

# GETTING TO KNOW CANUCK PLACE

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## What is Canuck Place?

Simply put, we are BC's pediatric palliative care provider.

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## But what does that really mean?

It means that Canuck Place provides innovative and compassionate clinical care to children with life-threatening illnesses and the families who love them all across BC. Canuck Place cares for children and family where and when they need it most, whether in hospice or consultations at home or in hospital.

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## How do you provide this support?

The Canuck Place care team designs care plans that include the physical, psychosocial, social and spiritual needs of each family.

This holistic approach includes medical respite and family support, pain and symptom management, art, music and recreation therapy, education, end-of-life care, grief and loss counselling, as well as outpatient consultations in the home and hospital.

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## How is this different from an adult hospice?

A children's hospice differs greatly from an adult hospice. We work with families throughout the entire span of a child's life; from the point of diagnosis and progression of illness, to bereavement and beyond. With medical advances, pediatric palliative care can be delivered for far longer. Some Canuck Place children even graduate off the program and move into adult care once they turn 19.

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## Why does Canuck Place need donor support?

Canuck Place raises 60% of its annual operating costs. We rely on our caring community of donors to ensure we can continue to be there for children and families when they need us the most. Over the past four years schools and bakeries have raised nearly \$90,000! With your help, we can make that number even bigger!

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## What can you do to help?

You're already doing it! By signing up to participate in Cookie Day, you've taken the first step to make a difference in the lives of Canuck Place children and their families. Thank you!