



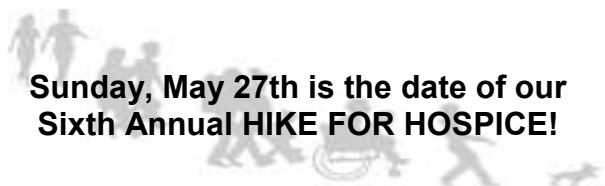
**Chilliwack Hospice Society is a community based  
volunteer organization which accepts death as a part of life.  
We support individuals and families during the dying and grieving process.**

**May 2007**

## CHILLIWACK HOSPICE NEWS

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### 2007 Hike For Hospice



**Sunday, May 27th is the date of our  
Sixth Annual HIKE FOR HOSPICE!**

The hike will take place at Townsend Park beginning at 1:00 PM with late registration, and at 2:00 PM, the 'hike' officially begins! The 'hike' is a 2 km (wheelchair accessible) walk, or you can choose a 5 km walk along city sidewalks and the scenic Rotary Hope River Trail!

For the participants who wish to walk in memory of someone, each 'hiker' will be given the opportunity to wear a Memory Bib or Memory Arm Band.

All monies raised will go directly to the ongoing programs at Chilliwack Hospice Society. **Come support the work of hospice ~ bring your family, friends, co-workers, club members ... walk as an individual or a team!** There will be awards for the **Top three Individual Fundraisers**, the **Top three Community Team Fundraisers** and ... new for this year, awards for the **Top three Family Team Fundraisers!** There will also be family entertainment for children, Helping Pawz and the Rotary Train!

You will find all the details in the enclosed Registration Form. Additional forms can be downloaded off the Hospice website ([www.chilliwackhospice.org](http://www.chilliwackhospice.org)); or picked up that at the Hospice Centre on Hodgins Ave ~ across from Prospera Centre) or at the Envision Financial branches in Chilliwack and Sardis.



*For more information,  
call the Hospice Office  
at 604-795-4660.*

**TAKE A HIKE  
... FOR  
HOSPICE!**

### Upcoming Events

#### May

- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Strategic Celebration ~ May 22nd
- ◆ Hike for Hospice ~ May 27th
- ◆ Safeway Golf Tournament ~ May 28th

#### June

- ◆ Annual General Meeting ~ June 25
- ◆ Newsletter

#### July

- ◆ Volunteer Garden Party

#### September

- ◆ Volunteer Training
- ◆ Residence Opening ~ Fall 2007
- ◆ Newsletter

#### October

- ◆ Voices for Hospice

#### November

- ◆ Gala ~ Nov. 3rd ~ 'November Nights!'

#### December

- ◆ Hospice Christmas Party
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Celebrate a Life

#### March

- ◆ Volunteer Training
- ◆ Newsletter

### Welcome to our Two New Hospice Staff Members!

**Shirley Esau** is our new Administrative Assistant and began working at the Hospice April 11th.

**Mary Erickson** is our new Volunteer Coordinator and will begin working at the Hospice May 7th.

They are looking forward to meeting  
each one of you!

## THE 'ALFIE' AFFAIR

On *February 3, 2007*, the **Roche Family** held their First Annual "Alfie Affair" fundraising dance. This event was held in honor of **Alfred Roche** who died after a brief, six-week battle with a very rare form of cancer.



His family wanted to channel their grief into something that would have a positive outcome and a feeling of achievement. It was a huge success! They raised \$4100 which was split between the Chilliwack Hospice society and Canadian Cancer Society. Look for the next "Alfie Affair" to be held around the same time next year!

Thank you to the Roche family for their continued support. Your dedication helps to enable Hospice to deliver our services to the community!

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is on **June 25th** at the Hospice Centre ~ 7:00 PM  
Please note, membership will be due on our fiscal year end (March 31st). Those who have paid, will be pro-rated to align with our new guidelines.

## Hospice's Vi McDonald Nominated for an Award!



Helen Brooks, Geri McGrath, Vi McDonald, Lucy Fraser, Deanna (Vi's' daughter) and husband, Jim.

Making the community a better place is very important to Vi. She's been volunteering for Meals on Wheels for about 8 years (often with her granddaughter) and also for the Chilliwack Hospice Society since 2002. She has served the Hospice in many capacities: Volunteering in our office; maintaining the Quiet Room at the hospital (being sure there was always a supply of cookies, soups and beverages for palliative patients, their friends and family members); and a part of Hospice community awareness projects and fundraising events and a part of the vigil teams.

Vi recently visited (8 hours weekly) a man on the palliative program living in the community. When the man's doctor asked him what he was doing differently because he looked so well, his wife replied, "It's his new girlfriend!"

When I asked Vi about this nomination she said. "I'm sure there's many more deserving than I am", and that is part of her modesty. We feel blessed to have her as a volunteer for our Society. Vi is a funny, compassionate and wise human being. She often knows just how to deliver a piece of common sense. I know I can trust her to handle any situation that arises. So it is with great pleasure we nominate Vi for the Ann Davis' 21st Annual Commemorative Celebration, honouring extraordinary women in our community.

**Thank you Vi!**

*Chilliwack Hospice Society*



## Celebrate A Life

Celebrate A Life was once again held at Minter Gardens in December. It was success on all levels, providing support to our community and managing to raise over \$1,200.00. 212 butterflies were hung on the tree and various messages left in our memory book.

Once again, we would like to thank Brian Minter and the staff at Minter Gardens for all their help and generous support!

**Marjorie Robertson** and her son, **Stewart**, made a generous donation in memory of her loving husband, **Robbie Robertson**. Marjorie is pictured here in front of our memory tree with Robbie's memorial plaque. Thank you, Marjorie, for your support and your dedication to our community that inspires us all!



## Safeway *We Care* Event

Sardis Safeway has adopted Hospice as their charity for 2007. So please come on out and join us for various fund raising events in the store throughout the year. So far over \$7,000 has been raised! **Thank you for your support!**



**Safeway Golf Tournament: May 28th—2:30 PM** at Cheam Golf Course. \$26.00 includes a round of golf (Texas Scramble) and dinner. Men's and Women's K.P. and longest drives are among the awards given. Call the Hospice Office for more details!

**Dorothy Page Johnson** donated a *beautiful painting* to Hospice in memory of her husband **Jim Johnson**. The colors are vibrant and full of life, this is truly a beautiful memorial, Thank you Dorothy!!



## Community Vision - Ten Hospice Beds!

Our vision of 10 hospice beds is a reality - scheduled for opening this fall. We expect this year to be challenging and exciting as this reality increases the needs for our programs and services. The location of the 10 hospice beds is 45586 McIntosh Drive (Cascade Campus of Care). Watch for our update in our next newsletter!

## Volunteer & Thank-You Corner

- ◆ We thank **Younie's Restaurant** for donating their services on April 11th for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! It was a wonderful meal and we give you our heartfelt thanks!
- ◆ Thank you to **Bob Corley** for donating a great patio set that we will most certainly use in the Hospice Centre back yard this summer!
- ◆ Hospice training! We currently graduated 9 volunteers!
- ◆ Thank you to our volunteers who help out at the centre, at the Bingo Hall and special events such as Hike For Hospice, the Gala and Sardis Safeway, where we are their charity this year!
- ◆ Thank you so much to **Moneca Walkert** for crocheting and donating 14 lap quilts for Hospice!
- ◆ Thank you to **Hodgsons Heavy Duty** for offering to advertising the Hike on their reader board!
- ◆ Thank you to **Canadian Trade Show Producers (Mark and Judy Hamel)** for their generous 'in kind' donation for our Home Show Display.
- ◆ Thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Toop** for the donation of a beautiful piano!

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### December Volunteer Training Group

On December 21st, seven of our volunteer students received certificates and the balance of the 6 students have committed to taking make-up sessions in order to receive their certificates.

### Volunteer Appreciation Evening

April 11th was our Volunteer Appreciation Evening. We had over 40 people in attendance and we all enjoyed a delicious meal donated and served by Younies Restaurant! Our guest author and speaker was Ted Kuntz, his topic being "Peace Begins with Me". A wonderful evening was had by all!



### April Volunteer Training Group

19 participants took the training with 9 graduating. We have 18 individuals who are ready for volunteering!



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