# Peace Arch Hospice Society Newsletter

## March 2022 | Spring

#### **Mission Statement**

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,



a number of programs, services, and events that were cancelled or held virtually due to the pandemic. I look forward to meeting many more of you in person in the days and weeks to come. I would love to sit down and have cup of tea or coffee and get to know our incredible supporters better. Please reach out to me either by phone or email and I'll be happy to find us a time to meet. We have also welcomed new staff members to our team and they too look forward to meeting all of you.

We are thrilled to say that our 19th Annual *Hike for Hospice* will be in person again this year on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. I look forward to seeing our participants, sponsors, donors, and supporters in person at Blackie Spit Park, Crescent Beach. To register, pledge & donate, visit our website at www.peacearchhospice.org/hike or call **604-531-7484**.

Not only will we be celebrating being able to come together for an in person event again, but this year also marks our **40**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** of serving the South Surrey and White Rock community. In honour of this milestone, *The Block Charitable Foundation & Geoff and Jolene Funke Foundation* will be matching all Hike for Hospice donations up to \$20,000.00. **Double your impact** for this year's Hike and help us reach our goal of \$40,000.00 in honour of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

We are honoured to have been providing services to and being supported by our incredible community for the last 40 years. We are planning a number of ways to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and hope that you will all celebrate with us, the first being at our upcoming *Hike for Hospice*.

Along with our excitement of upcoming events and being able to come together in person again, we recognize that there is a lot of pain and extremely difficult situations here at home and throughout the world. We want to remind everyone that our grief and palliative services are here for you, when you need us. Please be kind to yourselves and others and take good care. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely, Amanda McNally Executive Director



Peace Arch Hospice Society

40th Anniversary

1982-2022

Join us for our 19th Annual Hike for Hospice on Sunday, May 1st, 2022!

For more details, see page 3 of our newsletter.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event. We are looking for both monetary and in-kind sponsors (gift baskets and prizes for draws). Please contact Emiko at emi@pahospicesociety.org or 604-531-7484.



Good Grief Teen Training March 30 - April 27 3:30pm-5:30pm Supportive Care Centre

A unique 5-session program for grade 11 & 12 students where participants learn how to support a grieving friend, what to say and not to say, and how to talk about difficult subjects.

Pre-registration is required. Call **604-531-7484** and ask for **Trevor**.

# **Missed Goodbyes**

By Amanda Myring, Registered Clinical Counsellor



When I reflect on my goodbyes, my last words do not come to me. The casual nature of a quick goodbye being just that. The closing of a door, the click of the telephone, an ending that occurred without warning. Words so insignificant they didn't register as important enough to hold on to. Such is the nature of human experience. When things are normal. When we don't know we are doing or saying something for the last time.

And yet, the missed opportunity, the changed plans, the intentions never realized, the words unsaid, leave us bereft. We sit in the absence of our loved one, tormented by the regret of missing the goodbye. The reality is we don't often receive the warning we expected, we believe we will have more time – we always did before.

We all live with the certainty of the eventual loss of people we love and care about; however, human nature inures us to this reality. We live with the belief of an assumed future until this assumptive world is shattered. Sometimes our losses are sudden, whereas others we have been anticipating for years. And yet, when the day comes – expected or unexpected, we find ourselves grieving the missed opportunities. No matter how much time we had with our loved one, we are left wanting more.

Our life is made of moments. Much of our lived experience recedes into our subconscious, inaccessible to us in the present day. We are left instead with a profound knowing – a feeling and understanding of what our relationships mean to us. These relationships mean so much more than just the last moment. The parting, whether expected or not, is not the summation of a relationship, it is a moment. It cannot erase or undo the lifetime of experiences leading up to it.

When we reflect on our losses, we don't always get the goodbye we imagined. It was never a goodbye that we wanted to say.

# We Are Here For You

When you or a loved one are told the illness you have may end your life, 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 - inclusive of all cultures, faiths, and beliefs - 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."



We are still looking for draw prizes! If you are interested in donating a gift basket, gift card, etc., please contact Emiko at **emi@pahospicesociety.org** or call **604-531-7484**.

# **Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store**





Thank you to our amazing customers and volunteers for making our 14th Anniversary Sale last month such a success! We are always blown away with the continued support we receive from our community.

We can't believe it's been 14 years since our Thrift Store opened. This milestone would not have been possible without our dedicated customers, generous donors, and hard working volunteers and staff. Thank you to each and every one of them.

By supporting our Thrift Store, you help Peace Arch Hospice Society to be able to offer our professional programs and services, *free of charge*, to the South Surrey and White Rock community.

We have an upcoming Jewelry Donation Drive from March 21 - April 2, 2022. See the ad to the left for all the details if you're interested in supporting and donating.

Take a look back at memories from our Thrift Store.



Looking for a fun place to volunteer that also allows you to give back to your community? Then our Thrift Store could be the right fit for you! Call 604-538-7600 or email thriftstore@pahospicesociety.org for more information.

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

# **Donation Hours**

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

604-538-7600 thriftstore@pahospicesociety.org

# Follow Us!



Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store Instagram:

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# **Slow-Cooker Chicken Thighs**

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

6 bone-in or boneless chicken thighs

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup low-sodium soy sauce

1/2 cup ketchup

1/4 cup honey

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp freshly minced ginger

2 tbsp Sriracha

Juice of 1 lime

Cooked rice, for serving



#### Directions:

- In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper and sear until golden, 3 minutes per side. Transfer to slow cooker.
- In a small bowl, whisk together soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, ginger, Sriracha, and lime juice. Pour sauce over chicken and toss until coated.
- 3. Cover and cook on low for 5 to 6 hours, or on high for 2 hours, until no longer pink.
- 4. Serve over rice.

https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54982/easy-slow-cooker-chicken-thighs-recipe/

# **Key Lime Pie**

#### Ingredients:

### FOR THE CRUST

1½ cups finely crushed graham cracker crumbs, from about 12 whole graham crackers

¼ cup packed light brown sugar

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

### FOR THE FILLING

Two 14-oz cans sweetened condensed milk 1 cup plain Greek yogurt (2% or whole milk) 1 tablespoon grated lime zest ¾ cup fresh lime juice

### FOR THE TOPPING

1 cup cold heavy cream 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1 teaspoon grated lime zest 8 to 10 thin lime slices



## Directions:

https://www.onceuponachef.com/recipes/key-lime-pie.html

### FOR THE CRUST

Preheat oven to 375 °F and set an oven rack in the middle position.

In a medium bowl, combine the graham cracker crumbs, brown sugar, and melted butter; stir with a fork first, and then your hands until the mixture is well combined. Using your fingers and the bottom of a glass or dry measuring cup, press the crumbs firmly into the bottom and up the sides of a 9 x 1.5-inch pie pan. The crust should be about  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick. (Tip: do the sides first.)

Bake for 10 minutes, until just slightly browned. Let the crust cool on a wire rack.

#### FOR THE FILLING

Lower the oven temperature to 350°F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the sweetened condensed milk, yogurt, lime zest, and lime juice. Pour the thick mixture into the warm graham cracker crust. Bake for 15 minutes, until the filling is almost set; it should wobble a bit. Let cool at room temperature for 30 minutes, then place in the refrigerator to chill thoroughly, about 3 hours.

### FOR THE TOPPING

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the heavy cream until soft peaks form. Add the confectioners' sugar and beat until medium peaks form. Top the pie with the whipped cream. Decorate with the lime zest and lime slices. Store the pie in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Slice the pie into wedges, wiping your knife clean between slices, and serve cold.

# Welcome to our New Staff!



# Kristy MacKinnon

### **Coordinator of Volunteers**

Kristy joined Peace Arch Hospice Society on February 28th, 2022. Her background consists of Sales Manager, Construction Management, High School Receptionist at Southridge School, and most recently as a Repairs & Maintenance Coordinator for Save on Foods. The knowledge and experience that she has gained over the years has made this position the perfect fit for her.

She is very grateful to be part of this amazing community of like-minded, passionate people who give back to our community.

On a personal side, Kristy and her husband, Merv, live in South Surrey and enjoy hiking, boating, golf, and yoga. They love spending time with family and friends, including their three adult children, Hayden, Josh and Keaton.



## Shauna Blundell

#### Thrift Store Supervisor

Shauna's love for thrifting and passion for providing great customer service brought her to our Thrift Store. "I'm customer service down to my core, tried other avenues but I always come back", says Shauna. She loves fun and laughter, which she has found in abundance at our Thrift Store alongside her amazing co-workers. As a music lover, going into work everyday has been a pleasure for her because they listen to the best "oldies".

Along with the thrifting aspect, Shauna was also drawn to our Thrift Store because her Mother passed away 5 years ago in a Hospice and it makes her heart sing knowing that all funds raised at the Store goes towards our Hospice Society to help provide the care, love, and nurturing like her Mother received to others in our community.

Shauna is a Newfoundlander who was accidentally born in Ontario. She is a 43 year old Mom to a 20 month old Pitweiler, 2 cats and a fish. Shauna is a bibliophile who enjoys cross stitch and knitting, and is generally found with multi-coloured hair and a different pair of glasses for every occasion.



## Tracey McCormack

#### Intake Supervisor

Tracey has had a great deal of experience in the non-profit field. She is very community-minded and has volunteered in her own community in a variety of ways including coaching soccer for 15 years, being PAC President, on the board for Tour de Delta, and more.

Tracey has always had a heart for Hospice and volunteering. "Hospice is such a good cause for families to be able to benefit from", says Tracey. She knows the importance of our organization and loves how the Hospice Residence feels like home for individuals in their final days.

She is married and has a son and daughter who they raised in Delta, and cherishes every moment she gets to spend with them. Tracey is an animal lover, so she has fostered dogs over the years, and currently has a rescue named Joey. When she's not at work you can find her in her garden, walking Joey, reading a good book, or cheering on the Whitecaps and BC Lions.



#### William Xie

#### **Financial Administrator**

William started his role as Financial Administrator on March 1st, 2022. Before joining Peace Arch Hospice Society, he worked for several manufacturers in the Fraser Valley for more than 11 years as a CPA CGA. Before immigrating to Canada in 2007, he worked for 2 banks in China for more than 17 years.

"I think hospice care is important to our community, and I am impressed by the fact that the 40 year old Peace Arch Hospice Society has been helping a lot of people who need compassion, support, and care. I am happy that I can contribute my share to build a more beautiful world with my colleagues", says William.

William currently lives in Fraser Heights with his wife and 16 year old daughter. Outside of work, he enjoys reading, playing soccer, hiking, cooking, and participating in their church's events.

Please join us in giving our new staff a warm welcome to our organization!

# Volunteers are the Heart of Hospice



# **Volunteer Service Awards**

40 Years: Teresa Hotell

35 Years: Joanne Hart

30 Years: Sharon Darlington Jean Walker

28 Years: Nancy Christy Betty Legge

27 Years: Stanley Fryer

Diana Post 26 Years:

Kathleen Tubbs

25 Years: Doreen Bruce 24 Years: Sharon Clayton

### 23 Years: Jane Bellringer Linda Gronert

22 Years: Margaret Terpstra

21 Years: Coreen Brost

20 Years:

Lee Beliveau **Dorothy Blandford** Elizabeth Brear

15 Years: Lee Cooper

10 Years: Barbara Carmichael

### **10 Years:**

Margaret Edna Dunn Marie Mabie **Diane Elmer** Susan Faester Joan MacKenzie Smita Shah **Gaiety Simpson** Donna Tratch Monica Zurowski

#### 5 Years:

Jewel Tunnicliffe Ante Sikic Joyce Robb **Doreen Rennick** Nina Mudry Marjorie Mooney Cheri Monteith Lynn Mackenzie

# 5 Years:

Dennis Lypka Jill Inglis Ann Harvey **Claire Hancock** Hayley Grant Susan Fox Nancy DeVink Liz Cowley Holly Cameron Nathan Alderson

#### 3 Years:

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## 3 Years:

Kathy Berringer Lenore Blas Ron Bowman Amanda Branscombe Diana Carlisle Vicky Chen Braeden Curry Parker Diggle **Connie Dominy** Nancy Hirschkorn Lynne Hutton **Pierre Imlay Cheryl Kendrick** Joyce Kipp Pat Koehn Lynn Koyzan Yasmine Lallani Lynda Langan Sandra Leroux

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# **Volunteer Spotlight**

Hélène Cameron



## What brought you to Peace Arch Hospice Society?

In 2007, I had been doing most of my volunteer work in Vancouver and I came to the realization that it might be time to make more of a contribution to my own community. I saw a tiny ad in the local paper seeking volunteers for the Hospice Society Board, with a special interest in policy and governance issues. It felt like a great fit. Like many people, I'd lost a family member, my mother, and her passing would have been greatly eased by the support of Hospice services. I was hooked. While on the Board, I took Level 1 and then Level 2 training. I elected to volunteer in the areas of Children's Grief and Vigils. I've continued to do so to this day, years after stepping down from the Board.

## What has kept you engaged in volunteering?

I sit vigils because I believe no one should be alone when they are about to die. Many older people have no family nearby, or their family is worn out and needs a hand. That is something I can do to lighten their load.

The Children's Grief Team is wonderful. So many talented and committed volunteers and a superb leadership. What a privilege to work with these people. And so gratifying to see children metamorphose over the two-day grief camps: they come in feeling alone, isolated, perhaps hesitant... and through activities, talk, play, and lots of fun, they discover that others are in the same boat, that what they are experiencing is normal, and they learn ways of coping. The camps, the workshops, the play-acting are great outlets for adults who like to play and create while offering an opportunity to do so something that changes the lives of the younger generation who are the future.



## Can you share a meaningful experience?

I was called in to a daytime vigil, out of the blue. The person dying was in her early 70s, she was comatose, and her sonin-law was sharing a recording with her when I walked in. He began to tell stories about her, how mischievous she was, what a good sense of humour she had. Eventually, I was holding her hand as the staff and volunteers made appearances and shared more stories. We were laughing until tears ran down our cheeks. And at every outburst, the object of the anecdotes responded – she heard us, she was sharing in the laughter. It was very moving. And evidence that the last sense to go is hearing...

# **Interested in Volunteering?**



Whether volunteering directly with clients, helping out at the office, assisting at events, or volunteering at our Thrift Store, Peace Arch Hospice Society volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteers provide an invaluable service to our community. Become a volunteer for our Society and discover a special kind of joy that comes from helping those in a time of need.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Coordinator of Volunteers at **604-531-7484** or email **cov@pahospicesociety.org**.

# Did You Know?



## From January to February 2022:

- Our Counsellors saw 101 Clients of which 29 were new.
- Our Counsellors held 188 individual counselling sessions.
- 109 Clients attended our Group Programs.
- Our organization served 88 individuals through Community Education & Outreach opportunities.
- Our Supportive Care Centre answered 674 phone calls during office hours.

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



Tea Service at Melville Hospice Home



One of our counselling rooms at our Supportive Care Centre

# **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. January 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022.

- Jeff Boucher
- Peter Franchi
- Colleen & Brendon Hopwood
- Elisabeth Koehler
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- Dorothy Parke
- Patricia Rowlands
- Janet Rushinko
- Augustin Song



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. xxxxxx



Always loved, forever missed, never forgotten.

# Special Thanks to our Legacy Circle & Hearts for Hospice Supporters

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- **Tammy Ritchie** Jean Walker

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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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# Thank You to our Donors

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	When you include Peace Arch Hospice Society in your will, you leave a legacy that will help provide compassionate care and support to those who are dying or grieving the loss of a loved one for generations to come.
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