



NEWS RELEASE

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Desert Valley Hospice Society (DVHS) is excited to announce that they have received a \$32,482 investment from the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund.

DVHS is committed to supporting excellence in the delivery of hospice palliative care and end-of-life services for residents of the communities of Oliver, Osoyoos, Okanagan Falls and areas. The goal of care is the same regardless of setting; to ensure the best possible quality of life for dying people and their families.

For several years, DVHS has been operating with outdated IT equipment. There were no file sharing systems in place and laptops were slow and extremely outdated. Staff were working with less than ideal office and computer equipment. This funding has brought DVHS into the 21st century with its IT systems and has made the workspaces more ergonomically correct. The new systems will help our organization be better equipped in grant writing, monitoring and reporting, will allow us to improve our website platform, and we will be more efficient in our daily operations.

We are so thankful to the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund to be chosen as a recipient of this funding and cannot express how much the new systems, even though the project is not 100% complete, has already changed our working environment. Additionally, we'd like to thank Community Foundation of the South Okanagan for their work in the Community Services Recovery Fund and their continued support for Desert Valley Hospice Society.

"Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Oliver, Osoyoos, Okanagan Falls and areas, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable the organizations that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff, and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Oliver, Osoyoos, Okanagan Falls and areas."

– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

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