



# 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.



## Camp Chrysalis 2009

### Growth, Transformation and Healing for Children and Teens Experiencing the Death of a Loved One.

The Langley Hospice Society hosted a four-day bereavement camp attended by nineteen youth ranging in age from 8 – 13 who shared the common bond of having lost someone they loved. The goal of Camp Chrysalis was to provide compassionate support for the campers in a comfortable and caring environment with their peers. Campers shared their stories and discovered:



"There are so many others to talk to and I leaned how they feel and I really liked that."

"That it is okay to cry."

"I didn't know that you could talk to your special person [that died] even though they're not there."

"I learned that it is okay to express my feelings."



It is often said that play is the work of grieving children. To this end, the campers played Capture the Flag with flashlights well into the evening twilight and danced on the tables during a fashion show, with campers competing for the coveted prize of "Worst Dressed for 2009". As the name Camp Chrysalis implies, the successful retreat was certainly one of growth, transformation and healing for the nineteen bereaved campers.

On the last day, family members and friends joined the campers for lunch and ended Camp Chrysalis with each camper releasing a beautiful Monarch butterfly in memory of their loved one.

Camp Chrysalis was offered free of charge to any child or teen in the community who suffered the loss of a loved one and was funded partially through United Way of the Lower Mainland and BC Gaming.



The Langley Hospice Society offers a range of bereavement programs for children and teens year round including individual and group support, day activity camps and the annual four-day retreat. A **children's support program** will be starting for **October 1** for eight weeks and a **teen's support program** will be starting on **October 27** for eight weeks. For more information, people can call Jane Corkish at 604-530-1115 or email: [jane.corkish@langleyhospice.com](mailto:jane.corkish@langleyhospice.com).

Jane Corkish, Children's Program Coordinator

### Children Supporting Children: Quilts of Caring

"Children helping children" is the philosophy that shapes the Children's Bereavement Support Programs at the Langley Hospice Society. Children who have had a chance to work through their own grief have returned to our programs to help other children, whether that is by co-facilitating bereavement support groups or volunteering as Camp Counselors.



Eileen (Hospice Society Quilter) and Christa Findley took this mission to a new level in the spring of 2009 when Christa (Eileen's daughter-in-law) included the Langley Hospice Society in the studies of her students at Janice Churchill Elementary School in the Surrey School District #36.

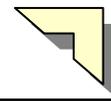
Christa designed and taught a month-long unit on

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# Volunteer Corner



## Thanks to the Volunteers at Camp Chrysalis!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made Camp Chrysalis 2009 a huge success:

**Christian Bates, Alicia Viscount and Tassia Trenaman** (Jr. Camp Counselors); **Denise Maines, Yvonne Dion and Kate Wharton** (Sr. Camp Counselors); **Anna Terrace, Ann Hall, Diane Williams, Lucy Fraser and Colleen Rush** (Afternoon Facilitators); **Dominic Fricker** (cook's assistant); **Doris Hollett, Liana Lamarre, Kirsten Draney** and **Lindsay Mark** (clean-up crew).

## Annual Client Volunteer Potluck



The annual potluck dinner with our client volunteers was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated wonderfully and the variety of food was lovely and yummy! Most importantly, we had a great turnout of beautiful souls making it a successful evening with lots of fun and laughter.

Fernande Ouellette  
Client & Palliative Volunteer Coordinator



**Volunteer Hours**  
**March 1—July 31, 2009**

♥ Client Volunteers	2,589 hours
♥ Store Volunteers	8,189 hours
♥ Office, Events, Board Newsletter & Other	1,772 hours

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Client Volunteers

The Langley Hospice Certificate Training Program, for those wishing to become volunteers, will start again in September. This 30-hour program covers issues on life and death, grief and loss and related skills. Cost is \$100.00. For more information or to register contact Fernande at 604-530-1115.

### Office Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out in our office Monday through Friday during the day. No experience necessary. A great way to gain confidence, increase your employability, and support your community. Contact Cheryl at 604-530-1115 for more info or to apply.

### Store Volunteers

Second Story Thrift Store is always in need of volunteers to help with sorting, pricing, customer service and setting up displays at the store. Please contact Diane at 604-513-9319 for an application.

Cheryl Tall  
Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator

## Welcome - New Volunteers

A heartfelt welcome to the following new volunteers:

### ♥ Second Story Treasures

Tessa Dumanski	Dominic Fricker
Stephen Hu	Kaity Lalonde
Michael Matier	Scott Park
Dominique Riou	Vernon Schiek
Victor Van	Ashley Noyes
Heidi Wagner	

### ♥ Office

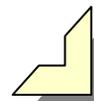
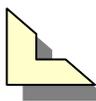
Donna Hudspeth	Laura Jacobsen
Wendy Johnston	Jill Phelps

### ♥ Client

Terry Anderson	Tawney Gorrie
Linda Hynd	Susan Pomfrey
Brenda Singbeil	Tricia Townsend
Nancy Train	

### ♥ Special Events

Dorris Hollett	Liana Lamarre
Denise Maines	Kirsten Draney
Lindsay Mark	



**March—August, 2009  
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