

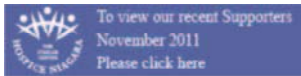


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Message from our Board Chair, Rick Merritt



The Board of Directors recently received the Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care entitled "Not to be Forgotten: Care of Vulnerable Canadians." In that report there are many worthwhile observations and recommendations made to the Government of Canada. The report covers three topics: Palliative and end of life care; Suicide prevention; and Elder abuse.

Contained in that report is a quote from notable Canadian, Jean Vanier, which I share with you here:

"Each of us is fragile, with deep needs for both love and a sense of belonging. We begin and end our lives vulnerable and dependent, requiring others to care for us. Throughout our lives, there are other moments of fragility and dependence. In our states of dependence, our need cries out for attention and care. If this need is well received, it calls forth the powers of love in others, and creates unity around us, the gifts of the vulnerable to our world. If our cry and our need are unmet, we remain alone and in anguish. The vulnerable people, whom your committee is called to reflect about caring for are often in a precarious state mentally or physically or both. They are often in anguish. The old, those living with illness and perhaps near death, those in depression and with a sense of despair, those living with disabilities; these are all people living in a most fragile state. The danger in our culture of productivity and achievement is that we easily dismiss and ignore as unproductive the gifts and the beauty of our most vulnerable members, and we do so at our own peril, dehumanizing ourselves."

Many of our newsletter readers, in their own way, contribute to the humanity of the Niagara Community through their gifts of time, talent or treasure, and many of them do this through Hospice Niagara. For this, I thank you.

Hospice Niagara's 2011 Holiday Gift Wrapping raised more than \$5,800

Thank you to everyone who supported Hospice Niagara's Holiday Gift Wrapping by volunteering your time to work in the kiosk, or by bringing your gifts to be wrapped. The proceeds from this event will be used to support Hospice Niagara's programs and services. We would also like to thank the following corporate partners for assisting with our 2011 Holiday Gift Wrapping:



Alan Retzman
Client Services Coordinator

Laurie Straw
Director of Care

Andrea Teefy
Community Relations Assistant

Rae Ann Thorsteinson
Chaplain

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Editor - Andrea Teefy

Hospice Niagara receives \$1,000 from the Order of St. Lazarus



Thank you to the Order of St. Lazarus for donating \$1,000 to Hospice Niagara to assist with the installation of automatic door openers in The Stabler Centre. Picture above, Anthony Lea of the Order of St. Lazarus - Western Ontario Commandery, presents a cheque to Margaret Jarrell.

Hospice Niagara's 2011 Holiday Butterfly Campaign raises more than \$29,000

Hospice Niagara's Holiday Butterfly campaign raised more than \$29,000 for our programs and services. Individuals who made a donation to Hospice Niagara had a butterfly hung on our trees in honour of, or in memory of, a loved one. Thank you to everyone who supported our Holiday Campaign



Day Hospice Holiday Celebrations

The Holidays were celebrated in style again this year at Day Hospice. Chef Mia continued to amaze with a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A 'Special Visitor' and a great holiday concert with Juliet Dunn and Peter Shea brought many smiles too! This year, all clients had the opportunity to create their own winter scarf, to either keep or give as a gift. Special thanks to our 'Crafty Supervisors', Doris & Sue!



Thank you to the Niagara Association of Realtors for donating \$2,500



Pictured above, Donald Parr, President of the Niagara Association of Realtors, presents a cheque for \$2,500 to Alicia Arcangeletti. These funds will be used to support The Stabler Centre Residence.

Hospice Niagara's Spring Bereavement Support

Below are the dates for our 2012 spring bereavement programs. All programs require advanced registration.

8 week Adult Support Program (Grief Circle)

Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
February 29 to April 18, 2012

6 week Adolescent Bereavement Support Program

For teens ages 13-17
Wednesday (time TBA)
April 11 to May 16, 2012

6 week Adolescent Bereavement Support Program

For children ages 6 to 12
Saturday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
March 24 to May 5, 2012

For additional details, or to register, please contact Lynn Mytroen, Bereavement Advisor, at 905-984-8766 x 233 or lmytroen@hospiceniagara.ca.

Niagara's IBEW Local 303 Donates \$6,670 to Hospice Niagara

Thank you to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 303, for donating the proceeds of their first annual charity golf tournament to Hospice Niagara. Pictured below are, from left, Mark Cherney, Business Representative; Rob Wall, President; Margaret Jarrell; and Peter Wall, Business Manager/Financial Secretary.



Save the Date - 2012 Hike for Hospice

On Sunday, May 6th, 2012 we will celebrate 10 years of the Hike for Hospice! Mark your calendars and join us at Lakeside Park in Port Dalhousie for a great afternoon.



For details about how you can participate in the 2012 Hike for Hospice including sponsorship opportunities, please contact Andrea Teefy at 905-984-8766 ext. 231.

Wish List

If you are interested in donating an item from our wish list, please contact Alicia Arcangeletti, Community Relations Officer at 905-984-8766 ext. 230 to ensure your item meets our needs, as well as our health and safety guidelines.

Baby Wipes
Bird Seed
Gas BBQ (min. 60,000 BTU)
CD Players (10)
DVD Players (4)
Fabric Softener (unscented)
Journals for Adults
Nail Care Supplies (files, clippers, etc.)
New Hanging Refrigerator Thermometer
32" Flat Screen TV with built in DVD player
New Tympanic Thermometers (4)
Red Hand Towels (10)
Red Bath Towels (10)
Grief Support Books
(a list detailing titles needed is available upon request)

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