



What is a Compassionate Community?

A Compassionate Community is a community of people who are passionate and committed to improve the experiences of those living with a serious illness, caregiving, dying and grieving. A Compassionate Community takes an active role in caring for people affected by these experiences, connects people to supports, raises awareness about end-of-life issues, and builds supportive networks.

Each community may adapt this definition to create its own vision.

What does a Compassionate Community look like?

A community where people support each other during serious illness, end of life and grief.

A community where people plan in advance for the way they want to be treated and cared for during serious illness and near end of life.

A community that helps its people to live well and with dignity right until the end.

The development of the Compassionate Community Ideal was informed by the experience of compassionate communities' champions from across British Columbia.