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# THE ROAD TO HOPE

Official Newsletter of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation

## Words from the President

It is a great privilege and honor for me to take on the role of President for Road to Hope in 2022. I want to thank Daniela and the rest of the Directors for their hard work and dedication in getting Road to Hope back up and running after a long break. Road to Hope continues to rebound strongly after the Covid-19 delay. As we approach the 12-month mark on reopening, we want to continue to get the message out to the Cancer patients in our communities that we are there for you, and if you need rides for your appointments, don't hesitate to call us. Whether you want to travel alone or with family members or friends, we will do our best to provide you a safe and comfortable ride.

As a non-profit organization, none of this would be possible without the support of our sponsors and volunteers. I want to thank all of you who have sponsored Road to Hope and continue to do so. We just wrapped up our Annual Fun Run in Lac La Biche and now we prepare for our Annual Golf Tournament in Athabasca this September. Whether as a golfer or volunteer I look forward to seeing you on the golf course.

Kind Regards,  
Chris

*Thank you* 

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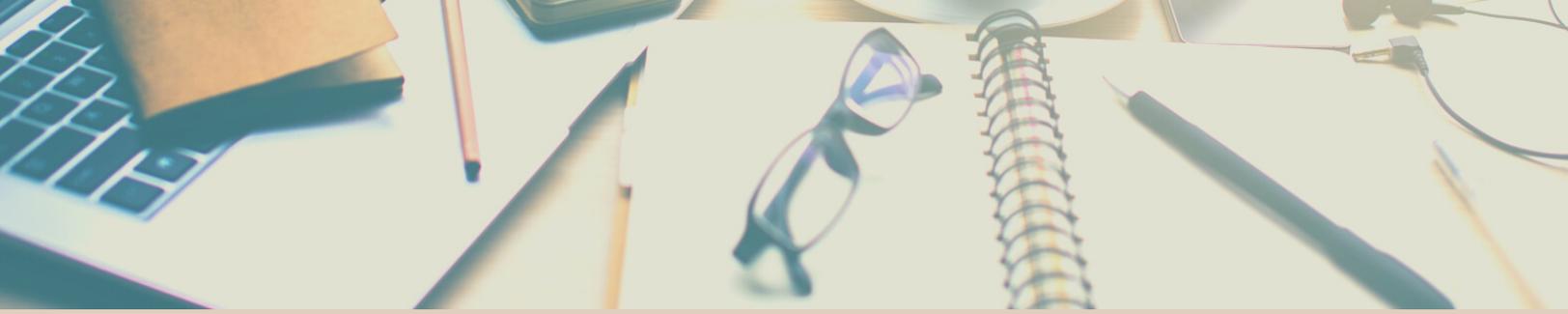
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## 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 27th in Grassland, and our new Board of Directors were voted in! We have a few new faces, and some who have come back to us, and we cannot wait to see what we can accomplish for the Foundation this year!

Allow me to present to you our 2022/2023 Executive and Directors for the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation! Congratulations folks!

### The four Executive:

President	Chris Hamlyn
Vice President	Blair Norton
Treasurer	Daniela Cameron
Secretary	Lisa Wesley

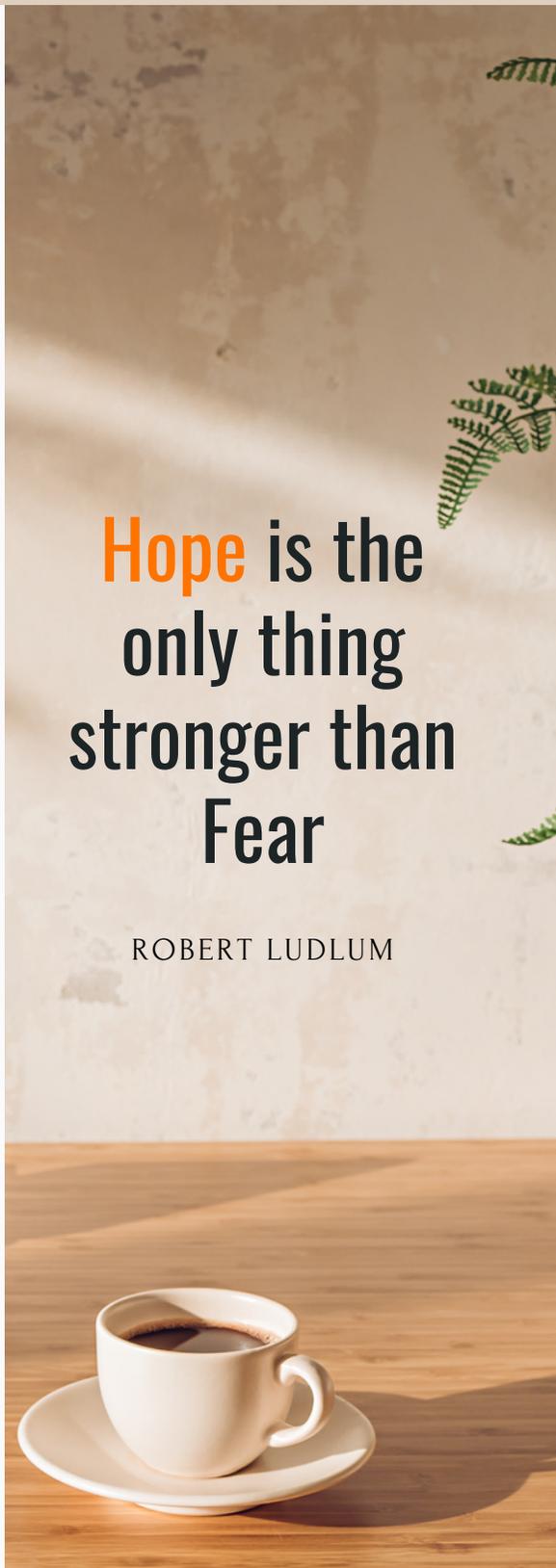
### The six Directors:

Kevin Pare	Michael Wallace
Mary Coleman	Nicole Rysdyk
Rick Baksza	Lyndi Mills

Thank-you everyone who has paid their membership and joined the ranks of the incredible volunteers here with the Foundation. We are a team, and only together can we grow and provide transportation support for our clients in need.

Cheers to the next year of working together!

 Cheers



Hope is the  
only thing  
stronger than  
Fear

ROBERT LUDLUM



## 2022 Run for Hope

What can be said about the Run for Hope this year? It was SO unbelievably great to be back out there with everyone, and the day couldn't have gone any better! Watching the forecast for the week leading up to the event was pretty dismal, we all thought for sure we were going to be out in the rain all morning. But the sun was out and it was great!

There ended up being 43 participants this year, and it sounds like everyone had a pretty great time! The feedback received from post-event surveys says everyone enjoyed the people and the atmosphere provided!

**"It was fun to race. The running and the competition. It was nice to get out."**

The adult who collected the most pledges was Molly Fyten of the Lac La Biche County, and the children of Team Generations Eye Care won the youth prize! Good work everyone!

We managed to raise over \$9,000.00 for the Foundation! That is so amazing and it is all because of the support and participation of some amazing people! This will cover roughly 30 trips!





## From the Community

In case some of you did not know, we are a Signature Charity of Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. Their involvement in the communities around them is amazing, and we are lucky to be able to count on them to help us make a difference in the lives of Cancer patients. Every year they make \$25,000.00 donation to the Foundation to help offset our operational costs. This year we were presented with the cheque at our Annual General Meeting by newly elected President, Chris Hamlyn, who is also a long time employee of ALPAC.



Recently at the start of June for Seniors Week 2022, Kim Lewis and her team at FCSS put on their Seniors Symposium in Boyle, AB. There was so much information and it was so great to see all of the available supports for our seniors! We were invited to present as well and can't thank Kim enough for setting everything up! It was a wonderful experience!





**Hope** is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

SAMUEL SMILES



## We Love Local Campaign

We could not be more grateful to Stingray Radio for their generosity. What we were awarded was 52 weeks of 30 second ads on both the Athabasca and Lac La Biche radio stations! This is huge, and frankly, more than we could have ever expected!

### THE GREAT COMMUNITY GIVEBACK - A BOOM "WE LOVE LOCAL" INITIATIVE

So we would like to thank the team over at Stingray Radio who we will be working with over the next year, our goal right now is to raise awareness for the Foundation and make sure we are reaching everyone who needs our help. This is definitely going to help us achieve that

Stay tuned and keep an ear out for our ads!

*Thank you!*



Who are we?

## Meet Our Team

From now until the next AGM we would like to dedicate a spot in our Newsletter to introducing you to our Executive team members. But alas, the board has outvoted me, and they have decided that I am to tell you a little about myself first. So the Executive will have to wait until the next quarter.



Something that I get asked a lot is,

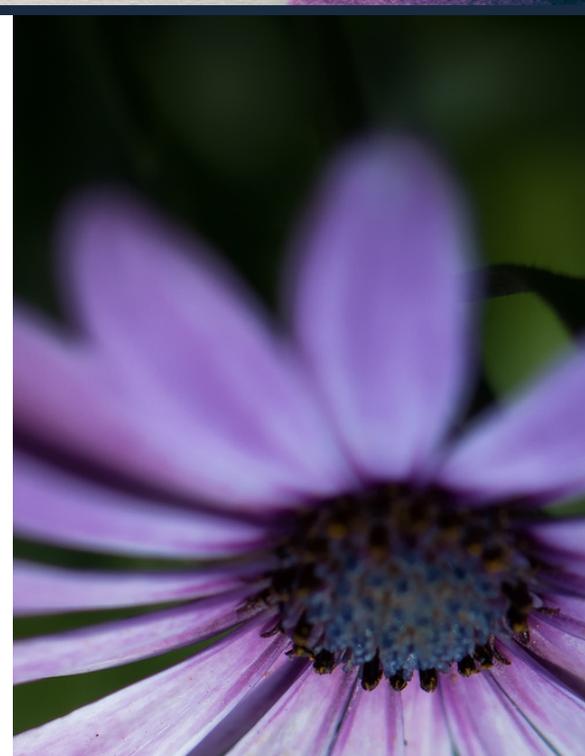
### “ HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH ROAD TO HOPE? ”

It's quite an easy answer. I was always in search of that thing that will make a difference. A way to help people. Something with greater meaning. I felt that I was destined for something more. And out of no where, there it was, a job posting for the Foundation as the new Coordinator. I had butterflies in my stomach when I thought about it, and I was always thinking about it. I suppose that passion shined through in my interview, because here I am, almost a year later still working with amazing individuals to reach and support as many people as we can. And not a day goes by that I turn and look behind me.

My name is Jessica Wallace, and the town of Athabasca has been my home since I was 6. I am now raising my own family of 3 young men and 2 lovely ladies (one has graduated and moved on) and every day brings something new from sports to camping, school and everything in between.

I look forward to our time ahead and seeing what we can do in our communities.

Jessica Wallace | Coordinator





**Hope** is the thing  
with feathers  
that perches in  
the soul - and  
sings the tunes  
without the  
words - and  
never stops at  
all.

EMILY DICKINSON



## Announcements & Updates

The 12th Annual Road to Hope Golf Classic will be taking place September 8th, 2022! Stay tuned for more information on participating, sponsoring or being a volunteer for the day!

If you or someone that you know is dealing with Cancer and requires transportation assistance to their appointments please contact our Coordinator, Jessica Wallace at [coordinator@roadtohope.ca](mailto:coordinator@roadtohope.ca), or call her at 780-327-9442.

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

So far in 2022 we are now at 10 trips a month! We have finished the first half of the year with a total of 16,721 KM! That is approximately 10,000 more KM than the second half of 2021.

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

