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THE ROAD TO HOPE

Official Newsletter of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation

Welcome to 2026

As we step into a new year, Road to Hope remains focused on one simple mission: ensuring no one in our region misses critical cancer treatment due to lack of transportation. Every kilometer driven, every volunteer hour given, and every dollar donated directly supports patients and families when they need it most.

In 2026, we are building on the momentum of last year—strengthening our volunteer network, improving operational efficiency, and expanding awareness so more people know help is available. Demand continues to grow, and so does our responsibility to meet it with reliability, compassion, and accountability.

Thank you to our drivers, donors, partners, and supporters. Your commitment is what keeps the wheels turning—literally—and makes Road to Hope possible.

Rick Baksza
Vice President

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We would also like to thank all of the personal donations that we have received throughout the year. Each and every one of you has made a difference.

We our Volunteers

The Drivers of 2025

This is our amazing team of volunteer drivers. They not only give up their time, but they use their own vehicles as well. They are able to claim a mileage allowance, but some of them donate that right back to the Foundation. Many of them have been with us for years, also serving on our Board of Directors. We honor and appreciate these individuals for all that they do. Without them, Road to Hope would cease to exist.



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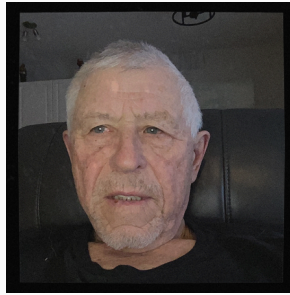
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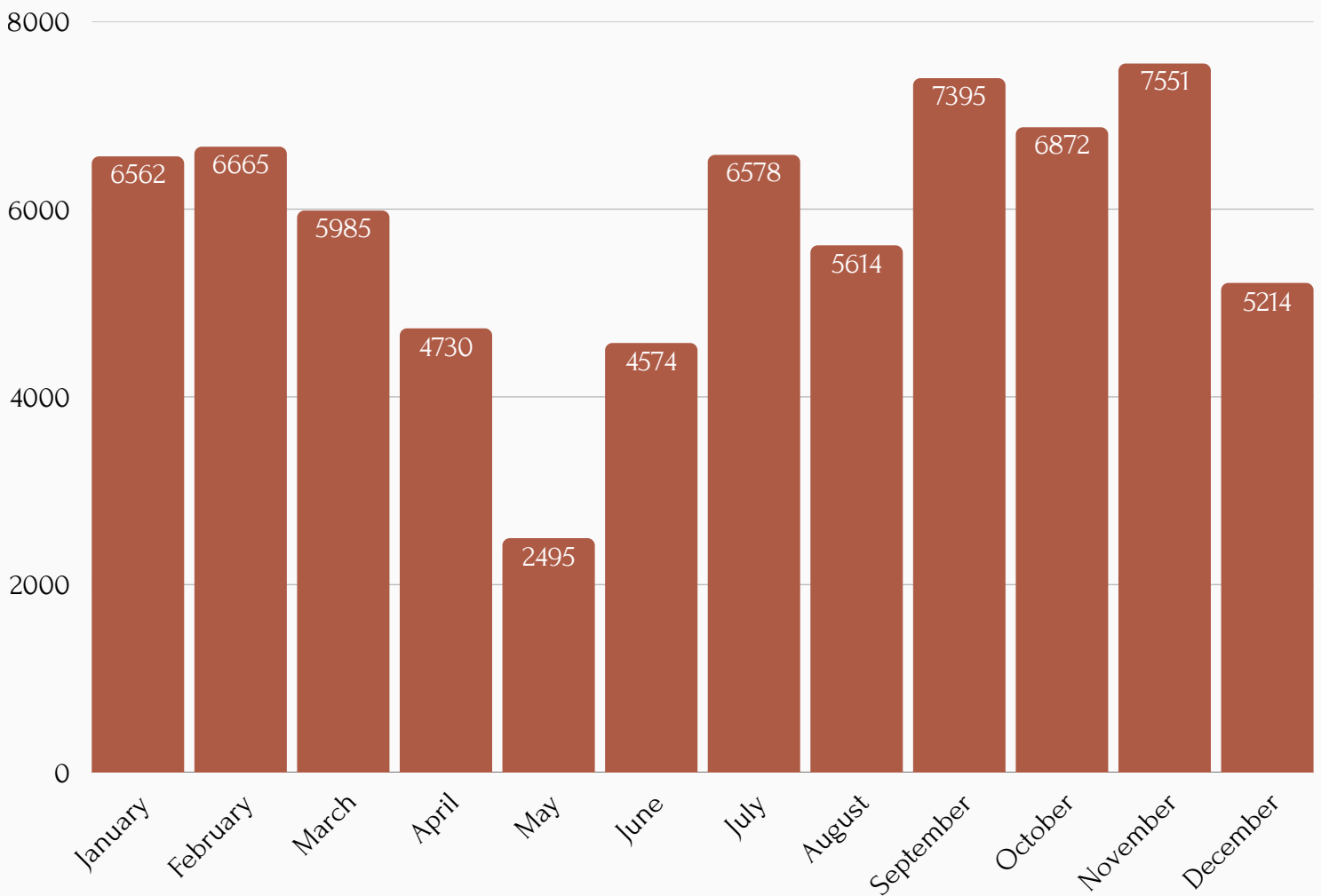


Melinda Katona | Secretary
Athabasca

How Did We Do?

2025 Trip Summary

We are pleased to say that we have ended the year with 70,235km driven and helped a total of 35 clients. This is pretty consistent with the last two years! With word getting back to the cancer patients in our communities, we are now looking to expand and are in need of more drivers, especially in the Lac La Biche County. Again, our drivers are reimbursed at the CRA annual mileage rate as well as for meals and the schedules are flexible and set by themselves.



Coming Soon...



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at the Grassland Community Hall, 7:00pm. Those wishing to attend and vote must have their 2026 membership fee of \$5.00 paid prior to the start of the meeting. You must also be a resident of Alberta and 18 years of age or older.

In accordance to our bylaws, we will call of nominations for our upcoming Board of Directors, there are 10 positions available. Otherwise regular AGM business will be conducted.

For more information please contact our Coordinator Jessica at coordinator@roadtohope.ca or text/call 780-327-9442.

3rd Annual Road to Hope Spring Scramble

Coming into it's third year in our Fundraising lineup the Spring Scramble will be held on Thursday, June 25th, 2026.

This Drive for Awareness is still in its inception and will be held on a 9 hole course, played through twice. We aim to bolster support in the region and get more active participation for Road to Hope out of the Lac La Biche area!

Last year we raised just over \$12,000 for the Foundation!

Stay tuned for more information to come!

16th Annual Road to Hope Golf Classic

This Grand Slam of Fundraisers sells out each year! As a staple for golf tournaments in the Athabasca area you can look to see registration open in the Spring!

Held at the beautiful Athabasca Golf & Country Club this day always comes together with fun, laughter and tremendous support from everyone in attendance and all of our supporters.

Last year we were able to raise just over \$20,000 for the Foundation!

Held on Thursday, September 10th, 2026 you can expect more information soon!

JOIN US



**To Plant a Garden is
to Believe in
Tomorrow.**

-Audrey Hepburn

If you or someone you know is dealing with cancer and could use transportation assistance to get to their cancer related appointments, please call or text our Coordinator.

Our clients are more than welcome to have a companion accompany them if that will help make the trip more comfortable, still at no charge.

The trips may be for scans, doctor visits, treatments, picking up medications, so long as it is directly related to cancer. The trips are at no charge to the client.

We are in need of drivers for both the Athabasca and Lac La Biche counties. Our drivers are reimbursed mileage at the rates set by the CRA every year, and they may claim meal expenses. The schedules are also very flexible and set by the drivers themselves. Drive as much or as little as you want each month!

Get in touch with our Coordinator today for more information on how you can become a driver for us.

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