

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.



SUTTON SCHOOL SPACE USE MEETING OCT 5TH - We made a

short presentation to the community meeting along with several other organizations showing our interest in exploring the concept of a Community Hub in the former school. The Town will review all of the presentations and make a report to Council in November outlining possible next steps. We'll monitor and keep you posted.

Poinsettia sales: Please order yours by Nov 10th. We are partnering with Georgina Gardens again this year to offer beautiful poinsettias for sale for the holidays. We hope that individual Hospice supporters as well as businesses and churches may wish to decorate their building or purchase a quantity for their customers or staff. Beautiful greenhouse quality 6" pots will be available in your choice of red or white at **the cost of \$9.00 ea or 3 for \$25.00**. Pick up will be available during the end of November at a specific date from the greenhouse. We will give you details when you order. Thanks for your support again this year. **REMEMBER -Orders must be pre-paid by November 10th**.



TIME TOGETHER - Our November Time Together meeting will be **Thursday November 10th** at noon. We will be distributing forms for those of you wishing to be on our new list of volunteer drivers available to clients. You will need to bring your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of car insurance for \$1 million liability coverage. You must also inform your insurance carrier that you will be doing volunteer driving (there should be no additional cost to you). See the new policy and Volunteer Driver Pledge Form attached to this mailing. **Please RSVP to Laurie Ann by November 6th for Time Together so that lunch can be ordered.**



Christmas Volunteer Pot luck Luncheon - Once again you are invited to celebrate the holidays at our annual Christmas luncheon. This year's date is **Tuesday December 6 at noon** at Nana's house, 32 Southriver Rd, behind Shopper's Drug in Sutton. **Please RSVP to Laurie by November 30th** and indicate whether you are

bringing an entrée, salad or dessert. Please try to join us for this gathering of dear hospice friends.



BOX LUNCH AUCTION - This United Way fundraiser was very successful and loads of fun at our last Time together meeting. Please check out coverage of the event on our website or go to www.york.unitedway.ca.



A Box Lunch Auction for United Way. Thanks to Auctioneer Carrie Ann Smith.

Girls Night Out- A big THANK YOU to the 44 women who attended our first Girls Night Out program. The Dinner and Makeover was great fun and a delicious dinner enjoyed at the Lake Simcoe Arms. Thanks to Mary Kay cosmetics for arranging the evening.



November is Flu Shot Time. As you know, many of our clients have compromised immune systems and are vulnerable to catching a cold and flu, often with severe complications such as pneumonia. Hospice Georgina strongly recommends that all volunteers get their annual flu shot. York Region Public Health notes the following priority groups for receiving immunization that match our volunteers and clients:

1. people who live, work or volunteer in a healthcare or long-term care facility, chronic care institution or retirement home
2. those who live with a person who is a increased risk of complications from flu or those who provide services within relatively closed settings to persons at high risk

Free Flu Clinics will be available as follows, or you can go to your family doctor.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Georgina Leisure Pool Complex (Multi-Use Room) 5279 Black River Rd.	November 23, 2011	4-8 p.m.
Keswick Club 55 (Main Hall) 130 Gwendolyn Blvd.	November 24, 2011	3-7 p.m.
Georgina Ice Palace (Hall) 90 Wexford Drive	November 22, 2011	4-8 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Palliative Visitors** - Several clients are waiting for volunteers in Sutton and Keswick. Please call Allison to discuss your availability.
 - A lady would like someone to help her bake cakes
 - A few hours weekly caregiver relief for a rural gentleman on a farm
 - Assistance with the Nov 9th Drop in when we plan a Remembrance Day celebration
 - **Volunteer Drivers List** - We are now accepting volunteers who wish to be part of our volunteer driving service.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - FALL-WINTER PROGRAMS -

Griefwalker - a National Film Board documentary is an excellent film on working with the dying. CHATS will be hosting the film at our Hospice office Mon Nov 14 at 1:30.

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 for this excellent facilitation workshop.

Frances has started "Bridges", a new adult grief support group on Thursday afternoons. Thanks to Carrie Ann and Lynda for assisting.



Please plan to join us at the **Holiday Remembrance Service** at Becker's Funeral Home, Keswick, at 7:30pm on Thursday Dec 1st. We hope to have the date for the Sutton service confirmed shortly by Forrest and Taylor and the Salvation Army.

VOLUNTEER HOURS - Reminder: Hours are due November 6th to Laurie

Ann. *Please use the updated Volunteer Hours form included with the last newsletter mailing as we must have more details for our report. Please record phone calls and visits by age group (seniors, adults, and youth) each month. The information from this report is required for continued funding of Hospice. Thank you so much for taking a few extra minutes to make our reporting more accurate.*