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THE ROAD TO HOPE



Official Newsletter of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation

Words from our Vice President

Hello Road to Hope Community,

My name is Rick Baksza, and I am the Vice President of the Road to Hope Community Support Foundation. I wanted to take a moment to share how much fun we had at the Lac La Biche golf tournament! It was a fantastic event filled with camaraderie, laughter, and friendly competition, and I must mention the Amazing Prizes, Wow!

Now I am eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone at the Athabasca golf tournament. It's going to be another great opportunity to come together, enjoy some golf, and support a worthy cause. Let's make it a memorable day! See you all on the greens!

Best regards, Rick Baksza

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1st Annual Spring Scramble

With a full house of 72 golfers, our inaugural Spring Scramble was a fantastic success! Held on June 13th at the Lac La Biche Golf Club, the weather may have been a little damp, but not people's spirits! Everyone seemed to have had a fantastic time and the entire day came together so well.

Most of us know someone who is impacted by Cancer, those were the words that we all kept with us throughout the day. With fundraisers like this, we are able to keep our doors open and continue on helping individuals get to their cancer related appointments. We had so many wonderful sponsors involved for this event, and we cannot thank them enough. We are always moving forward and thinking of new ways to grow, and its days like this that just give you that Hope that bigger and better things are to come.

Hopeful, We
are halfway to
where we want
to go;
Hopeless, we
are lost
forever.





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See you in June of 2025 for the 2nd Annual Spring Scramble



Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.

We have been here since 2008. There have been some ups and down, but it has been an amazing 16 years of helping people in the Lac La Biche and Athabasca Counties get to their cancer related appointments. For those of you who don't know, we are the Signature Charity for Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.

In the beginning they were heavily involved with every aspect of how the Foundation ran having formed us along side the communities we serve. As we became more self-sufficient, they slowly handed over the reins to our Board, but remain to this day an integral part of who we are. We have active and retired team members who drive for us, work with our Board and they donate \$25,000 to us annually to help offset our driving expenses and keep our doors open.

As the Coordinator I get phone calls quite often from other communities all over the province. We have had clients move away to different places who stay in touch. One thing that they have in common is they all want to know if there are other groups like us here in Alberta. To my knowledge we are unique and we stand alone. That is a heady piece of information to have, and it fuels the passion that we all have to keep Road to Hope going strong.

Thank-you to ALPAC for all that you have done, and do, from the beginning and into the future.



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Our 2024 - 2025 Board

Our Annual General Meeting was held on May 8th, 2024 in Grassland at the Community Hall, thank you so much for all of those who attended! Our new Board of Directors were voted in along with some regular AGM business. 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 2024/2025 Executive Officers and Directors, congratulations folks!

Executive Officers & Time on the Board :

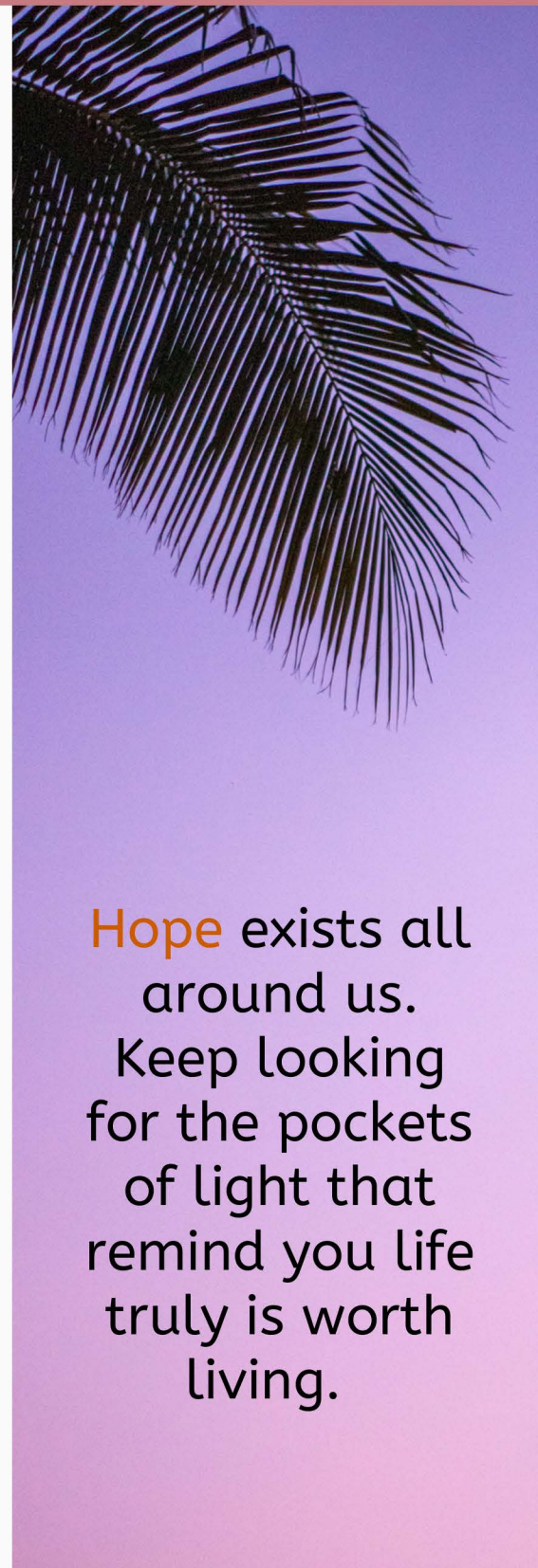
President	Blair Norton	2nd Term
Vice President	Rick Baksza	2nd Term
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Directors & Time on the Board:

Bernice Aasen	1st Term
Del Day	2nd Term
Frank Ponto	1st Term
Lyndi Mills	11th Term

Thank-you everyone who has joined the ranks with the incredible volunteers here. 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!



Hope exists all around us. Keep looking for the pockets of light that remind you life truly is worth living.



14th Annual Golf Classic

Every year we hold a Texas Scramble style golf tournament at the Athabasca Golf & Country Club. This year the date will be on Thursday, September 5th, 2024 and we hope to see you there!

We have multiple opportunities for you to get involved such as sponsorships, prize donations, volunteering, Hole In One sponsor, etc. If any of those things sound like something that you would be able to do let us know! There are advertisement spots available depending on the level of your involvement, and the day is always such a great time!

With various contests throughout the day almost every hole will have something to offer! Toonie Prize Draws up at the Clubhouse, 50/50, a Spin to Win Hole, Team Prizes, Chipping and Putting Contests, and then the usual Longest Drive, KP, Longest Putt, Shortest Drive all for both Men and Women!

If you would like more information on how you get get involved with the tournament, please call or text our Coordinator Jessica at 780-327-9442 or you can email her at coordinator@roadtohope.ca

You may also visit our website at : www.roadtohope.ca for more information!

Don't wait too long, this one sells out quick and the deadline for registrations is going to be August 22nd.





Get Involved with Road to Hope

If you or someone you know is dealing with cancer and could use transportation assistance to their cancer related appointments, please contact our Coordinator Jessica at 780-327-9442 or coordinator@roadtohope.ca

Our clients are encouraged to have a companion go with them if that will help make the trip more comfortable, at no charge.

The trips may be for scans, doctor visits, treatments, picking up medications, so long as it is directly related to cancer. The trips are at no charge to the client.

We are in need of drivers in both the county of Athabasca and the County of Lac La Biche. If you or someone you know is interested please get in touch with our Coordinator Jessica today.

Our drivers are able to claim mileage at rates set out annually by the CRA which is currently \$0.70 per km for the first 5,000 km. They can also submit a meal expense for themselves and the client.

The future is bright with **Hope**, for **Hope** fuels our dreams and fuels our actions.

