

Enjoy this collection of news and views to keep volunteers "in the loop" about happenings at Hospice Georgina. This newsletter is also on our website: www.hospicegeorgina.com.

OFFICE MANAGER We are pleased to announce that our new Office Manager, Laurie Knapp, has begun her orientation and will start full days after Labour Day. Laurie is a long time Sutton resident who has been involved with the Kinettes and youth soccer. She has experience in bookkeeping, reception and customer service. Please help welcome her to Hospice (and remember to send her your hours by Sept 8th).

TIME TOGETHER - Our September 14th Time Together topic will be *Emergency Preparedness and Response* from a Hospice perspective, presented by our own Frances Yarbrough, who has first-hand knowledge of the grief and loss processes felt by emergency victims through her years at Red Cross in B.C. She will also provide some tips on emergency preparedness that we can do in our own homes-timely info with the recent tornados and Sutton fire. Our September meeting will be on **Wednesday Sept 14th at noon.** We will also be discussing a new policy on volunteer driving, that has been requested by volunteers for some time.



Grief and Bereavement Volunteer Meeting - Next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 21st at 6pm. Call Frances for more info. Please plan to join us.

Volunteer Survey - Each volunteer was sent a short survey to complete so that our files can be updated with your interests and availability. Please return your completed survey promptly with your information, even if you are taking a break from volunteering at this time.



GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT COORDINATOR - It was great seeing Elena at our last Time Together along with her handsome son Lucius. Elena will not be returning to her position this fall, as she shared the wonderful news that she is expecting another baby in March. We will be posting her position internally.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Office Volunteers - We have an urgent need for office coverage next week Monday Aug 26, Tuesday and Thursday morning. Crystal is off for her wedding and Laurie will only be in Wednesday next week. Please call or email if you can assist us. We have a new Office Procedures manual to support office volunteers.
- ❖ Volunteer Fair - We have organized a community-wide Volunteer Recruitment Fair for Tuesday Sept. 13th from 6:30-8:30. We would like to include a few **personal stories from volunteers** to show the positive impact of volunteering. Please call Frances or email her with your story (fyarbrough@hospicegeorgina.com). The Fair will be held at Cedarvale Lodge in Keswick and includes over 15 local agencies. We also need people to **distribute posters** to promote the event.
- ❖ Palliative Visitors - Several clients are waiting for volunteers in Sutton and Keswick. Please call Allison to discuss your availability.
- ❖ Fundraising Committee - Our Fundraising Committee will be restarted in September. We have struggled with building momentum for this vital committee over the past year, but have some great ideas ready to plan, including a Ladies Night-Out Dinner and Makeover event this fall. Please call Nana if you are interested in joining this committee or working on this event.



STUDENT PLACEMENTS- We are saying goodbye to Sara Meredith this week as she completes her accounting placement in our Hospice Office and returns to Georgian College in Barrie. Sara and Crystal were quite a dynamic team helping with various events such as the Wed. Drop-In program, Scottish Games and AGM along with their office duties. Next week, we welcome Laurie Fortnum, a Keswick social service worker student from Seneca who will be working under Frances for the fall placement two days each week.

Are you a Member of Hospice Georgina? Only \$10 to join.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pall care Training Sept 13, 2011 will start the next Core Concepts course in Newmarket. The course runs 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings.

This course is encouraged for all volunteers but required for any volunteer wishing to be a visiting hospice volunteer. Contact Nana or Allison for more information.

Grief and Bereavement Training begins in October and will run 2 Saturdays (Oct 29 and Nov 5 9am-4pm) in King City. Please contact Frances to register.

FALL PROGRAMS -

G&B: *Please contact Frances for more information.*

- We will be continuing our popular Widow's Walk monthly evening with Sue Williams.
- Frances will be starting a new adult grief support group and would like volunteers to help co-facilitate.
- The school program is under review due to new school board policies coming into effect. We are in consultation with the school board and we hope to develop some new outreach programs for youth.

Palliative Care: *Please contact Allison for more information.*

- The Wednesday Drop-In program is continuing and in need of 1-2 volunteers to help coordinate it weekly. We are also looking for speakers, crafters, wellness, complimentary therapists, music and armchair travel entertainment to add variety to this program. Please consider sharing your talents with this group.
- The Willow Breast Cancer Support group will begin meeting again in September and will broaden the scope to include women with any cancer diagnosis. We hope to raise our numbers this fall, so please pass along this information to those who may be interested.

VOLUNTEER HOURS - Reminder: Hours are due Sept. 8th to Laurie. *Please include any notes Laurie might find helpful to prepare her first PalCare report.*