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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.



Dorscie Paterson Receives the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association 2007 Shara Lee Volunteer Award

Dorscie Paterson, age 94, has been a dedicated hospice visiting volunteer since the incorporation of Langley Hospice in 1983. She holds the distinction, as a founding member, of being part of the first volunteer group trained in Hospice/Palliative Care to deliver compassionate support to people with a life threatening illness and their families in the community of Langley and area.

Over the past 24 years, Dorscie has contributed thousands of quality volunteer hours. Volunteering at hospice is a demanding job requiring great empathy for those coming to terms with terminal illness and disease; people who are often emotionally and psychologically stressed. Dorscie's unbeatable and lively spirit, her friendship and her fearlessness in the face of life's tribulations provide great support to hospice clients and their families.

Dorscie listens with her heart and soul, offers assurance and helps to alleviate fears. She enjoys the trusting relationships and caring bonds she establishes with both the patients and their families.

In addition to her dedication at the grassroots level, Dorscie also plays an important leadership role. She is on the board of directors for the Langley Hospice Society and has much to contribute to the progressive strategic direction the Society is moving toward. Dorscie is also on the board of directors for the Langley Hospice Foundation, the fundraising arm of the organization. She has volunteered countless hours at fundraising events and does not shy away from flipping a burger, selling 50/50 tickets, collecting pledges for an annual Walk/Run for remembrance or attending a booth at a health forum.

Even though Dorscie celebrated her 94th birthday on January 25 of this year, she shows no signs of slowing down. She continues to do a regular four-hour shift on Sundays, supporting palliative patients and their families at the 10-Bed Hospice Residence and covers other shifts as needed. In addition to this, she is still actively involved in the activities of both Boards.

Langley Hospice and the entire community have been blessed to have Dorscie Paterson as a committed and passionate volunteer for over 24 years.



Dorscie accepts the BCHPCA 2007 Shara Lee Volunteer Award presented by Sandra Castle and BCHPCA Board members Barb Fitzsimmons and Meg Milner.



Langley Hospice Receives Funds for Children's Grief Program

At the BC Hospice Palliative Care Conference in Vancouver, Langley Hospice was presented with the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Grant in the amount of \$4,000 for Enhanced End-of-Life
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Care. This grant will be used to fund the Langley Hospice Children/Teen Grief Camp entitled Waterbugs, Dragonflies & Memories, which will be held in the coming year.



Judith Lee Gifford, Director, The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem (left) presenting the \$4,000 grant award to Judy Ferris, Director, Langley Hospice Society

2007 Journey Walk/Run for Remembrance

Langley Hospice would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our prize contributors, donors and the community. We are pleased to announce that this annual event raised over \$18,000 to support individuals and families living with terminal illness, death and grief.

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- Our wonderful volunteers & Walk/Run participants •
- Langley Auxiliary RCMP • Coffee News
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- for all their efforts in making this annual event a great success!



Caring Hands Quilting Group

In April of 2003, a talented group of women came together and formed the Caring Hands Quilting Group here at Langley Hospice. The women quickly came up with the mandate of supporting children who had experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives. Over the years, the Caring Hands Quilting Group lovingly made a variety of hand-crafted items which included quilts, blankets, and memory bags, that were given to grieving children.

One of our children's bereavement coordinators relates this memory: *"A young girl came in for a visit with such a heavy heart, she was hardly able to speak – tears just welled up in her eyes. She chose a quilt and broke into a huge smile as she wrapped it around her shoulders. She also chose one for her baby brother, and assured me that her older brother "could handle one too". This same little girl came to group the following week, proudly carrying her new memory bag. She reached in and smiled as she took out a picture of her beautiful mother who had passed away a few months before, and the healing process had begun."*



From left, Marlene Thomas, Pauline Church, Lana Kettley, Dianne Gillis, Nancy Walker, Sunny Theroux & Janie Schulz (Missing: Eileen Findlay, Barb O'Neil)

In keeping with true hospice philosophy, these special women have "wrapped" over 150 children in warmth and love. Thank you for your gifts of comfort, support and talent.

Langley Hospice Memorial Quilt A Creative Work of Art to Honour our Loved Ones

The Langley Hospice Memorial Quilt was designed and created by Karen Johnson. Karen used the symbol of circles, recognized in all cultures, to represent the full circle of life. She also chose vibrant colors to represent the vibrancy of a life that was lived, and at the same time representing a calmness, spirituality and healing. The symbolic quilt is used, with the permission of the family, to honour the deceased by covering the body while leaving the Hospice Residence.

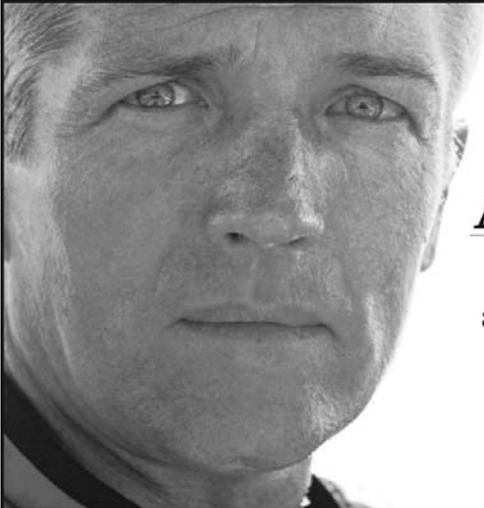


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