen partnerships with healthcare providers, community organizations, governments, and underserved populations across Nova Scotia.

At the organizational level, NSHPCA remains committed to enhancing sustainability, governance, operational excellence, and financial resilience. Through continued collaboration with partners, funders, volunteers, and communities, the organization is well positioned to lead meaningful change and help ensure all Nova Scotians have access to compassionate, culturally responsive palliative care and grief support when and where they need it.

Together, we are building a future where no one faces serious illness, grief, or end of life alone.



Acknowledgements

NSHPCA's success is made possible through the dedication, compassion, and generosity of the many individuals and organizations that support our work. We extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers, Board members, committee members, community partners, sponsors, donors, and funders for their ongoing commitment to hospice palliative care, grief, and emotional wellness in Nova Scotia.

We are particularly grateful to Nova Scotia Health and the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health for their continued partnership and leadership, as well as the many grief professionals, healthcare providers, educators, researchers, and community leaders who contributed to Nova Scotia Grief Alliance roundtables, educational offerings, webinars, and the inaugural Provincial Grief Symposium.

Together, your support, expertise, and collaboration continue to strengthen communities and improve the lives of Nova Scotians experiencing serious illness, loss, grief, and bereavement. Thank you.
