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### SAVE THE DATE! HIKE FOR HOSPICE TO RETURN TO HALIBURTON MAY 6, 2018

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, in collaboration with HHHS Community Support Services, is pleased to announce that Hike for Hospice will again take place in the community this spring.

Hike for Hospice is a national fundraising event, co-ordinated through the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, to raise awareness and funds, which stay with the local community.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to re-establish a well-regarded event in the community", said Lisa Tompkins, Executive Director HHHS Foundation. "Hike for Hospice is a good complement to the fundraising achievements for the recently-completed Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre, and will help to support future needs of hospice and palliative programs in the community".

Beyond fundraising, the event provides a medium for family and friends to celebrate the lives of palliative patients, and to raise awareness for the great work done in the community by staff and volunteers.

"Being part of a national initiative such as Hike for Hospice will help to highlight the important work in hospice and palliative, as well as grief support, that is a priority for us at HHHS, both in-hospital and in the community", added Carolyn Plummer, HHHS President and Chief Executive Officer.

Hike for Hospice will take place Sunday, May 6, 2018 in Haliburton. A dedicated website to provide event and location information, as well as for hike registration and hike sponsorships and donations will be available shortly.

Visit hhhs.ca/foundation for more information.

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### **About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation**

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County, for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money is raised through personal, business & corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate their time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities.

## About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Hospital Care (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, Primary Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.