



Peggy loves volunteering and aims to make a positive difference for her community.

Peggy Makofka believes she and fellow members of David Thompson Health Advisory Council (HAC) can do good work in rural communities by listening to their neighbours' concerns and connecting their community to healthcare leadership at Alberta Health Services in order to resolve issues.



When it comes to fun, Peggy loves to travel, sew quilts and volunteer along with her family.

"I enjoy volunteering — especially with groups that can make a difference."

Peggy's desire to help others is reflected in her longtime career, as well, as an employee with 32 years of service for Rimbey Family & Community Support Services.

Some challenging and life-changing experiences have given her a deep appreciation of the importance of access to the full spectrum of healthcare services, particularly for rural and smaller communities.

"One event that put me on my life's path to council occurred when my son became seriously ill with MS — and is now confined to a wheelchair and needs constant care. Then my daughter came down with rheumatoid arthritis and requires extra care. I also have two grandkids with serious chronic illnesses."

Peggy says she'd like her neighbours to know that "councils are made up of folks just like you — and we represent you. The David Thompson HAC has done good work in rural communities by listening to your concerns and sharing this information with healthcare leaders who have the power to make changes."

Peggy looks forward to keeping the lines of communication flowing strongly in both directions — as she works to improve healthcare with the desire "to see folks feel content in their communities."

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