



We are here in your community.

For over two decades, Canuck Place Children's Hospice has provided exceptional, innovative and world-recognized pediatric palliative care.

Dave Lede House (DLH) is Canuck Place's second provincial location, providing pediatric palliative care in the Fraser Valley where 44% of Canuck Place children and families reside.

This year alone, 715 children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are supported by Canuck Place through inpatient and outpatient care in the hospices and their home communities.

There are more children and families who need complex pediatric palliative care and we need to reach them. We can't do it without you.

**From our little and big hearts,
thanks for being HERE with us.**

Community and Outpatient Services at Canuck Place - Dave Lede House (DLH)

- Canuck Place advanced practice nurses and specialized physicians provide outpatient clinical care through mobile clinical consultations with families in-home, in-hospital and community.
- Our recreation therapy program operates from DLH for children, their siblings and parents.
- Our counsellors provide counselling, play and art therapy and have recurring sibling, parent groups and a pilot grandparent bereavement group, to support families through life-altering loss.
- Through programs offered by Canuck Place music therapists, children and teens are able to express emotions, connect with others, communicate nonverbally and manage distressing symptoms. Individual, group and family sessions take place in DLH.

Building Capacity - Inpatient Beds at Canuck Place - Dave Lede House Opening May 2018

We have more children and more families on our program each year. And we are building capacity so that we can accommodate our patients and families.

In May 2018 Canuck Place will open inpatient beds at Dave Lede House in the Fraser Valley community where 44% of the children and families on program live.

The phase-in operation of 24-hour care beds at DLH requires careful planning, training, program development and processes and systems integration. Hiring and training for clinical staff will occur January 2018 to April 2018.

We need your support to make this a reality.

44%

44% of Canuck Place children and families reside in the Fraser Valley (2016-17)



45 recreation therapy activities offered for children and families at Dave Lede House and the Fraser Valley in 2016-17



More children and families need our help. You can help change their lives.

Canuck Place Children's Hospice inpatient care is highly cost effective - about 30% less when compared to a pediatric BC hospital ward or ICU bed.

By 2020, 50% of the children in BC will live in the Fraser Valley and we want to ensure we meet the growing demand for care.

Canuck Place raises 60% of the funds needed to operate annually. Our team relies on a caring community of donors to maintain services, and the need continues to grow.

Canuck Place eases the burden on families.

When a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, parents are impacted by the 24-hour care they provide for their child. The very real stresses incurred by these families include financial pressures, relationship challenges, fatigue, distress and increasing acute-care needs which impact mental and physical health and the overall quality of life for BC families.

Building capacity to meet the needs of children and families

In 2016-17 Canuck Place provided care for 715 children and families - a 6% increase over the previous year.

- 8 - average number of family members receiving inpatient medical respite support - per 24 hours in 2016-17
- 6 - average number of children inpatient care - per 24 hours in 2016-17
- 396 - admissions for inpatient care in 2016-17
- 632 - calls to the nurse helpline from families across BC in 2016-17

The Growing Need 2016-17

2,950



2,950 overnight stays by Canuck Place families and family members

1,450



1,450 outpatient consults in-person, in-home, in-hospital and via phone and video

369



369 inpatient admissions to Canuck Place

15%



15% of children on the CPCH program were under the age of 1 (total of 55 children)



Families like the Cunninghams in Surrey find comfort and care at Canuck Place.

Lumina was born with severe Hydrocephalus, a genetic disorder that affects the development of muscles, brain, and eyes. She requires 24-hour care, a feeding tube, and has frequent seizures. Not only does Lumina receive medical respite and symptom management but her family is supported with care and counselling so they can focus on savouring their time together.

"Canuck Place is so wonderful," said Dwayne, Lumina's father. "They provide expert care, love and support for families, and children like our Lumina, who desperately need such assistance."