



THE ROAD TO HOPE

Official Newsletter of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation



Words from the President



Hello everyone,

I trust you are well and were able to enjoy the wonderful Summer we had. It definitely went by way too fast. My family and I were fortunate to enjoy many lake days in Athabasca County, and a trip to the East coast to visit friends and family.

2022 has been a successful year so far. The board and membership approved the updated by-laws and we held a very successful fun run in Lac La Biche and our signature golf tournament in Athabasca was also a huge success.

Our top priority going into the fall is to continue to spread the word about the great service Road to Hope is providing to the counties of Lac La Biche and Athabasca. Let people know we are continually accepting new clients and drivers.

Lastly, I want to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, drivers, and the board for their continued support. Let's have a safe fall.

Warm regards,
Chris - President



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12th Annual Road to Hope Golf Classic

More than 140 golfers took to the field on the morning of Thursday, September 8th, 2022 for the 12th Annual Road to Hope Golf Classic. Held at the Athabasca Golf & Country Club, the weather was great and it was an amazing day for all participants.

This is an awe-inspiring event that is made possible by generosity and innovation. A true show of community spirit. It is a great honor to be a part of something so huge.

Every year there is a variation of contests and prizes, most of which are also donations from people and businesses in the community. We have a little of everything and fantastic volunteers who make the whole day so much fun. From Putting & Chipping Contests to the usual proximity competitions out on the course, almost every hole had something to offer. Not to mention two yummy food holes, also donation stocked.

We were fortunate enough this year to have a Hole-In-One as well! BrokerLink put up \$10,000 on a Par 3 and a gentleman by the name of Ron LaPlace sunk it in on Hole 14 less than an hour into the day! We were all so excited and want to send a huge congratulations to him, and thank-you to BrokerLink!

Most of us know someone who is impacted by Cancer, and being able to raise money for the Foundation so that we can alleviate stress from our local patients is just amazing. We had so many wonderful sponsors involved this year, and we cannot thank them enough. We are always moving forward and thinking of new ways to grow, and its days like this that just give you that *Hope* that bigger and better things are to come.





Thank You



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Guest Speaker

Councillor Ida Edwards



Brian's Battle

At the start of August we were approached by Maxine Whelen with a donation. She had set up an event for herself, running a total of 35 KM from her residence in Lac La Biche to the entrance of Haying in the 30's.

Side note, for those of you not aware of who or what they are, please check out Haying in the 30s.

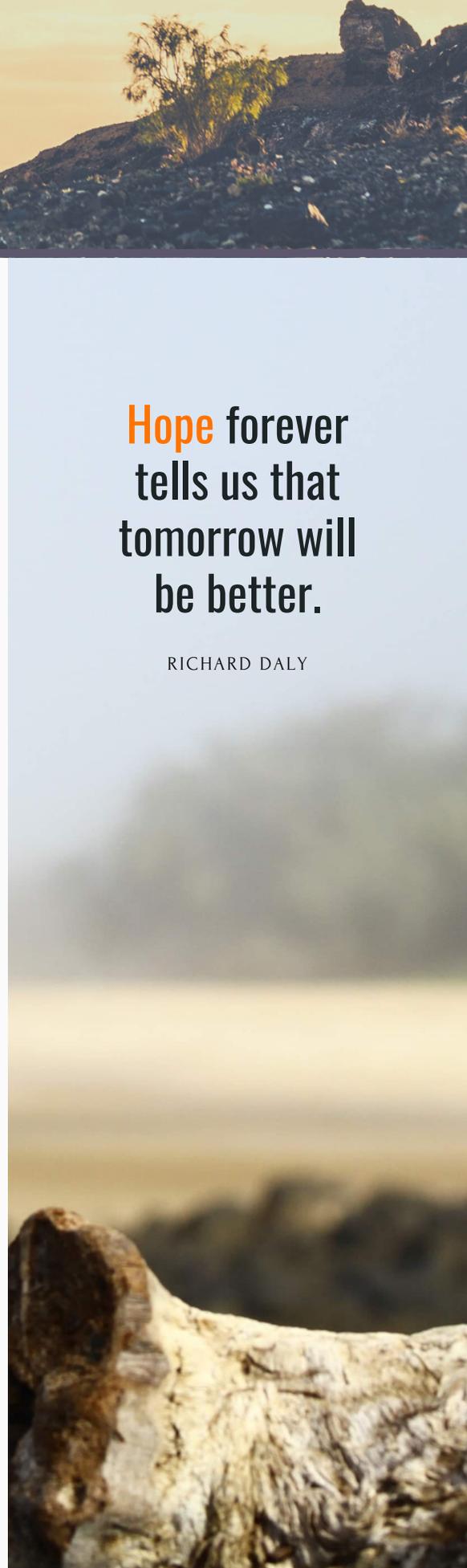
Someone very dear to her and her family was recently diagnosed with a particular strain of Lung Cancer that is steadily picking up momentum in the research world. In fact, Canada still has limited opportunities for treatments and so his scans were sent to Boston for a second opinion in hopes that a new treatment option will come up.

They had decided that the proceeds for this run would be split 50% going to Brian and his family, 25% going to Haying in the 30's, and the remaining 25% to us. We received \$2,000.00 from her event, and it is stories like this that really drive home just how important what we do can be.



Hope forever
tells us that
tomorrow will
be better.

RICHARD DALY





Hope anchors the soul.

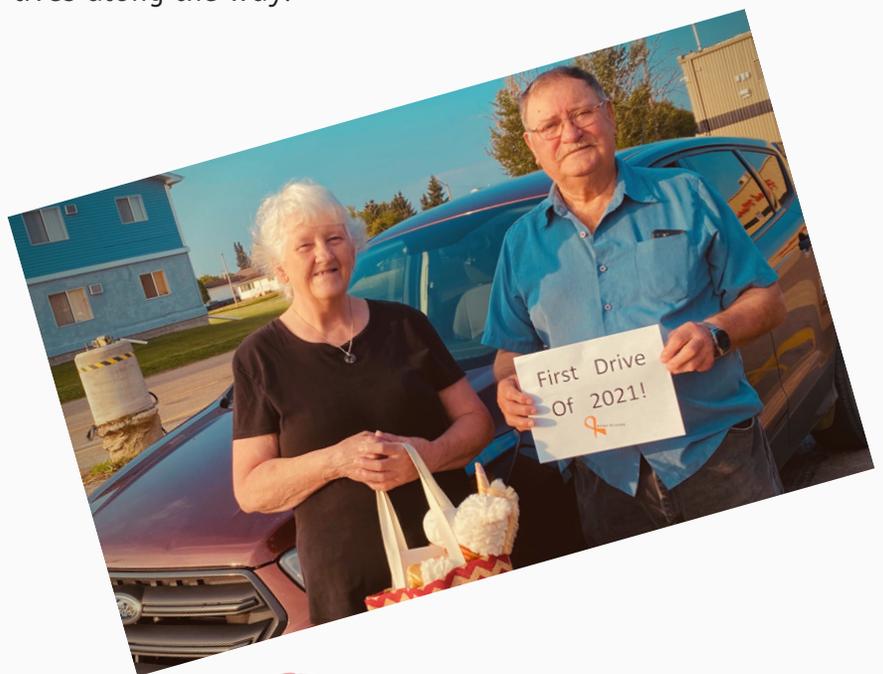
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Driver Spotlight

Rueben Coleman has been with the Foundation for many years, 10 to be exact. He began driving in memory of his two sisters who had Cancer. He stayed with us while we were shut down due to COVID-19, and he was the first call upon re-opening our doors in 2021. His dedication to the clients and our cause is second to none. He is one of the most laid back and enjoyable people you could ever meet, he always has the best stories and is a goldmine full of knowledge.

We are in awe of the way that you put your heart into volunteering for our clients all these years. You not only made a huge difference Reuben, but you touched a lot of lives along the way.



We wish you nothing but the best Reuben, as that is always what you gave.





From the Community

We were approached by Matt Martin with APEX Utilities before the golf tournament was underway. They wanted to donate a Husqvarna Snow Blower to the Foundation to help raise some money during our golf classic. We held a live auction during the dinner with Director Rick Baksza doing the honors as auctioneer. There was a bit of a bidding war, but we managed to sell it off to the Kinsmen Club of Lac La Biche for \$950.00! Thank-you guys so much!

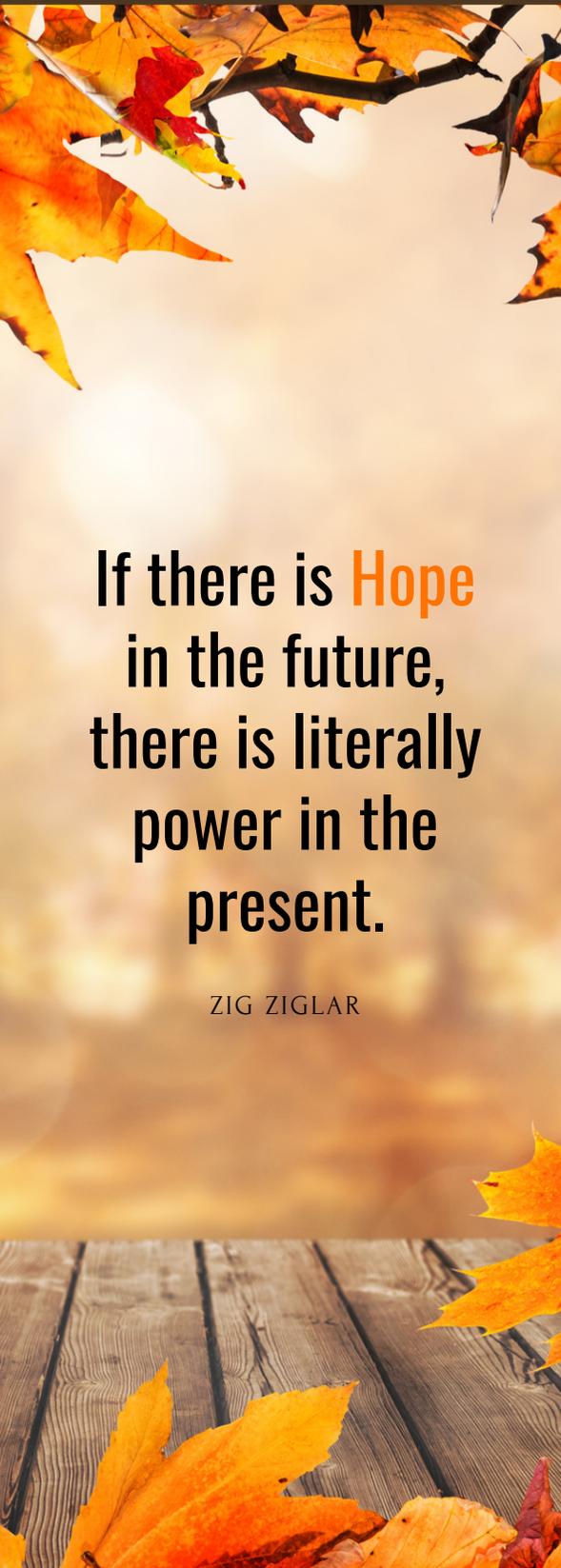


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CHRISTINA

The tables for the banquet during our 12th Annual Golf Classic were decorated with the most stunning flower arrangements, donated by Shannon Ehman and her team at Flowers by Christina. They all found good and deserving homes to some pretty fantastic ladies!

TC Energy has been a staunch supporter of our Foundation and we cannot ever thank them enough. Their help and involvement this year has been truly wonderful. From sending volunteers for our Run for Hope over in Lac La Biche this past May, to volunteers along side a donation towards our 12th Annual Road to Hope Golf Classic in Athabasca, we can always count on them to be there.





If there is **Hope**
in the future,
there is literally
power in the
present.

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Announcements & Updates

If you or someone you know is dealing with Cancer and requires transportation assistance to their appointments, please contact our Coordinator, Jessica Wallace at 780-327-9442 or by email to coordinator@roadtohope.ca

Our clients are more than welcome to have a companion accompany them if that will help make them more comfortable.

The third quarter of this year came in at 6,095KM! The average trip was 410KM which puts our average trip cost to \$250.00.

We have gained 5 new clients since the start of September and hope to keep that momentum going!

We are so pleased to be able to assist people in their time of need. To Alleviate Stress is our goal for our clients.

We are in need of drivers, particularly in the areas of Wandering River, Lac La Biche and Boyle. If you or someone that you know is interested in becoming a part of our team, give our Coordinator, Jessica, a call today at 780-327-9442, or email coordinator@roadtohope.ca

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Foundation, you may reach our Treasurer, Daniela Cameron at treasurer@roadtohope.ca. The cost of joining is \$5.00 and may be payable by e-transfer to the same email address. The cost is per person, and you have to be over the age of 18.

