



## Chilliwack Hospice Society News: April 2017

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## Spring Is In The Air!

There are so many things going on at Chilliwack Hospice Society. We had an amazingly successful Hoedown on March 4th. Sandy Parker led the team again this year and created a night to truly remember. It took many hours of work by dozens of volunteers and staff so thank you to everyone who made it such a special night.

We were really excited that three of our volunteers were nominated for Volunteer of the Year and were honoured at a luncheon on April 13th. Congratulations to Verna Harron, Diane Toews and Wilma Warner. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Hospice.

We are working hard to put together a fabulous Fashion Show for the Thrifty Boutique. The Thrifty Fashionista Fashion Show is being held May 15th at the Chilliwack Museum. Models will showcase outfits from the Boutique and all the Auction items will also be provided from there. It will be so much fun and an excellent way to show people all the cool items you can find at the Thrifty Boutique!

Work is well under way for this year's Gala being held September 16th at the Landing Sports Centre. Our Moulin Rouge theme will be super splashy, glamorous and fun. Our Gala team are madly scurrying about to make the magic happen. It is always so thrilling to see a dream come to light!

I am always so amazed at the level of dedication we enjoy from the army of volunteers that keep Chilliwack Hospice Society thriving. Your compassion is what makes Chilliwack Hospice Society the warm, loving and vital place that it is.

On behalf of all the Staff and Board of Directors of Chilliwack Hospice Society, we thank you for your ongoing support.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Attrill".

*Sue Attrill*  
Executive Director

14th Annual  
Chilliwack Hospice Society Gala

Save  
the  
Date!

MOULIN  
ROUGE

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Landing Sports Centre - 45530 Spadina Avenue



# Volunteer Appreciation Evening



Our Volunteer Appreciation Night was held this year on April 25th. We had a great turnout with over 100 volunteers and their guests attending. This year's theme was Fiesta Night and volunteers were treated to a build your own taco bar featuring taco shells, wraps, ground beef, chicken, refried beans and all the fixings! After dinner, a video of Hospice volunteer, Emee Wenk, was shown followed by an entertaining game of Name That Tune and then Head or Tails. Draw prizes were handed out, generously donated by local businesses, and then everyone went home with homemade cookies and chocolate.

It was a wonderful evening made more wonderful by the many volunteers who were able to attend. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and none of what we do would be possible without their dedication and compassion.

In 2016, there were 21, 425 volunteer hours within the Chilliwack Hospice Society organization!

Thank you to all of our volunteers!!!



Special thanks to the following local businesses who graciously donated gifts for this evening's event:

- Art & Imperfections      Studio B Yoga
- BC Metal Art      Maggie's Flower Bar
- Philip Scyner Pottery      Rustic Soap Co.
- Mary's on Wellington      Minter Gardens
- Origins Coffee      Kaleidoscope Crafts
- The Jar Junquie      Mr Lube
- Ann Fletcher (artist)
- Foxy Lashes & Nail Studio
- Sparkle Designs by Stephanie

# Hometown Hoedown For Hospice



On March 4, 2017, Chilliwack Hospice Society held their 6th annual Hometown for Hospice. The evening featured a delicious bbq buffet, games and activities, live and silent auction items and great music provided by local bands, Horsepower and Concrete Jungle. The event was a rousing success with over **\$50,000 raised for Chilliwack Hospice Society programs and services!** A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this evening a great one. **YEEHAW!!!**





## Chilliwack Hospice Thrifty Boutique

260-45428 Luckakuck Way

604-846-2226

Store Hours:

Monday - Saturday, 9:30 - 5:00

Donation Drop Off Hours:

Monday -Saturday, 9:00 - 4:30

Here's a few pictures from Thrifty Boutique's 7th Annual Anniversary Sale. Be sure to like us on Facebook so you don't miss out on future events... and the great deals!



COMING UP:  
**Thrifty Fashionista  
Fashion Show  
May 15, 2017**



## Elders in TRANSITION

### WHEN LIFE HAPPENS WE CAN HELP

Often it is overwhelming when it comes time to downsize or move. Even when health concerns are not an issue, moving from a large residence to a smaller space can be fraught with stress. It's hard to part with treasured possessions accumulated over a lifetime. Why not consider donating to your Chilliwack Hospice Society's Thrifty Boutique?



### HOW CAN WE HELP?

- » Provide in-home assessment of your items
- » Provide support to families
- » Pack up and take away items: Housewares, Small appliances, China and glassware, Lamps, Small furniture, Clothing/Accessories, Jewelry

YOUR DONATIONS HELP FUND OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED FREE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CHILLIWACK AND AGASSIZ

\*Service is available bi-monthly on a first call/first serve basis. Please call for more information.



## Thrifty Boutique

260-45428 LUCKAKUCK WAY / 604-846-2226

Mon-Sat 9:30am-5pm / Drop off: Mon-Sat 9:30am-4:30pm

We do not: Act as a moving company or remove garbage or unsellable or discard items

## Want to be Part of the Fun? Thrifty Boutique Volunteers Needed!

Four hours a week gives you the opportunity to make connections, and help at our store.

For more info please call Sandy at

604-846-2226.

Chilliwack Hospice Society was honoured to nominate Verna Harron, Wilma Warner and Diane Toews for the Ann Davis 'Bread and Roses' award, presented to an outstanding female volunteer in the community. These three incredible ladies continue to provide tremendous support and dedication to our organization. Thank you for all that you do!



Congratulations to our newest volunteers who completed the 30 hr Basic Hospice Training on February 18th. Welcome to the team!

### Children's Grief Support Group

Our first Children's Grief Support group of 2017 is currently underway with 24 children coming to learn about grief through expressive arts. Thank you to our Hospice volunteers as well as the students from Chilliwack and Sardis Secondary schools who took our Teen Peer Support training and have come to help with the program.



Hospice volunteers helping children decorate memory lanterns to remember a loved one who died.

### Breana and Sarah



Chilliwack Hospice Society was thrilled to welcome 2 practicum students, commencing this past January. Breana Reedman is working towards her Bachelor of Social Work at UFV. Sarah Muxlow is pursuing a degree in Social Work with a focus on end of life care. Both students have been working closely with Lucy Fraser and Jennifer Dacre to learn about the many programs and services that we offer. Good luck to both of you in your studies!

Our most recent First Step Grief Support group finished their 8 week program on April 26th, with 22 people attending. The next group starts on July 4th.

### Quilt Donations



Chilliwack Hospice Society would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Chilliwack Piecemakers Evening Quilt Guild for their continued support in making and donating quilts for use by our Cascade hospice patients.

# We're Still Cooking!



Our Society continues to be busy with the Cooking Program, generously funded by a New Horizons for Seniors Program grant. On March 21st, we hosted the Chilliwack Peer Seniors Counsellors for a delicious East Indian meal. On April 3rd, we travelled to Sumas First Nation and served a mouth-watering lasagna lunch while talking about grief and the programs and services offered by Chilliwack Hospice Society. On April 19th, Sukaina Rehmtulla, Settlement & Activity Worker with Immigrant Services, Chilliwack Community Services, brought a group to our Centre for a vegetarian meal and self-care workshop.

The purpose of the Cooking Program is to bring seniors together to socialize; learn about community resources including those of our Society; participate in workshops, both informative and creative; and promote volunteerism. So far, we have held 6 events throughout the Fraser Valley and would not have been able to make this happen without the generous assistance of the members of the Cooking Program Committee: Elsie Neufeld; Anya McRae; Alec McKay; Anne Ah Loy; Dominique Ah Loy; Veronica Capot Blanc; Ian Kunitski; Pat Stevenson; Kamal Kassam; Jackie Allen; Marjorie Perzow; Laura Commodore; and Donna MacFarlane.

## Remembering Louise



On March 29, 2017 we lost one of our beloved volunteers, Louise Dorris. Louise spent countless hours steaming clothes and sorting donations at the Thrifty Boutique. Louise had the most infectious giggle and when something struck her funny bone she would always respond in French. She also spent time volunteering in her daughter's classroom helping students with reading. She adored her family, a shift did not pass without her talking about her daughter, Caroline and her grandchildren. She loved the sun and was in Puerto Vallarta with her family the week before she died. Louise was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Normand Henri St-Denis in May of 2013. Adieu Louise, nous allons te manquer!

Want to keep up-to-date on all of our events at CHS and Thrifty Boutique? Join our email list and like us on Facebook!

# SAVE THE DATES

## Thrifty Fashionista Fashion Show

May 15th - 7pm - Chilliwack Museum - 45820 Spadina Ave

Tickets available to purchase at Chilliwack Hospice Society & Thrifty Boutique

## Hospice Film Series - Cottonwood 4 Cinemas

Just 2 films left for this season

Mid-August Lunch on May 16th and Collateral Beauty on June 13th

## Horse Whisperer Grief Camp

June 24th

Please email Jennifer Dacre at [jennifer@chilliwackhospice.org](mailto:jennifer@chilliwackhospice.org) for more information

## 14th Annual Chilliwack Hospice Society Gala

New date! New location!

September 16th - Landing Sports Centre - 45530 Spadina Ave

**Board Of Directors**

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**Donations made in honour and memory of loved ones from February 2017 - April 2017**

- Art Anderson
  - Betty Gast
  - Darlene Elliot
  - Darlene McMurrin
  - David Brodie
  - Dorothy Ross
  - Douglas Stanley Hartman
- Glenna Heugh
  - Gwen Neill
  - Jane Wagner
  - Jean Schmutz
  - Ken McCaffrey
  - Len Davies
  - Leonard Benteau
  - Linda Warner
- Pauline Capirchio
  - Stella Simpson
  - Tom Beer
  - Yvonne Wood

*Thank You*

- Dale Seguin for keeping our driveway shoveled during the January winter storms.
- Origins Coffee Roasters for donating coffee for the staff and volunteers at our Hoedown event.
- Chilliwack River Valley Natural Honey Ltd for their 4th annual 'Don's Day for Hospice'. 100% of all sales for the day were donated to Chilliwack Hospice Society.
- Friendly Mike's Pub & Knights of Columbus for hosting a very successful meat draw fundraiser for Chilliwack Hospice Society.
- Hospice volunteer Elaine Holmes for setting up the meat draw fundraiser.
- All volunteers who have been graciously donating snacks for our Children's Grief Support group.
- Cathy Rayner and Cottonwood 4 Cinemas for their support of the Hospice Film Series.
- Wilma Warner for the beautiful arrangement at our front door.



Thank you to Enterprise Holdings Foundation for your generous donation and to Mertin Auto group for nominating us to be the recipient of this gift.



Thank you to Mt Cheam Lions Club for your considerate donation to the Chilliwack Hospice Society.

**Mission Statement:**

**Chilliwack Hospice is a community based volunteer organization which accepts death as part of life. We support individuals and families during the dying and grieving process.**