

## **Student Community Volunteer Leadership Program**

The goal of the Student Community Volunteer Leadership Program is to give high school students meaningful opportunities to engage in the community through volunteer and leadership activities. Students will apply to fill roles that include volunteering at the Hospice House; volunteering to assist home bound patients; volunteering to assist in the office; volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors. There will be an application and selection process. Students who are selected will be required to make a 12-week commitment to the program.

**There will be 3 sessions offered throughout the coming year:**

<b>Summer Session 2015</b>	June 8 – August 29, 2015
<b>Fall Session 2015</b>	September 28 – December 19, 2015
<b>Spring Session 2016</b>	January 18 – April 9, 2016

Upon completing the program, each student participant will be asked to complete an evaluation form that seeks to evaluate the benefit of their experience in the program and provide an opportunity for feedback that might help to strengthen the program going forward.

Upon successfully completing the 10-week program, students will become eligible to apply for a scholarship of \$500 towards educational opportunities. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually, just prior to the end of the academic year based on an application process that includes future related to education, employment, and community engagement; a sound understanding of the value of commitment to community, volunteerism and leadership; demonstration of past and/or current engagement and/or leadership within the student's school and/or community; and financial need.

Upon completion of the program, students will be invited to attend the Annual Hospice Charity Ball event held each spring, where they will be introduced as student volunteer leaders who have successfully completed the Community Volunteer Leadership Program. Each student will receive a Certificate of Completion, will be publically recognized in the local newspaper as Community Volunteer Leader, and will share thoughts related to their experience as a guest on Prairie Home Hospice & Community Care's monthly radio program.