



We're thrilled to announce that the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association's brand-new website will launch this week!

This isn't just a fresh look - it's a meaningful evolution that better reflects our current work and future vision as Nova Scotia's community hub for hospice, palliative care, grief support, advance care planning, and emotional wellness.

For more than three decades, NSHPCA has worked alongside communities across the province - supporting local hospice societies, investing in grassroots initiatives, providing education and awareness, convening partners, and amplifying the voices of those navigating grief and serious illness. From rural volunteer-led organizations to provincial health system collaborators, we have remained grounded in one simple belief: strong communities create compassionate care.

Over the past year, we've listened closely to feedback from communities, partners, volunteers, healthcare professionals, and families. You told us that accessibility, collaboration, transparency, and shared learning matter deeply. Our new platform has been carefully built to deliver exactly that - easier navigation, stronger connections, and quicker access to the information, supports, and opportunities you need.

Here's a preview of what's coming:

Community Events Page

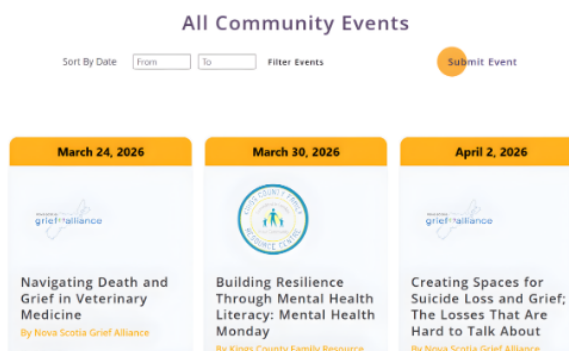
We regularly receive requests to share local and provincial events across our social media channels. While we're always eager to help amplify community initiatives, the volume of submissions can sometimes make it challenging to manage and ensure everything receives appropriate visibility.

To make this process simpler and more effective for everyone, we're introducing two coordinated updates:

First, organizations will be able to submit workshops, support groups, fundraisers, memorial events, and other community gatherings directly through our new online Community Events calendar for review and promotion (all subject to NSHPCA approval to ensure alignment with our mission).

Second, we will be launching a dedicated Events section on our Facebook page, where approved submissions from our new Community Events feature will also be shared -- creating a clear, consistent place for Nova Scotians to find what's happening across the province.

Our goal is to ensure these tools create a centralized, easy-to-navigate hub that helps communities discover, share, and connect with meaningful events province-wide.



Some memories should never fade.

Healing Pathways & Wall of Memory Upgrades

A new, secure online portal for **Healing Pathways Community Funding Grants** will make it easier than ever for community organizations to apply, track progress, and stay connected throughout the

funding process. We know that many of the groups doing this work are volunteer-led, often balancing compassion with limited capacity. This upgraded system is designed with them in mind and will reduce paperwork, improve clarity, and create a smoother, more transparent experience from application to reporting. Our goal is simple: remove barriers so communities can focus less on process and more on supporting people through some of life's most difficult moments.

At the same time, our refreshed **Wall of Memory** has been thoughtfully reimaged to deepen connection and meaning. Grief is personal. Remembrance is sacred. This renewed space offers more ways to honour loved ones, including video tributes, written reflections, photos, and creative expressions that celebrate a life fully lived. It is not just a digital feature; it is a living space of remembrance. A place where stories can be shared, tears can be shed, smiles can return, and legacies can continue. In a province where community matters deeply, the Wall of Memory stands as a reminder that no one grieves alone, and that every life leaves a lasting imprint.

Advance Care Planning (ACP): We're Looking for Community Hosts

Advance Care Planning conversations are one of the most powerful gifts we can offer families and communities. As part of our expanded education efforts, we are inviting organizations, workplaces, faith groups, service clubs, and community associations to host ACP information sessions in their communities.



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If your organization would be interested in hosting an ACP session - virtually or in person - we'd love to connect. For more information visit: www.nshpca.ca or email info@nshpca.ca.

Our Updated Strategic Direction

Our mission, vision, and values are now front and centre not simply as words on a page, but as the foundation that shapes every program we deliver, every partnership we build, and every community we support.

They reflect our unwavering commitment to compassion, collaboration, evidence-informed practice, and equitable access. These principles guide how we listen, how we respond, and how we lead. They affirm that grief support and palliative care are not optional services - they are essential pillars of healthy communities.

Our renewed strategic direction also acknowledges the evolving needs of Nova Scotians. Communities are asking for stronger grief literacy, earlier conversations about advance care planning, more inclusive supports, and greater connection across rural and urban regions alike. We are responding with clarity and purpose by strengthening provincial partnerships, expanding education initiatives, investing in grassroots capacity, and ensuring that diverse voices help shape the future of care.

Our Values



EQUITY & INCLUSION



COMMUNITY VOICE &
PARTNERSHIP



ACCOUNTABILITY &
TRANSPARENCY



EVIDENCE & LEARNING



HUMILITY & RESPECT



AGILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

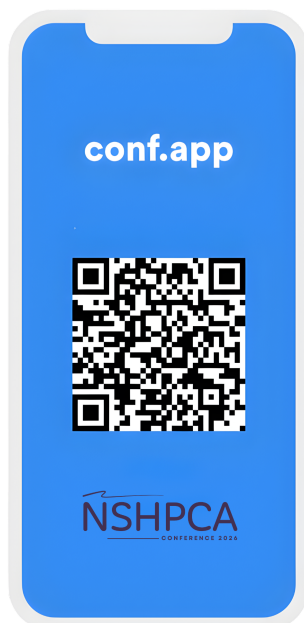
This strategic evolution is not about changing who we are. It is about deepening who we have always been, and ensuring we are prepared to meet the moment, together.

New Research & Innovation Section

For the first time, our website will feature a dedicated Research & Innovation section highlighting our collaborations, program evaluations, policy engagement, and emerging initiatives across Nova Scotia.

This space reflects our commitment to transparency, continuous learning, and evidence-informed leadership. By sharing outcomes, insights, and community-informed work, we aim to strengthen care, amplify lived experience, and support thoughtful improvements in hospice palliative care and grief support across the province.

It will also serve as a platform to spotlight promising practices, highlight partnerships with healthcare and academic leaders, and share practical tools that communities can adapt locally. By making this work visible and accessible, we are helping build a stronger, more connected network of compassionate care throughout Nova Scotia.



Conference 2026 Early Bird Extended - and Sponsorship Opportunities Available

We've extended the Early Bird deadline for NSHPCA

Conference 2026 to March 15! Secure your spot at the reduced rate for Atlantic Canada's leading palliative care event, a gathering that brings together healthcare professionals, community leaders, volunteers, researchers, and advocates committed to strengthening compassionate care across Nova Scotia and beyond.

We're also excited to introduce our new **Conference App (Conf.App)** for 2026. This interactive platform will provide attendees with real-time schedules, speaker information, networking tools, live updates, and session resources - creating a more connected, engaging conference experience from start to finish.

In addition, we are actively seeking sponsors and community partners for Conference 2026. Sponsorship is a meaningful way to demonstrate your organization's commitment to compassionate care, grief literacy, and community wellbeing across the province. Opportunities range from program sponsorship and exhibitor presence to digital visibility within our new Conf.App and broader community partnership packages.

If your organization would like to be part of this important provincial gathering, we would be pleased to share our sponsorship package and explore how we can work together. A special thanks goes out to our current sponsors. www.nshpcaconference.ca.



NSHPCA is a provincial, non-profit organization that provides leadership, education, and advocacy in hospice palliative care, grief, and emotional wellness. While we do not deliver care directly, our role is to ensure that individuals and families can access compassionate support by strengthening community capacity, sharing information, and supporting those who provide care.



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