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**Message from our Medical Director - Dr. Kerley**



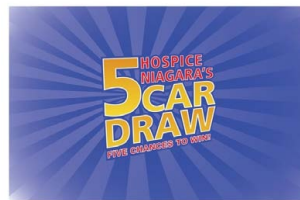
As the weather outside is heating up, so is the action at Hospice Niagara's Stabler Centre. Record high temperatures and record high sales on the 5 Car Draw. This is such an important part of our fundraising efforts and will contribute to our sustainability from year to year. A nice series of articles on end-of-life care, profiling the work we are doing at Hospice Niagara and a few of our clients, is giving us some much needed publicity and helping with ticket sales, and we are grateful to Sun Media for this.

The action inside the doors of The Stabler Center has been heating up also. I haven't actually reviewed the numbers, but I am pretty certain that we have had a record number of admissions to The Stabler Center over the past couple of months. It is nice to know we have been able to help so many people, but the downside is that such a large number of admissions means our length of stay is getting quite short, sometimes in the order of one or two days. One cannot help but wonder if a little longer stay might enable us to help our clients and their families that little bit more. I think it probably reflects our clients' desire to stay at home until the last possible moment, and one cannot blame them for that.

Whatever the need seems to be, our excellent team of professionals, volunteers and support/administrative staff is here to serve it. Stay cool, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

**Five lucky winners wrapped up their 2011 Civic Holiday Weekend  
with brand new cars**

At 6:00 p.m. on Monday August 1st, Hospice Niagara gave away 5 brand new cars for the 3rd Annual 5 Car Draw.



**Congratulations to our winners!**

Maureen Aitchison of Peterborough, Ontario, Ticket # 13819, winner of the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze LS



D.J. Fast of St. Catharines, Ticket # 8580, winner of the 2011 Mazda CX7 GX

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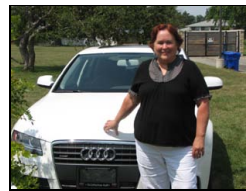
Dean Hallett of St. Catharines, Ticket # 1091, winner of the 2011 GMC Sierra



Nino Pischedda of St. Catharines, Ticket # 1214, winner of the 2011 MINI Cooper Convertible



Norma Lachance of St. Catharines, Ticket # 13295 winner of the Audi A4 Quattro Sedan



The region-wide 5 Car Draw kicked off on May 1st and included an early bird draw on Father's Day, June 19th, for 5 prizes of \$1,000. Tickets have been on sale all summer at many festivals and retail outlets all across Niagara. Lottery License #3730.

**We would like to say a special thank you to all of the volunteers and retailers who helped to sell tickets on Hospice Niagara's behalf, as well as to our committee members and supporters.**

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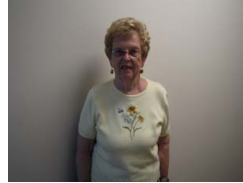
**Our Top Ticket Sellers for the 2011 5 Car Draw:**

Leila Bennett - May

Nancy Carriere & Mary Ann Grossi - June

Linda Uronick - July

**Our Top Overall Ticket Seller for the 2011 5 Car Draw:**



Leila Bennett was our top ticket seller overall with 220 tickets sold during the 3 months of the draw.

**Our Top Ticket Booth Volunteers for the 2011 5 Car Draw:**



Jim & Marie Arcangeletti are our top ticket booth volunteers with 80 hours (each) dedicated to selling tickets at our festivals and events this summer.

Hospice Niagara is grateful for all of the support and sponsorships received from the Niagara community. With the help of all of our retailers, ticket sellers and booth volunteers we raised \$187,000 and sold 15,699 tickets for this year's 5 Car Draw! All funds raised help to support Hospice Niagara's programs and services.



Please visit [www.hospiceniagara.ca](http://www.hospiceniagara.ca) or follow us on Hospice Niagara's 5 Car Draw [Facebook page](#) for more photos from the draw and to keep informed about next year's draw.

**Registration is now open for  
Hospice Niagara's 2011 Teen 2 Teen: My Grief Story**

The Teen 2 Teen retreat is a one-day event supported by the Branscombe Family Foundation for teens (Ages 14-19) to meet with other teens and share stories while learning about strategies for dealing with grief. The retreat will take place at Camp Wetaskawin in St. Catharines on Thursday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

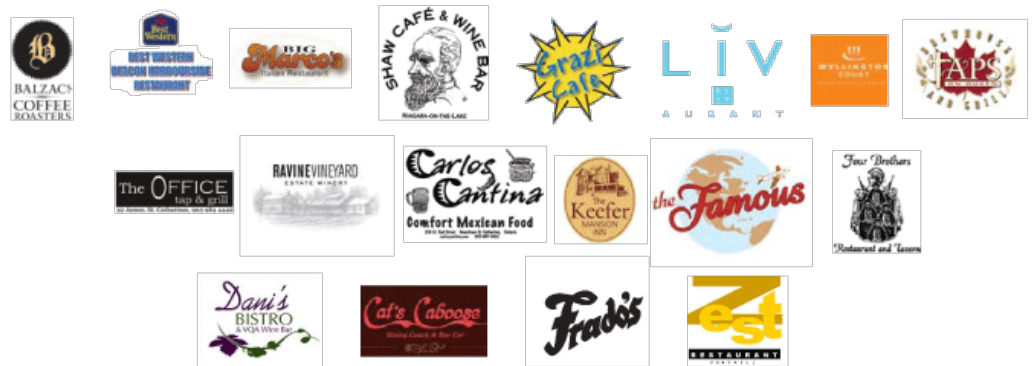
For more information or to register please contact Melissa Penner, Bereavement Advisor at 905-984-8766 extension 233 or [mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca](mailto:mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca). There is limited space available and priority will be given to teens who have not previously attended. The deadline to submit your registration form is Thursday, September 15th. Participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Please visit the [Teen 2 Teen facebook page](#) or click [here](#) to view the poster for additional details.

### 2011 Dine-Out For Hospice on Thursday, September 1st

Plan for a fun night out with your family and friends at any of the following restaurants and support Hospice Niagara.

As you may know, Dine-Out for Hospice is a one-day event where participating restaurants donate a portion of their proceeds to Hospice Niagara.



Please visit our [website](#) for addresses of the restaurants and up to date information.

### Verge Insurance Group Supports Hospice Niagara

Verge Insurance which began in 1953, employs a staff of approximately 100 with the head office located on Ontario Street in St. Catharines and several affiliated branch offices throughout the region. Verge Insurance demonstrates a strong commitment to the Niagara Community and to Hospice Niagara. Rick Sherk, pictured below, recently presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Hospice Niagara in support of our biggest fundraiser of the year – the 5 Car Draw.



Mr. Sherk also recruited donations on our behalf in the amount of \$7,500 from 3 of their partnering organizations. The General Contractors Association of Niagara, Novex Group Insurance and StuCor Construction Ltd. graciously donated \$2,500 each to support Hospice Niagara's 5 Car Draw.



Additionally, Verge Insurance also hosted a BBQ in support of Hospice Niagara on Thursday, July 14th at Montebello Park in St. Catharines. There were burgers, hot dogs and refreshments as well as great entertainment and prizes. The BBQ raised \$3,000 for Hospice Niagara's programs and services.



Angela Siracusa and Sarah Boulton, the award winning vocal duo called Sweet Diezel, performed some great hits at the BBQ, along with Chris Goossen, Tim Kulakowsky and several other local artists. For more information about the artists please visit [www.sweetdiezel.com](http://www.sweetdiezel.com).



We are very grateful for the generosity demonstrated towards Hospice Niagara by Rick and Mark Sherk and the entire staff at Verge Insurance. We would also like to say thank you to everyone who came to the park for lunch on the 14th.

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### Fall Bereavement Support Groups

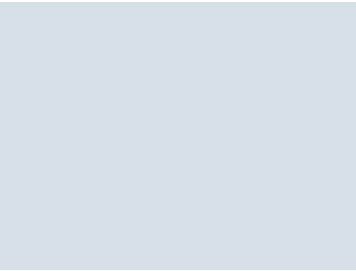
Adult Grief Circle is an eight week support group for adults who have experienced the significant death of a loved one. The next group runs Wednesdays from September 14th to November 2nd from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Registration is required and there is a wait list. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Penner at [mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca](mailto:mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca) or 905-984-8766 x 233

Children's Bereavement Support Group is a six week program for children ages 6 to 13 years of age who have had a significant loved one in their life die. While the children's group is running, a parent/guardian support group to focus on children's grief is held concurrently. The next group runs Saturdays from October 1st to November 5th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Registration is required and there is a wait list. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Penner at [mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca](mailto:mpenner@hospiceniagara.ca) or 905-984-8766 x 233

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### Wish List

Bird Seed



Gas BBQ (min. 60,000 BTU)  
CD Players (11)  
Humidifiers (7)  
Journals for Adults  
Nail Care Supplies (files, clippers, etc.)  
Office Chairs (2)  
Podium / Music Stand  
Hanging Refrigerator Thermometer  
Side Table (small)  
32'' Flat Screen TV with built in DVD player