Peace Arch Hospice Society Newsletter

October 2022 | Fall

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A Volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to supporting all who are facing the end-of-life journey, and that is committed to educating the community on dying and grieving.

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Executive Director's Message

By Amanda McNally



Dear Members, Donors, Clients, Volunteers & Friends,

What an eventful and busy summer we've had! We've been so grateful for the opportunity to host most of our programs and services,

volunteer training, Annual General Meeting, and fundraising events in-person again.

On August 20th, 2022, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary of serving the South Surrey and White Rock community. This was a huge milestone that couldn't have been accomplished without our amazing and supportive donors, volunteers, and staff over the years. Thank you again to everyone who has contributed in any way to our Society over the past four decades.

Our *Hollywood Hoedown* was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, donors, guests, and volunteers. It was such a fun evening filled with great food, dancing, live music, and lots of fundraising. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We are so lucky to live in a community with such kind-hearted, generous individuals!

Celebrate a Life will be happening again at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre from **December 1**st **to 23**rd where our volunteers will be helping individuals and families in our community honour their loved ones by writing their name on a paper dove and hanging it on our tree. We are excited to announce that in addition to this event, we will also be hosting a *Gift Wrap* fundraiser from **November 21**st **to December 24**th at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre. Throughout the holiday season, volunteers at this station will be wrapping gifts by donation to raise money for our much-needed professional grief and palliative programs and services.

To help with the health and safety of our staff and volunteers this fall, the Red Cross has generously provided us with COVID test kits that are available for our staff, volunteers, and community. If you would like to pick up a box of tests, they are available at reception.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely, Amanda McNally Executive Director

Upcoming Events

Dying to Learn More: Empowered Aging

November 23rd 10am-3pm Gracepoint Community Church

Pre-registration is required for this free event. See page 4 for more information.

Gift Wrap Station

Save the Date(s)! Nov 21 - Dec 24 Semiahmoo Shopping Centre

Celebrate a Life Save the Date(s)! Dec 1 - Dec 23 Semiahmoo Shopping Centre

Living with Grief

During the Holidays December 6th 6:30pm-8pm Supportive Care Centre

Pre-registration is required for this free workshop. Call 604-531-7484.

Peace Arch Hospice Society

∯ 40th Anniversary 🦑 1982-2022

Places of Memory

By Eliezer Moreno, Counsellor



We spend our days going from place to place. We leave our homes to get to work or school, a park, the temple, the grocery store. These places just become the location where we got work done, ate a meal, did our errands, or met a friend. They are the backdrop to our regular daily routines, fading into the background where our life is playing out.

After the loss of a loved one, the meaning of these places begins to change. Suddenly, these places reveal their significance, announcing that they have been holding memories for us all along. Our eyes become open to the idea that places interacted with our loved one's lives, creating space for their presence as they spent time there.

That theatre is where she had all her piano recitals. I was so proud of her! He spent hours and hours fishing on the lake every summer. This cafe was our favourite brunch spot. He always shared the eggs benny with me.

It is a very personal journey to visit a place of memory. For some, it allows a way to feel close to our loved ones, knowing the time they spent there made room for memories to be created. It becomes a space to pause and reflect on who they were and the unique relationship they had together, bringing appreciation for the life that was lived.

Others would rather not visit those places but create their own spaces to find a connection with their loved ones. Personal memorials can be made anywhere and everywhere, commonly placed in nature, within the home, and online. With personal touches like a photo, a piece of clothing, or a stuffed animal, these spaces are dedicated to those who left our lives too soon.

These spaces allow us to redefine our relationship. Rather than detaching from the person we've lost, we find meaning in memory while creating a new relationship with our loved one.

We Are Here For You

When you or a loved one are told the illness you have may end your life or when you are grieving, come to Peace Arch Hospice Society for information, resources, and people who can ease the pain and stress. We offer emotional, practical, and educational support to residents of South Surrey and White Rock who are facing terminal illness, grief, or end-of-life. All of our programs and services are **free of charge**.

If you or a loved one is in need of professional palliative or grief support, we are here to help. For more information, call **604-531-7484** or visit **www.peacearchhospice.org**.



"Thank you so much for your caring and compassion, making our last day with mom as good as it could be. You are all special people."

"I can't express enough my gratitude for how you've helped me after losing him. I remember how shattered I was, how I could barely breathe, let alone think coherently or act. Now I can actually look ahead and see possibilities."

Thank You for Supporting our Hollywood Hoedown Fundraiser!

Our Hollywood Hoedown fundraiser took place on Saturday, September 17th at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club and was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, donors, guests, and volunteers. There were two live bands, Backspin and March Hare Band, line dancing with Christy Fox, an online silent auction, a live auction, 50/50 sales, a photobooth, great food, and more.



The dance floor was packed all night long! We heard from many guests that the line dancing with Christy Fox was one of their highlights from the event.







With a donation of \$50, donors were gifted a teddy bear, which sends one child to our Children's Grief Support Camp.



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Peace Arch Hospice Society presents

DYING TO LEARN MORE: Empowered Aging

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 10:00am to 3:00pm Gracepoint Community Church 3487 King George Blvd

Free Event | Lunch | Community Resources

Join us for an enlightening presentation about Empowered Aging, which will include:

- Wills & estate planning
- Wellness component: nutrition & exercise
- A drama presentation showing one's experience from diagnosis to Hospice
- Travelling with a terminal illness
- Community resources
- Free lunch & refreshments

Pre-registration is required. Register by Nov. 21st at **604-531-7484** or **contactus@pahospicesociety.org**





Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Store Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: Closed 15562 - 24th Avenue South Surrey, BC 604-538-7600

Store Hours

Mon to Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: Closed

Donation Hours

Mon to Sat: 10am-3pm Sun: Closed

604-538-7600 thriftstore@pahospicesociety.org



Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store

Thank you for your support!

All funds raised at our Thrift Store go towards helping our organization provide much-needed professional grief and palliative support programs and services, free of charge, to our community.



WANT TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Volunteer at Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store! Why?

- To meet new people.
- It's fun!
- For a sense of belonging.
- To learn new skills.
- To make a difference in people's lives and support the Hospice Society.

Interested in volunteering? Call 604-538-7600 or email thriftstore@pahospicesociety.org. 15562 - 24th Avenue South Surrey, BC V4A 2J5 www.peacearchhospice.org

Follow Us!



Instagram: @pahospicesocietythriftstore

Staff/Volunteer Spotlight Joan Hunter



Joan (Joanie) Hunter, our Thrift Store Supervisor, began with Peace Arch Hospice Society as a Client Volunteer on the Hospice Unit of Peace Arch Hospital. She and her husband Wayne provided Pet Therapy with their Golden Retriever, Misty.

Joanie remembers how Misty would get right in bed with a patient (if that was what they wanted) and almost immediately, the love connection between the dog and the patient would begin to flow. This kind of attention not only supported the well-being of the patients, but also the staff. Often when Misty was visiting, nurses could be seen getting down on the floor to give Misty a full session of tummy rubs.

Joanie particularly enjoyed tending to the personal care of patients, by either brushing their hair or painting their nails. It was this kind of attention improved their sense of dignity, made them feel human again and want to be part of the world. And for Joanie, it was a delight to see *the small things* could make all the difference!

One patient Joanie will always remember, was a woman who wanted to continue learning as long as she was able. This woman asked her son to buy her a dictionary for the purpose of learning one new word everyday. When Joanie and Wayne came in to visit the woman, they were sure to receive a demonstration of her using her new word! As witnesses to her accomplishments, she will remain an inspiration they will never forget!



Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts (cut in half lengthwise)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt & pepper (to taste)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 medium onion (chopped)
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 (5.2oz/150g) package Boursin Fine Herbs
- & Garlic cheese (softened)
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Boursin Chicken Recipe

Directions:

- Cut the chicken breasts in half lengthwise to get 4 thinner pieces. Season them with the garlic powder and some salt & pepper.
- Add the oil and butter to a skillet over medium-high heat and let it heat up for a few minutes. Cook the chicken for about 5-6 minutes/side or until cooked through, then transfer it to a plate.
- 3. To the skillet, add the onions and sauté for about 5 minutes or until softened and lightly browned. *If the pan seems dry, add a small splash more olive oil.*
- 4. Add the chicken broth and the Boursin cheese to the skillet. Stir until you've got a smooth sauce. Let it bubble for 5 minutes, then stir in the chopped parsley if using.
- 5. Add the chicken (and any plate juices) back into the skillet and let it warm through for a couple of minutes. The sauce should be thicker by now (you can always cook it a bit longer if need be). If it's too thick, you can add another splash of chicken broth.
- 6. Season with salt & pepper if needed (I find the sauce fairly salty when using regular broth) and serve immediately.

Did You Know?



The exterior of our Supportive Care Centre located at 15435—16A Avenue.



Our Hoing Room where we host our free individual and family counselling sessions, grief groups, our Children Grief Support Camps, and more.

From June to August 2022:

- Our Counsellors saw **122** Clients of which **56** were new.
- Our Counsellors held **315** individual counselling sessions.
- **79** Clients attended our Group Programs.
- Our organization served **325** individuals through Community Education & Outreach opportunities.
- Our Supportive Care Centre answered **1,128** phone calls during office hours.

**Please note that this is only a partial list of our programs & services.



Our group of new, recently trained volunteers outside of the Melville Hospice Home for their orientation.

In Memoriam

Peace Arch Hospice Society recognizes the loss of the following people and is grateful for the contributions that were made in their memory. June 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022.

- Patricia Hamann
- Jim Hubensky
- John
- Lisa Kouroupis
- John Maxwell
- Nicholas McLaren

- Theresa Penner
- David Pope
- Ron
- Anne Schmaltz
- Helen Siemens

In Loving Memory

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.



Always loved, forever missed, never forgotten.

Special Thanks to our Legacy Circle & Hearts for Hospice Supporters

A special thank you to our Legacy Circle:

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Our Legacy Circle is a group of special supporters who

have left Peace Arch Hospice Society in their will. To

notify us about a gift in your will to our organization or if

you have any questions about our Legacy Circle, please

contact Amanda McNally at 604-531-7484 ext. 106 or

visit www.peacearchhospice.org/legacy-circle.

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