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THE ROAD TO HOPE

Official Newsletter of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation

Celebrating 2024 and Looking Ahead to 2025

2024 has been an incredible year for the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation. Thanks to our dedicated volunteer drivers, we completed 245 trips, covering over 90,000 kilometers to ensure cancer patients in Lac La Biche and Athabasca counties had access to essential treatments. This milestone is more than a number—it's a testament to the power of community, compassion, and hope.

As we reflect on this amazing year, we're filled with gratitude for everyone who made it possible: our drivers, donors, and supporters. Your commitment has allowed us to not only serve our clients but also strengthen the very foundation of what Road to Hope stands for.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to expand our services, welcome new volunteer drivers, and continue building a legacy of care and connection in our communities. Together, we can ensure no one faces the journey alone.

Thank you for making 2024 unforgettable, and here's to an even brighter 2025!

Rick Baksza
Vice President



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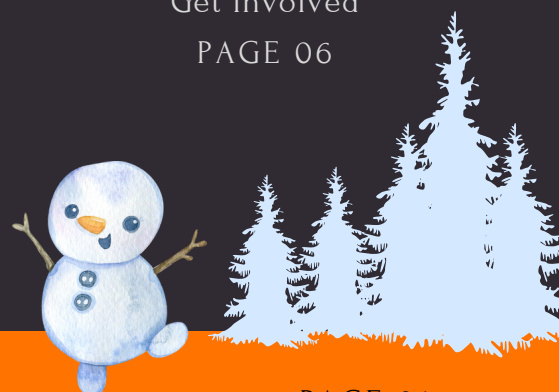
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Thank you



To our wonderful sponsors & donors, our awesome volunteers and our fantastic communities... Thank-You.

These fundraisers help to make sure we can continue to offer transportation support to our local cancer patients. And we couldn't do it without you. 

14th Annual Golf Classic

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Lyndi Mills
Marci Newberry
Marilyn Holt
Melinda Katona
Michelle Cummings
Mike Hewko
Nicole Rysdyk
Sheena Wood
Sophie Woloncewich
Susan Mitchell

VOLUNTEER

The Drivers of 2024

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.



Blair Norton | President
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Greg Aasen
Athabasca



Bruce Adolf
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Lac La Biche



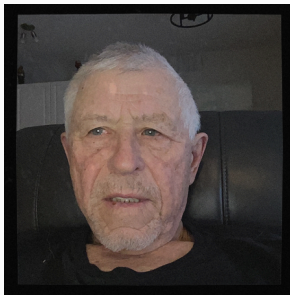
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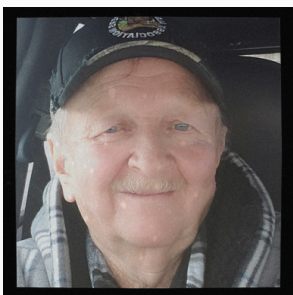
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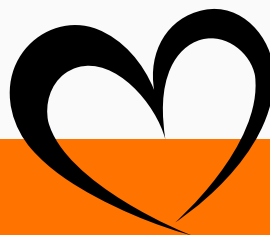


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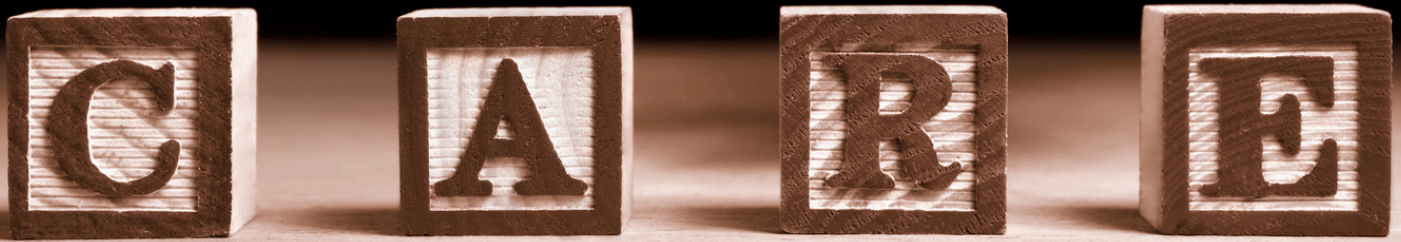
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Melinda Katona | Secretary
Athabasca



From the Community

The below group of organizations and businesses have blessed us the last few months with their generosity. We are a non-profit group and we do not charge our clients at all to use our services. On top of that, our drivers are able to claim mileage and meal expenses to help offset the wear and tear on their personal vehicles. Without businesses like these, we would not be able to continue to offer the same level of support that we have been since 2008. From the bottoms of our hearts, thank you to each and every one of you.

Athabasca Self Storage



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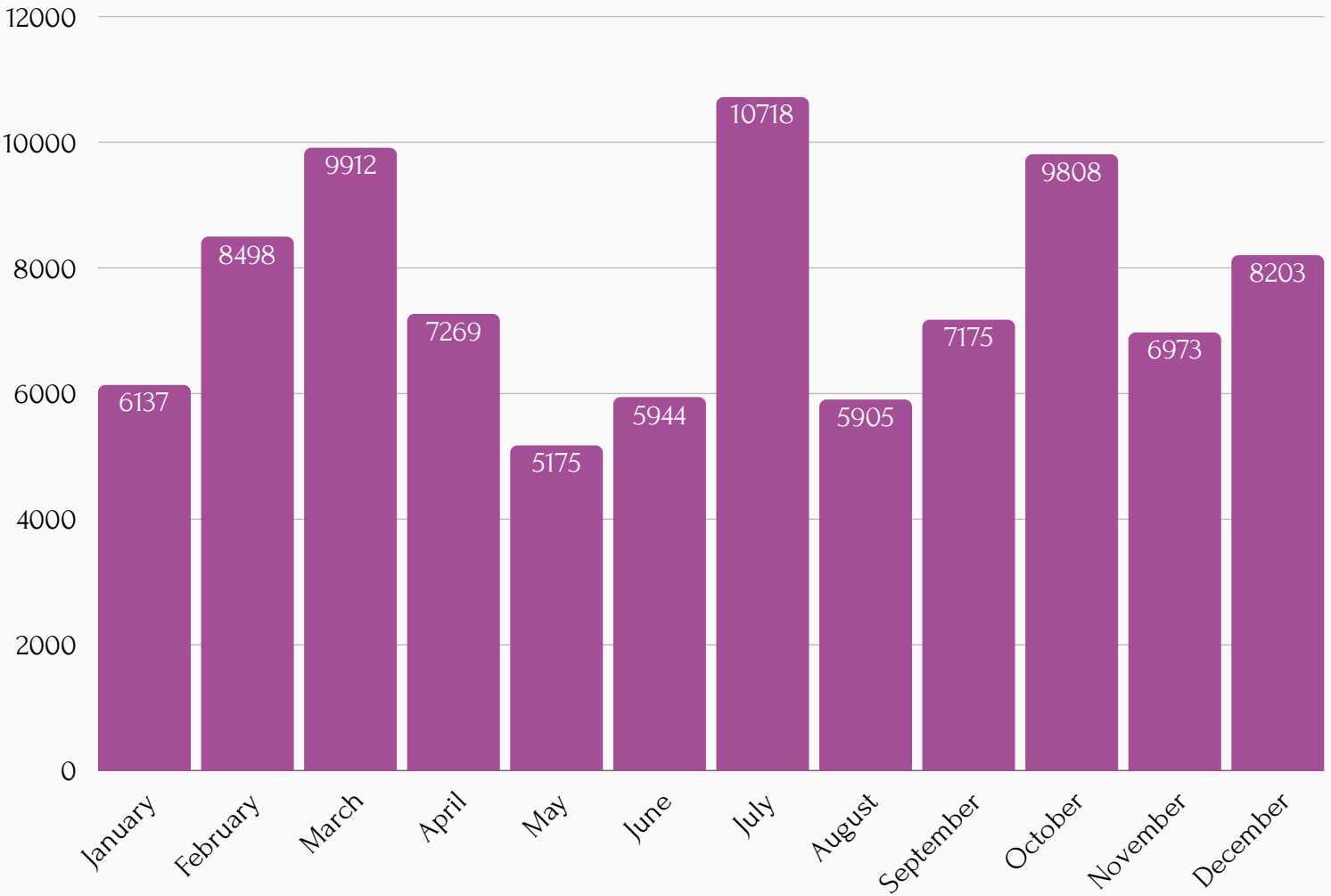


Athabasca Landing Liquor Store



2024 Trip Summary

We are pleased to say that we have ended the year with 91,717km driven. That is another 30k from the previous year. With word getting back to the cancer patients in our communities, we are now looking to expend 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.





We need never
be **Hopeless**,
because we
can never be
irreparably
broken.

JOHN GREEN



Get Involved with Road to Hope

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, 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.

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

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