



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.



Hospice Thrift Store Event "TEN" A Huge Success!

Second Story Treasures Thrift Store enters its tenth year of operations with a Community Celebration

Over two hundred people showed up to celebrate this action-packed evening of entertainment, refreshments, fashion preview and shopping. With help from generous community donors, high quality items were up for sale at very reasonable prices. Bargain hunters lined up to purchase gold, silver and vintage jewellery, home décor items including crystal and silverware, linens, toys, children's books, handbags, and shoes. A very big thank-you to Susie Francis and the Versatiles for taking us on a musical cruise around the world featuring such songs as "A Slow Boat to China, When Irish Eyes are Smiling and Blue Hawaii". The beautiful models provided a preview of high fashion cruise wear, and the evening's entertainment wrapped up with a dance competition, featuring an elegant waltz performed by Helen Rupcich and Alvin Kipling.



Helen Rupcich and Alvin Kipling, two of the thrift store's longtime volunteers

The bargains continued the day after the event, as the store filled with smiling customers with 10% discount coupons clutched in their hands and the shopping frenzy continued. The sales at the event and the day after resulted in net proceeds of over \$6,500.

A special thank you goes out to the community and the dedicated volunteers who have supported the Thrift Store over the past nine years. All proceeds from Second Story Treasures enable Langley Hospice to offer palliative and bereavement support programs to the community at no cost. It is important to note that thirty-four percent of Langley Hospice's net revenue comes from the store.

Store customers have dubbed Second Story Treasures the "Little Department Store of Walnut Grove" and that means there is something for everyone. So, visit the store soon and see what treasures you can find!



Irene Western and Charlotte Barr have been volunteering at the Hospice Thrift Store since its opening.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to our event sponsors and donors:

- Westminster Credit Union
- Valley Traffic Systems
- Shaky Monkey Coffee
- Entre Nous Hair Studio
- D&B Low Cost Upholstery

Farewells and New Faces

We at the Hospice Society office bid a fond farewell to **Terry Androsky**, Bereavement Coordinator. Terry left our office in August to pursue studies at University College of the Fraser Valley, and to work part-time with the Mission Hospice. We wish you good luck with your studies, Terry - we'll miss you!

Dawn Stewart Holt and **Mac** have also accepted other challenges; Dawn left us, also in August, and is now working full-time at the University College of the Fraser Valley. She and Mac are assisting with our children's grief group this fall and hope to remain involved with Langley Hospice in the future. Best of luck to Dawn and Mac!

Welcome to **Juanita Fleming**, who started August 20, 2007 with us as part of the Palliative and Bereavement Support Team. She is a Clinical Counsellor, has a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology from City University in Seattle, and a Nursing degree from South Africa. Juanita facilitates bereavement support groups, and will work with clients from hospice as well as from the community.



Sincere Thanks....

Langley Hospice was honoured to be the recipient of pledges collected by **Flo Alder** and her family and friends, in memory of her husband Derek. Thank you to the Alder family and to everyone who contributed.

Our sincere appreciation to **Otter Co-op** for their donation of fabric for our Caring Hands Quilting Group.

We'd like to offer our heartfelt thanks to **Anna Bordas** for donating several pairs of knitted socks to warm the feet of our hospice residents! Anna also brought some beautiful roses into the Society office this summer. Thank you for your kind thoughts, Anna!

Our gratitude also goes out to **Chris van Bugnum**, for her painting and decorating expertise! Chris has been painting our meeting room for us in stages over the last few months, and completed the job in September. Thanks a million, Chris!

Many thanks to our invaluable **Newsletter Team!** We'd never get the newsletter out without you!

And, of course, a heartfelt thanks to **all of our dedicated volunteers** for their continued commitment and support!



Mark Your Calendars...

BC Bereavement Day Wednesday, November 14th has been declared 2007 BC Bereavement Day, in support of bereaved people across BC. We would like to recognize all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The BC Bereavement Helpline are selling black ribbon pins to wear in remembrance of bereaved people everywhere. These pins are available from Langley Hospice for \$2.00/pin. Contact us at 604-530-1115 or come by the office at 20088-40A Avenue in Langley, if you are interested in purchasing a pin.



Celebrate a Life Due to renovations at Willowbrook Shopping Centre, we are unable to hold our annual Celebrate a Life event at the mall. For this year, we will be hosting a tree at our Society office. If you would like to commemorate a loved one this Christmas, please drop into our office at 20088-40A Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday from December 3rd to 14th, and you can write in our Memory Book and place a personalized ornament on the Christmas tree in our meeting room, or, if you're unable to get in to see us, please call us at 604-530-1115 and one of our volunteers will be happy to hang an ornament on your behalf.

Journey Through the Holidays As the holiday season draws near, our thoughts go out to times past and loved ones who may no longer be with us. We are hosting this evening in hopes that it will assist you during the holiday season. You are invited to join us here at the Society office on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, please call Juanita at 604-530-1115.

Relaxation Group A reminder to take care of you! The Hospice Palliative Program is offering a Relaxation Group for palliative and bereaved people, their families and friends, at the Marion Ward Pavilion on the Langley Memorial Hospital grounds, **Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30**. If you have any questions, please call **Fernande (604-530-1115)** or e-mail to fernandeouellette@langleyhospice.com.

We're Going Green...

In an attempt to reduce the amount of paper (and postage!) used in our newsletter mailings, we are looking at sending out our quarterly newsletters by e-mail. If you would like to receive your copy electronically, please send your e-mail address to: info@langleyhospice.com, and help us to reduce our mailing costs and save a few trees!

Volunteer Corner

SAFeway "WE CARE" CAMPAIGN

Several events were held over the past few weeks to wrap up our 2006-2007 Safeway "We Care" campaign. A banquet was hosted by Safeway on September 26th at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver. Safeway staff and the charities they sponsored were invited. From Langley Hospice Society, Volunteer **Merlyn Jussila** and Volunteer Coordinator **Karen Sanders** attended. It was a lovely evening that included an excellent dinner, door prizes, and presentations based on a James Bond theme of the "007" campaign year.



On October 4th, Merlyn and Karen were presented with the cheque from Aldergrove Safeway in the amount of \$6,064.63. Once again, we'd like to send a big thank you to **Safeway Aldergrove** for raising these funds for

us. This would not have been possible without the hard work of **Store Captain Meghan, Co-Captain Jeremy, and Store Manager Pat**. And.....of course.....our wonderful volunteers who came out on Saturdays to staff the booth, sell coupons and listen to peoples' stories. Many, many thanks for all your help!



CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER TEA

Our annual Christmas Volunteer Tea will be held this year on Thursday, December 13 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. here at the Society office meeting room. More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars—we hope to see all our wonderful volunteers there!

Connect With Us

We encourage our readers to submit articles and to provide us with their feedback. If you no longer want to receive our newsletter, please notify us. Thank you!

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Volunteer Hours

July 1 — September 30, 2007

♥ Client Volunteers	1,117.00 hours
♥ Store Volunteers	4,308.50 hours
♥ Office, Events, Board Newsletter & Other	414.25 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

Marie Baillargeon

Wendan Li

Margot Popplewell

Sabine Weichert

Mary Ann Knight

Marguerite Mason

Susan Semonick

♥ Office

Joan Morris



VOLUNTEER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Thanks so much for taking the time to complete the Volunteer Satisfaction Survey. We had a really good response - of the 145 we sent out, 63 were completed (a return of 43%). So....thanks for your input!

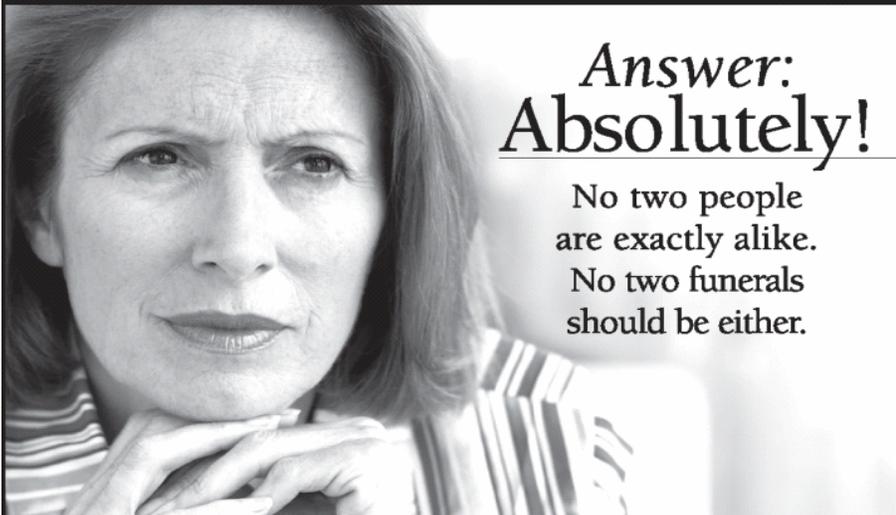
The results are still being tabulated, and these results will be published in the next newsletter. The responses were very interesting, particularly the comments. We were very pleased that you used the survey creatively to provide us with really informative responses. It was designed with an informal structure to elicit broad answers to our questions, and that's what you gave us. You told us what's working and what needs improvement, what you like/dislike, what you feel strongly about, and what you're indifferent to. This information will help us tremendously in shaping the Volunteer Program as it grows and develops. So, thanks again, and stay tuned for further details!

**July—September 2007
Donations Made in Memory of:**

<i>Dorothy Brogan</i>	<i>Tony Popplewell</i>
<i>Darlene Ann Buell</i>	<i>Oscar Roscher</i>
<i>Donna Carriere</i>	<i>Anthony Scott</i>
<i>Phyllis Fearn</i>	<i>Dorothy Sloan</i>
<i>Phyllis Fraser</i>	<i>Robert Leslie Smith</i>
<i>Calvin Harvey</i>	<i>Olive Starratt</i>
<i>Wynn Jarvis</i>	<i>Mabel Townsend</i>
<i>Alan Johnson</i>	<i>Phyllis Turcott</i>
<i>Stanley MacDonald</i>	<i>Margaret Vallance</i>
<i>Virginia McInnes</i>	<i>Dave Wallace</i>
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