

Hospice Niagara 5 Car Draw a sellout

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NIAGARA — Five winners are thrilled to be the recipients of new vehicles, but Hospice Niagara is just as thrilled to have sold out its annual 5 Car Draw.

Hospice Niagara recently announced the winners of its eighth annual 5 Car Draw, which took place throughout the summer, with the winners selected at St. Catharines Rotary Ribfest in Montebello Park on August 1.

Winners this year were Paul Galic of St. Catharines, who won a 2016 Fiat 500 Sport 2Dr Hatchback; Maria Lallouet of Welland, winner of a 2016 Honda CR-V LX 2WD;

Dyan Hermann of Oakville, winner of a 2016 Chevrolet Camaro 2Dr Coupe LT; Dianne Bonnyman of Brantford, who won a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2WD Dbl Cab; and Wayne Kennedy of St. Catharines, winner of a 2016 Mazda MX5 GX.

Also, in June, Patricia Barbaro of Niagara-on-the-Lake was the early bird winner of a 2016 Harley-Davidson Dyna Street Bob.

For the first time the fundraiser, which has proceeds of \$250,000 net, sold out. All funds raised will remain in Niagara, going towards the the services of Hospice Niagara, and ultimately supporting those who have a life-limiting illness and their families and caregivers.

“This was a stellar year for the draw,” says Carol Nagy, executive director at Hospice Niagara. “The community truly embraces this fundraiser, which resulted in selling tickets for the first time in its eight year history.

Since 2009 almost \$1.1 million net has been raised in support of hospice palliative care in the Niagara region.

“The draw has grown tremendously over the years and has become a part of summer in Niagara. This milestone couldn’t have been reached without our wonderful partners, supporters and volunteers who work tirelessly to make it a success every year,” said Alicia Merry, fund development and communications manager for Hospice Niagara.

Hospice Niagara’s focus is on improving the quality of life for adults and children living with life-limiting illnesses, death, dying, grief and loss. Hospice Niagara operates the region’s residential hospice – The Stabler Centre. As well, Hospice Niagara offers a variety of community programs and services to provide compassionate comfort and support to clients and their families throughout the care continuum. Last year, over 15,000 people across Niagara were supported.

“Staff and volunteers understand that life is precious. They provide exceptional support, care, and comfort, so that clients may spend their time living and know that their family is supported throughout the journey and in their grieving,” said Nagy. “We rely on community support to help us deliver quality hospice palliative services we all want for everyone, everywhere, every time, at no cost.”

For more information about The Stabler Centre and Hospice Niagara’s programs and services, visit hospiceniagara.ca or call 905-984-8766.