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## \$11,700 Donation Made to Nanaimo Community Hospice Society

NANAIMO, BC (September 15, 2016) At the second meeting of the non-profit organization 100 Women Who Care Mid-Island, members voted to donate \$11,700 to Nanaimo Community Hospice Society, a registered charity that provides a variety of supports to the dying, and their families and friends.

“We were absolutely delighted to learn 100 Women chose our charity to receive this amazing donation,” said Karyn French, Executive Director of the Nanaimo Community Hospice Society. “Hospice offers free programs, resources and education to everyone struggling with the challenges of dying, caregiving and grieving. And demand for our services is growing. Fundraising is ongoing—since only 4% of our budget comes from government—and a donation of this magnitude will allow us to respond to the growing need for our services.”

100 Women Who Care Mid-Island is a not-for-profit organization that makes a quarterly donation to a registered charity in Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, a community in-between, or Gabriola Island. Members of 100 Women Who Care Mid-Island make a one-year commitment to the organization, agree to attend four one-hour meetings and write four \$100 cheques. Members nominate charities and at quarterly meetings, three charity names are drawn out of a basket. Nominating members make presentations about their charity of choice and members vote, by secret ballot, for one of the three charities. Before leaving their meetings, all members write a \$100 cheque to the charity that received the most votes.

“We are very pleased to be making a donation to Nanaimo Community Hospice Society,” said Leanne Kelly, Chair of 100 Women Who Care Mid-Island. “At our second meeting, we learned so much about their organization. In addition to providing expert and gentle care to people in the final stage of life, they provide a support for families and friends. They have programs for children, can help with paper work and navigating “the system”, and there is so much more. It’s all free, and clients are always welcome to come back and tap into resources for as many years as they need them.”

The next 100 Women Who Care Mid-island meeting is December 14, 2016. Information about the chapter and becoming a member is at: <http://100womenmidisland.weebly.com/>

### **About**

Inspired by the success of 100 Women Who Care Victoria, Leanne Kelly gathered a group of like-minded women together to form a mid-island chapter. On June 8, 2016, at the first meeting of 100 Women Who Care Mid-Island, 103 members made their first donation of \$10,300 to Ladysmith Family and Friends (LAFF), a family centre that promotes the development and nurturing, of healthy and happy families.

The first 100 Women Who Care chapter was formed in November 2006 by Karen Dunigan of Jackson, Michigan. At that first meeting, over \$12,000 was raised to buy 300 new baby cribs for a local charity.

Currently there are over 350 active 100 Who Care Chapters located throughout the world.

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