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North Okanagan Hospice Society to Receive 2023 Kindness Meter Donations

In 2023, \$1,108 was collected through the Kindness Meters Donations program. Council has directed that the funds be distributed to North Okanagan Hospice Society.

“In our community, there’s a growing desire to make a positive impact, but they don’t always know how to help,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “The Kindness Meter program is another way for that giving. This program helps our non-profit community with much-needed and timely funds to help with services for those less fortunate.”

In 2016, the City of Vernon initiated the Kindness Meter program. The goal was to install easily identifiable meters (that are painted orange) in the downtown core to allow citizens the opportunity to donate their spare change, which is collected and given to a local organization serving the disadvantaged or homeless in our community.

Over the past eight years, Vernon has generously donated thousands of dollars that benefit a number of local organizations who serve those in need.

All money collected stays in Vernon to help Vernon residents.

Since 2016, Kindness Meter donations have been distributed to the following organizations:

- 2022 – Salvation Army Food Bank \$266
- 2021 – People Place Society \$318.91
- 2020 – Archway Society for Domestic Peace \$389
- 2019 – Vernon Community Dental Access Centre \$711
- 2018 – North Okanagan Youth and Family Services \$672
- 2017 – Upper Room Mission \$1,799.
- 2016 – Salvation Army Food Bank \$1,864.

The City has installed five orange kindness meters in the downtown area.