Compassionate City Charter
City Community & Corporate Services
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We are a death defying society.

Compassionate Cities are communities that recognize that all natural cycles of sickness and health, birth and death, and love and loss occur every day.

A compassionate city recognizes care for one another at times of crisis and loss is everyone's responsibility.

Compassionate Cities are communities that publicly encourage, facilitate, support and celebrate care for one another. It’s about making “living and dying well” the norm.
The Compassionate City Charter is a framework of 12 social changes that lead communities towards being compassionate cities. This is an international initiative that was released May 2015.

City of Burlington  Schools  
Workplaces  Service Clubs  
Churches/Temles  Museums/Art Gallery  
Hospices/Nursing Homes  Media  
Public Relations  Homeless

Carpenter Hospice

How will this help residents during their palliative journey?
- Provide more support on top of medical support.
- Increase their understand of their options.
- Reduce Caregiver burden.

The charter will help to reduce the stress, the patient and family will feel during what is already a very stressful time.
A need for Community Outreach

Informal Care
90% of the Day
Spouse
Family

Formal Care
10% of the Day
Drs, RNs, NPs, PSWs

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Caregiver
Family
Friends
Schools
Municipalities
Churches
Temples
Community Agencies

Neighbours
Workplaces
Volunteers
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Making Moments Matter

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