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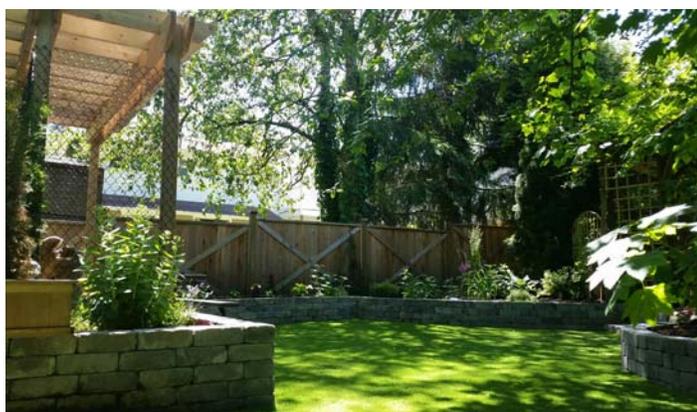
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Langley Hospice Society, a community-based, non-profit organization, provides compassionate support to help people live with dignity and hope while coping with grief and the end of life.



Horizon Children's Garden: A New Addition to Our Supportive Programs Centre



The Horizon Children's Garden—a unique project for our Langley Hospice Supportive Programs Centre led by Langley-based, **Horizon Landscape Contractors**—opened August 13 at our annual Garden Party.

An enormous heart felt thank you to Brian Dougherty and Todd Lee and the phenomenal team from Horizon Landscape Contractors who took on this project from the get-go and donated an enormous amount of hours to create this spectacular space. They took our vision



Our amazing Children's Garden team: Barry Vignal, Burnco Landscape Centres; Brian Dougherty, Colin MacDonald, Todd Lee and Kris Sutherland from Horizon Landscape Contractors; and Langley Hospice volunteers: Colleen McLaren, Thornton Smith, Bob Meighen, Sydney Carrick and Ruth Noble

for a unique and inspiring, child-friendly outdoor programming space and made it a reality with the help of so many others. This unique space will allow Langley Hospice Child & Youth Bereavement staff and volunteers to utilize nature to help explain the cycle of life, and provide opportunities for memorial activities like the "love locks" on the chain link fencing surrounding the arbor, paving stones, and other seasonal planting activities. These activities and spaces help facilitate conversations with the children and youth who access support, in maneuvering through their grief after the loss of a loved one.

Our thanks to :

- ◆ **Jarrod McAleese** of **Samara Designs** who designed the unique space
- ◆ To **Barry Vignall** and **Allan Bloxom** from **Burnco Landscape Centers** for the all of the gravel and soil, and so much more
- ◆ **Anders Danielsson** of **Abbotsford Concrete Products** for the amazing stone work in the garden
- ◆ **Shaun Hunt** of **Bella Turf**, for the fabulous turf in the garden... blissfully unaffected by watering restrictions!
- ◆ **Tracy Reitsma** from **Western Water Farms** for the carefully chosen water feature
- ◆ **Rob VanZanten** from **Pan American Nurseries** for the majority of the plantings in the garden
- ◆ **Louis Murgg** from **Forevergreen Landscaping** for the crucial watering system
- ◆ **The Zoe Project** for the intricate, child-friendly details and the support for the gravel paths;
- ◆ **Rite-Way Fencing** for the chain-link fence for our memorial lock project
- ◆ **Surrey Cedar** for the cedar for the arbor
- ◆ **Diane Gillis** and the **Fraser Valley Orchid Society** for the picnic tables
- ◆ **Castle Hill Contracting** for their installation of the fencing
- ◆ **Brenda Murphy** for the fabulous bird houses
- ◆ **Carolyn Carter** for her donations of garden tools and accessories and many of the lovely statues throughout the garden
- ◆ **Marcy Court** for the hostas and other plantings
- ◆ **Sydney and Kevin Carrick** and **Ruth Noble** for the shed re-organizations and shelving systems ...the list goes on.

Finally to the Langley Hospice Volunteer Garden Team, led by Sydney Carrick and Thornton Smith, and the rest of this amazing group of volunteers: Ruth Noble, Colleen Maclaren, Roy Clements, Bob Meighen, Dale Attrell who have provided hundreds of hours between them to help create and maintain this fabulous space and the adjoining grounds. We are truly blessed to have these fabulous folks on our team.



*"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you,
I could walk in my garden forever."*

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson ~

Hospice Residence Gets Lovely New Gardens, Too!

Bob Meighen loves to garden. Growing, nurturing and coaxing plants to life runs in Bob's veins. The drab exterior ambiance at the Hospice Residence didn't sit well with Bob. So over time he just took it on himself. He bought a little of this and a little of that until there were planters overflowing with colourful blooms alongside the gazebo, a little rose bush poking around the corner and a clematis trying to scale the far side.



So that was the beginning. Bob helped us see that something could be done. This past year a group of inveterate gardeners, encouraged by Fernande Ouellette, Langley Hospice Palliative Program Coordinator, joined together with him to expand on Bob's vision. With a little help from our nursery friends in the community we created a lovely vision for our

residents and guests, transforming the outside of the residence. We began by pulling out sick bushes, pruning trees, installing landscape ties, and finally topdressing with crushed gravel. **Aarts Nursery** made up four lovely pots. Those fountain grasses and calla lilies were showpieces as the summer progressed. **Clearview Garden Centre** and **Port Kells Nursery** added two more pots each. Then the gardening team created four large cedar planters under the family room window and planted along the gazebo with geraniums. We discovered Fernande and Judy Cox like to work with their bare hands, getting dirt under their nails: it keeps them connected to the earth. Some of us preferred gloves! In the end pink and white petunias tumbled over the edge of the containers jostling for space with potato vines, and richly coloured geraniums, donated by **Darvonda Nursery**, reached for the sun. Who knew how many plants can fit in one 24" square cedar planter? The new watering system, assisted by willing volunteers, kept those pots lovely through our drought-filled summer.



Our Hospice Residence gardening volunteers: Cassie Kraemer, Nancy Laviolette, Thornton Smith, Judy Cox and Bob Meighen



This past week the team met with some reluctance to pull the plants out of the summer planters. More dirty finger nails. But there is promise for the future. We put over three hundred bulbs in those pots along with a windfall of pansies which Nancy Laviolette tucked on top and dusted carefully with bone meal. As we watered the newly planted pots and Thornton Smith loaded the compost bags into his truck, we had visions of crocuses, daffodils and tulips exploding from

the pots. As I wheeled the red wheelbarrow to the car, we were already scheming about what we could plant next spring to make it even more beautiful.

Thank you to our community partners, the gardening team and Langley Hospice Society for making a dream a reality, beautifying the space for our residents and visitors.

Cassie Kraemer
Hospice Residence Client/Gardening Volunteer

New Faces...

Marriane Badley, our new **Adult Bereavement Coordinator**, was originally from White Rock but left when she was nineteen and moved to Ontario, taking on several jobs before returning to school to obtain her MSW. Married for almost 26 years until her husband died, she then moved to Nunavut where she was director of health and social services at varying locations through that territory. She left Nunavut in 2013 and worked for March of Dimes in Waterloo, Ontario before returning to BC in October of 2014 to care for her uncle. After his death, it was time for her to return to work, and she found herself at Langley Hospice. We are delighted to have Marriane join us!

Welcome to our new **Child & Youth Bereavement Worker, Valerie Williams**. Valerie told us a little about how she came to Langley Hospice: "My little sister died of cancer when I was 19 and studying Kinesiology in University. After years of struggling and using outdoor adventure to help me move through my grief, I knew I wanted to help other young people who are trying to cope with grief. I attended the National Alliance For Grieving Children Conference this past June and loved the work everyone was doing. I also started a blog called *Empowered By Challenge* as a way to share my experience and empower other young people struggling with the death of someone close to them. Some of my many hobbies include rock climbing, hiking, biking, kayaking and skiing." Valerie started with us on October 5, and will be working mainly with teens, both here in the office and in schools. We hope you enjoy your time with Langley Hospice, Valerie!

Sincere Thanks...

Many thanks to all of you who helped out at **The West Fine Art Show** and our **Garden Party** in August, and at the **Caring Hearts Gala** in October. So many volunteers turned out to give us a hand, and helped raise money for hospice, too! We really appreciate you answering the call!



Thank you to the volunteers at the **Second Story Treasures Thrift Store**, who banded together and collected enough to donate a much-needed leaf blower to the new children's garden, presented in this photo on behalf of the many store volunteers by Dave & Kay Turner, to Linda Sheridan, Child & Youth Bereavement Coordinator. The leafblower is a very welcome contribution to our new garden space!

And of course, our heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers, all year round!

Happenings...

The West Fine Art Show ~ Remembering Betty This was the 6th Annual West Fine Art Show, and the third show in partnership with the Langley Hospice Society, held annually in memory of Murray Phillips' late wife, Betty Phillips. The show, hosted by the Thunderbird Show Park, and sharing the site with their Summer Fort Festival, was a phenomenal success which saw more than \$50,000.00 in art sales throughout the weekend, of which 25% of sales (more than \$12,000.00) benefit the Langley Hospice Society.



Brian Croft & Murray Phillips

Langley Hospice is thankful for the partnership with the West Fine Art Society, event sponsors like Annabel Young of Homelife Benchmark Realty in Walnut Grove, volunteers, and the amazing group of Western Canadian artists who participate annually, raising important funds and awareness to assist the Society in ensuring access to important palliative and bereavement care, and support programs and services in our community, for our community.

Langley Hospice Garden Party This year's Garden Party was held on August 13, with a great turnout and fabulous weather! Guests were treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres by Sean Bone of the Osso Lunchroom, and entertainment was provided by Matthew Silverman on Spanish guitar and Dave Turner's piano stylings. In addition to our annual update and thanks to donors and supporters, the Horizon Children's Garden reveal was this year's highlight.

Second Story Treasures Fall Flip Even with the air conditioning on the fritz, the garage door breaking down, and missing some important parts and pieces of furniture, this year's Fall Flip was a huge success, with total sales of \$4,887.00 for the day. Congratulations to the store staff and volunteers for a job well done!



Willowbrook Shopping Centre's "That's the Spirit" Charity Shopping Event Once again, Willowbrook Shopping Centre is sponsoring its Christmas shopping event, with \$12,000+ in prizes and giveaways, free Santa photos, free refreshments, live entertainment, store discounts of up to 50%, and much more. \$10 tickets are available at the Langley Hospice Society's Supportive Programs Centre; Second Story Treasures Thrift Store, Willowbrook's Customer Service Centre OR online at: www.shopwillowbrook.com. Please note: 100% of ticket proceeds benefit local charities; tickets sold at our office or the thrift store go entirely to Langley Hospice!

Volunteer Hours: March 1– September 30, 2015

- ♥ Client Volunteers 6,846 hours
- ♥ Store Volunteers 10,685 hours
- ♥ Office, Events, Board Newsletter & Other 1,486 hours

Wow! That's a total of 19,017 hours over seven months!
Thanks for each and every one of them!



Journey Through the Holidays Memorial Service

Langley Hospice Society is offering a celebration of life in the memory of your loved one on **Wednesday, December 9, 2015** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm (registration opens at 6:45pm) at our Supportive Programs Centre at 20660 – 48th Avenue, Langley.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for any of us who have lost a loved one. At Langley Hospice Society, we offer a warm evening of commemoration, candle lighting and friendship. As part of our celebration, we will share a slide show, and you are invited to provide pictures of your loved one, which can be dropped off or emailed to marrianebadley@langleyhospice.com or to info@langleyhospice.com (Subject: Journey through the Holidays). **The photos will be returned to you** and a CD copy of the presentation will be available at no cost. Please note the last date to drop-off/email pictures is **November 28, 2015**.

For more information about this memorial event, or to register, please contact Marriane at **604-530-1115**. **Due to limited seating, you must RSVP by November 28, 2015. Please let us know if you would like to bring additional guests as well.**

Celebrate a Life Every year, Celebrate A Life creates an opportunity for people to honour the memory of a loved one who has died by writing their name on an ornament and placing it on one of our Christmas trees in the mall and writing in the Memory Book. We are looking for **volunteers** who are willing to "lend an ear" and help out this year from **November 27 to December 13, 2015** at Willowbrook Mall, 19705 Fraser Highway, Langley (in the mall outside Urban Planet). Shifts available: **Mondays – Saturdays:** 9:15am-1:15pm; 1:15pm-5:15pm; and 5:15pm-9:15pm; **Sundays:** 10:45am-2:15pm; 2:15pm-6:15pm. Contact Denise at (604) 530-1115 or at denisestation@langleyhospice.com.



Welcome - New Volunteers

A heartfelt welcome to the following new volunteers:

- ♥ **Adult Bereavement**
Maureen Lum-Davies
- ♥ **Children's Program**

Chiara Casellato	Mitchell Delgado	April Fanstone
Leah Hartman	Thomas Hurley	Janice Jonathan
Jazlyn Melnychuk	Tara Rahiman	Megan Salcak
Pearldeep Takhar	Emily Thiessen	Rodney Zachariuk
- ♥ **Gardening Team**
Dale Attrell Roy Clements
- ♥ **Office**
Valerie Cairns Arthur MacNeil Ana Santos-Guillen
Kim Star Heidi Summers
- ♥ **Palliative Program**
Louise Foster Leah Hartman Lana Higginbotham
Maureen Lum-Davies Cathy Moleschi Virginia Smith
- ♥ **Second Story Treasures**
Carol Collett Colleen Davidson Beverly Nathaniel
Keylia Rodrigues Silvia Venus Alicia Vlasik
- ♥ **Special Events**
Christine Balinski Marian Balinski

**April–September, 2015
Donations Made in Memory of:**

Ross Atkinson
Marie Beselt
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