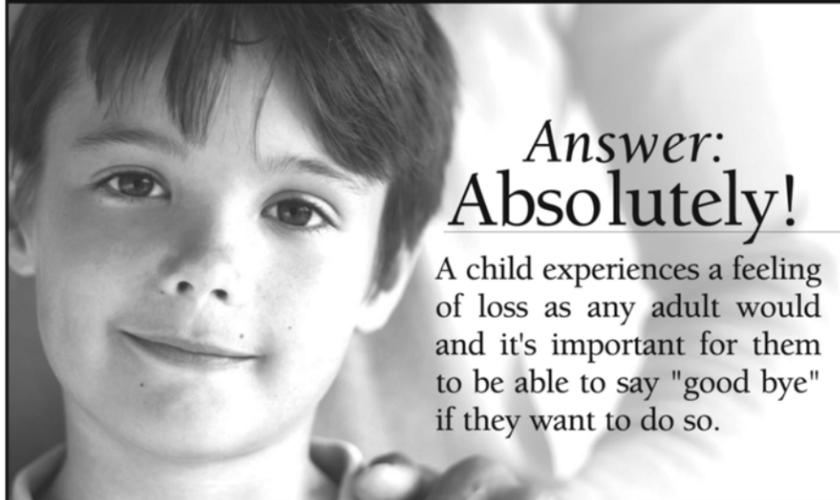


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# Langley Hospice News

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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.



*It is with great sadness that we announce the death of one of our long-standing volunteers, Dorothea Klein. Dorothea had volunteered with the Langley Hospice Society since 1992 in many capacities; however, her passion was accompanying the dying and the bereaved to whom her mere "presence" provided comfort and solace. She also leaves many legacies, one of which is that "it is possible to be at Peace in any situation." Dorothea is, and will be, greatly missed by her fellow volunteers, the staff at the office and the hospice residence staff.*



**Remembering  
Dorothea Renate Klein  
(1952 - 2008)**

What a life well lived!

As an older sister, I knew her from her birth to her last breath, on June 6, 2008.

Even though she was much younger, she has always been a model and teacher to me. I admired her for so many qualities, her self-discipline, intelligence, good judgement, courage, honesty, integrity, reliability, trustworthiness, tolerance and patience, generosity, humbleness, but most of all, for her ability to love unconditionally.

Dorothea was a true giver: she gave beautiful smiles, her time and energy to help people and charities, thoughtful cards and generous presents for all occasions. She was very selfless and what mattered to her most was to love and to serve humankind.

We, who attended her good-bye party on June 1, 2008, witnessed the energy she had for people. Although, due to kidney failure, she could not stay awake more than fifteen minutes since she came out of the hospital, on June 1 she was alert and awake for more than eight hours. Who can forget that final speech of hers teaching us not to fear death?

I feel deeply saddened that she left us at such a young age and I will always miss her.

Dorothea was born after my other younger sister died in a tragic accident. My parents gave her the name Dorothea Renate, meaning the "reborn gift of God". To me Dorothea was the reborn gift of God for which I am very thankful.

Margrethe Sorenson

**The King Family and Second Story Treasures Thrift Store Volunteers Support the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Journey Walk/Run for Remembrance**

The King family joined forces with volunteers from Second Story Treasures Hospice Thrift Store to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Journey Walk/Run for Remembrance held on June 8, 2008. They collected pledges and walked in memory of Dan King who passed away four months ago. Dan's widow Joyce has volunteered several days a week at the Hospice Thrift Store for the past five years.

Over \$15,000 was raised and out of that amount, over \$4,600 was raised by three teams of thrift store volunteers and the King family team. This contribution enables Langley Hospice to offer palliative and bereavement support programs free of charge to the community. That is indeed a wonderful tribute to Dan King.

Joyce remarks "It's another way for the family to express their devotion to Dan, to do something in memory of their dad and their grandpa". "It was a good exercise for us to work through our grief".

Joyce also acknowledges the compassionate support she received from the thrift store volunteers and was anxious to get back to her volunteer work. Diane Boyd, thrift store manager provides leadership to 75 volunteers who are responsible for the success of the store. Second Story Treasures is an important community endeavor and is a significant fundraising source for the Society, contributing over 32% of the net revenue.



The King Family at the 2008 walk/run



## FAREWELLS & NEW FACES

Welcome to **Kim Saggau**, who started July 14, 2008 as our new Second Story Treasures Thrift Store Assistant Manager. Kim has many years of experience in retail in the Lower Mainland.

We say good-bye to **Juanita Fleming**, our Bereavement Support Counsellor for the last year. Juanita will be working with the Mission Hospice Society, but leaves this message for everyone at Langley Hospice:

To the Langley Hospice Staff and Community:

The time has come to say goodbye as I leave with both excitement and with regret. I am excited to be starting a new job with new expectations and new possibilities, but at the same time, I have some regrets and one of those regrets is to be moving far away from all of you.

To the Langley community and to all the clients that invited me as a guest into their lives I say thank you and may your lives be filled with peace. Your capacity to love and to complete your journeys humble me. What a gift to have met you all.

When I think of my colleagues at Langley Hospice Society I think of this quote:

*"The love, kindnesses, and value we have given authentically to others will be our remaining treasures at the end of life."* - Steve Brunkhorst

I will carry the treasures you have given me always. You have taught me so much and I will miss you all.

Warm and peaceful regards,  
Juanita Fleming

### Would You Like to Get Your Newsletter by E-Mail?

We are still trying to reduce the numbers of newsletters we print and mail out. If you would be willing to receive your copy electronically, please send your e-mail address to: [info@langleyhospice.com](mailto:info@langleyhospice.com), and help us to reduce our mailing costs and save a few trees!

## HAPPENINGS...

### Journey Walk/Run for Remembrance

This year's event was well-attended by over 125 people walking, running and volunteering at the George Preston Recreation Centre on June 8, 2008. We raised over \$15,000 to support hospice programs and services! Congratulations to our event winners:



10K Men's      1st prize Rob Reid  
                    2nd prize Dallas Bittner  
                    3rd prize John Perkins

10K Women's    1st prize Jane Kupiak  
                      2nd prize Annette Adler  
                      3rd prize Cathy Empey

Langley Hospice Spirit Awards are presented to the Team, Family and Individual who raise the most pledge money for this event. Our Spirit Award winners this year are:

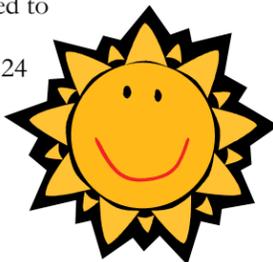
Team              Second Story Troopers #2  
Family            "Mugs" Team  
Individual        Mary Chorm

A big, heartfelt *thank you* to all the volunteers that were involved ~ we appreciate all the hard work and support you gave at this event!



### Camp Chrysalis Summer Retreat

Langley Hospice will be offering a Child and Teen weekend retreat this summer from August 22-24 at the beautiful Camp Elkgrove which borders Aldergrove Lake Park. Although we will be offering traditional camp activities such as games, arts and crafts, the entire camp program is sensitive to diverse cultures and shaped by the core belief that each child needs to be supported to express feelings, grieve and grow in their own way. We will be offering 24 spots to children ages 7-14 as well as a leadership program for youths ages 14-20. There is no charge for participation in this program.



# Volunteer Corner

## Condensed Hospice Training at Second Story Treasures

Many of the customers and donors that visit Second Story Treasures have a story to share about a death that they have experienced. Sometimes, it is a fellow volunteer that has experienced a loss. And



sometimes, they may get emotional. The goal of the Condensed Hospice Training is to empower the volunteers with the tools to be a positive support for those who are grieving.



Four three-hour sessions of this condensed version of Langley Hospice's Basic Hospice Training was held at Second Story Treasures through the months of May



and June for the store volunteers. It was facilitated by Fernande Ouellette and Adrienne Wong, and they are working on setting up more training sessions. The training received positive and encouraging feedback:

- ◆ "Very useful...Certainly needed a refresher to remind me and reinforce listening skills, nonjudgmental practices, pitfalls, boundaries etc."
- ◆ "It gave me a better understanding of the importance of listening to a person who is suffering and not pushing my thoughts on them of what I may have experienced."
- ◆ "Very helpful - both for use with strangers in the shop as well as with friends and family."

Heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers for their continued commitment and support. We couldn't do it without you!

### Volunteer Hours February 1 — May 31, 2008

- ♥ Client Volunteers                      2,103 hours
- ♥ Store Volunteers                        6,299 hours
- ♥ Office, Events, Board  
Newsletter & Other                      1,092 hours

Thanks to all of you for your generous commitment to Langley Hospice!

### Welcome - New Volunteers

A heartfelt welcome to the following new volunteers:

- ♥ **Second Story Treasures**  
Lois Narayan                      Doreen Shane
- ♥ **Office**  
Elvira Saavedra
- ♥ **Client Volunteers**  
Marie Baillargeon                Arthur Bucholtz  
John McCredie                    Peggy Newton  
Margaret Scherba                Sherry Young

**Anniversaries** Congratulations to **Marlene Thomas**, who is celebrating her five-year anniversary with us—we really appreciate your dedication to Langley Hospice!

# WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to join our **Clean-Up Crew** for **Camp Chrysalis**. We need individuals for a couple of hours on **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, who will help us clean up the camp after the campers have left. For more details, or if you are interested, please contact Adrienne Wong, Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator, at (604) 530-1115.