

## **Media Release**

## For Immediate Release:

**Langley BC, April 27**<sup>th</sup>, **2016**: The Langley Hospice Society is pleased to announce that they have been offered a site by Fraser Health to build a 15 bed, free-standing hospice residence for Langley. Confirmation was received by board president, Kathy Derksen in a meeting with Fraser Health on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Langley Hospice Society received the offer of the initial site in April of 2015 and they have been working tirelessly this past year on securing the site, drawing up architectural plans and exploring funding options.

With the Ministry of Health's commitment to double hospice spaces across the province by 2020, the Langley Hospice Society is pleased to know that Langley will increase their much needed bed count to 15 to be able to meet the growing needs of our community.

Langley residents will now be afforded the same quality hospice residence experience as other communities within the Fraser Health region. With fifty percent of our funding confirmed, we look forward to working with Fraser Health and the community to ensure access to quality palliative care in the community – for the community.

## About the Langley Hospice Society (www.langleyhospice.com)

Established in 1983, the Langley Hospice Society is a community-based not-for-profit organization that is committed to providing emotional, practical and social support for people who are living with terminal illness, and their family and friends, throughout the last stages of illness, at the time of death, and bereavement.

In addition to palliative care and support through the hospice residence and in the community, the Langley Hospice Society provides anticipatory, early and ongoing, individual and group grief support programs for children, teens, adults and families; education; advocacy; community outreach; volunteer training, day camp and summer camp programs, FREE of charge to the community.

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