Peace Arch Hospice Society Newsletter

November 2023 | Fall



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Executive Director's Message

By Amanda McNally

"We don't heal in isolation, but in community."



Dear Members, Donors, Clients, Volunteers & Friends,

Our clocks have gone back and it's darker and cooler these days. I hope you all find ways to stay

cozy. There is also a tremendous amount happening in the world right now, and it often seems impossible to wrap our heads around. These are the times that remind me how grateful I am for our community, we support each other. It reminded me of the quote by S. Kelley Harrell – "We don't heal in isolation, but in community". Please remember that if you, or someone you know, is in need of grief or palliative support, we are here for you.

Fall is off to a busy start. We held our AGM at the end of September, thank you to all who attended. We are excited to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors, Bonita Thompson and Caroline Povey.

Our staff and volunteers at the Supportive Care Centre have been very busy. This fall we started another Cooking Together Group. We've also hosted A Mindfulness Day of Gratitude in September, a 9-week Mindfulness Meditation program, Mindfulness Drop-In (hybrid), our Yoga Group, a Children's Camp – 'Jungle Journey' (Oct 20 & 21), and an Adult Grief Group. All of our regular drop-in groups continue. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for their time and dedication in supporting our community.

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Upcoming Programs & Events

Celebrate a Life
December 1st-23rd
Semiahmoo Shopping
Centre

See page 4 for more information.



Living with Grief During
the Holidays
December 5th
6:30-8pm
Supportive Care Centre
See page 5 for more
information.



We are here for you.
Call 604-531-7484 or visit
peacearchhospice.org for
more information about
our free, professional
grief and palliative
programs and services.

The Invisible Line

By Teagan Chambers, Practicum Student



When we are infants, we rely on our caregivers for support, safety and love. We cry when we need security, we reach when we need connection or nuzzle when we want comfort. This bond creates an invisible line between ourselves and our caregiver that stays with us forever. It is called our attachment bond.

Our attachment bond creates a template that we use to navigate the world. It teaches us what to expect from others, whether it is safe to explore and it informs us of our self-worth and identity.

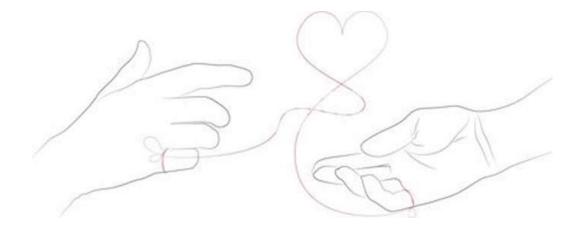
As we get older, the invisible line extends from our caregivers to other important people in our lives. These relationships often mirror the same relationship of that between an infant and their caregiver; you hold this person when they are in pain, they soothe you when you are sad and without them, we feel helpless.

When someone we love has died, their physical being is gone however, the invisible line between us and them remains. In fact, our brain is unable to recognize that this person is gone and so, will continue to search, reach and rely on the person at the end of the invisible line.

As we move through grief, we rewire the brain by learning to accept the reality of the loss, we adapt and create a new type of relationship with our loved one, where we remain connected and can honour the person.

This may include cooking their famous lasagna, learning to garden, because they loved to garden or talking to them out loud while you watch the show you two used to watch.

This person is always with you. By love, you are always bound by the invisible line.



We Are Here For You



"I had no expectations when I joined. I was shattered and just knew I needed help. I have come to expect it as a place to be when there is no other place to go."

- Men's Grief Group Participant

We are here for you. Call **604-531-7484** or visit **www.peacearchhospice.org** to learn more about our free, professional grief and palliative support programs and services including counselling with a Registered Clinical Counsellor, grief groups, children's grief support camps, relaxation sessions, tea service, pet visiting, vigils, and more.

Executive Director's Message Continued...

Christmas has arrived at the Thrift Store. The elves (aka, our talented staff and volunteers) worked hard to transform the store. If you are in need of any décor or gift ideas, be sure to stop by.

I am also thrilled to share an update on Peace Arch Hospice Society's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) as the work has begun. Thank you to our board, staff, and volunteers for their participation thus far. I'm proud to work for an organization committed to this and to expanding our capacity to meet the needs of our diverse community. To support our process, we have been hosting lunch and learns on various topics such as Metis Nation BC, and Death and Dying in the Queer Community. Most recently we hosted a full day Indigenous Cultural Safety workshop in September for Board and Staff facilitated by Harley Eagle. This works continues and we look forward to sharing more with you soon.

Take good care of yourselves as we head into the holiday season. I wish you all the very best for whichever holiday you are celebrating.

Sincerely, Amanda McNally Executive Director

Lasagna Soup Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 large yellow onion
- 3-4 garlic cloves
- 2-3 tablespoons olive oil
- Few pinches of salt
- Fresh cracked pepper
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp chili flakes
- 1lb ground beef
- 15oz can tomato sauce
- 32oz bone broth
- Pasta of choice
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup cream
- 1/3 cup shredded parmesan
- 1/3 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1 to 2 tbsp ricotta cheese



Directions:

- 1. Finely dice a large yellow onion and dice up 3-4 garlic cloves.
- 2. Bring a pot to medium heat, add 2-3 tablespoons olive oil, and sauté the onion and garlic until translucent. Then add a few pinches of salt, fresh cracked pepper, 1 tsp oregano, 1 tsp thyme, and 1/2 tsp Calabrian chili
- 3. Add 1lb of ground beef, then mince it up until browned up and cooked through, about 8-10 minutes.
- 4. When its cooked through, add 1 15oz can of tomato sauce and 32oz of bone broth.
- 5. Cover and bring to a simmer, this should take about 6-10 minutes.
- 6. Then, add in your pasta of choice and for the time according to it's packaging instructions.
- 7. 2 minutes before the pasta is done, add 1/3 to 1/2 cup cream, 1/3 cup shredded parmesan, 1/3 cup shredded mozzarella, and 1 to 2 tbsp ricotta cheese.
- 8. Mix well, taste, and adjust.
- This is best served right away. Serve in bowls, top with anything you want, or eat as is. Could top with a touch more cheese, fresh basil, and more chili flakes for heat.

From @shredhappens on Instagram:

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^{*}If making this in advance, leave the pasta out until you are ready to eat.



Living with Grief During the Holidays Workshop

Peace Arch Hospice Society

Living with Grief During the Holidays

Tuesday, December 5th 6:30 - 8:00 pm Supportive Care Centre 15435 - 16A Avenue Pre-registration is required.
To register, please call our office at 604-531-7484 or email us at contactus@pahospicesociety.org by Monday, December 4th.

Surviving the holidays after the death of a loved one can be one of the most painful issues to deal with.

This free evening workshop will provide support and education on how to get through this difficult time.

Peace Arch Hospice Society

... a special kind of caring



Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store



Join our team!

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community and have fun while doing it? We invite you to become part of our dynamic volunteer team at the Thrift Store!

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Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store

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Holiday Season!

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JEWELRY DONATION DRIVE DECEMBER 11TH-16TH, 2023

For every donation of jewelry you bring into the store during the above dates, you will receive a 10% off coupon for one item (or for your entire purchase of regular priced items) to use in our store.

Stay tuned for announcements about our exciting December special sale on Christmas items! You can find updates on in-store posters, our social media channels, and in the Peace Arch News.



Facebook:

Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store



<u>Instagram</u>

@pahospicesocietythriftstore

Programs & Services Update

From July to October 2023:

- Our Counsellors saw 110 Clients of which 78 were new.
- Our Counsellors held 421 individual counselling sessions.
- 141 Clients attended our Group Programs.
- Our organization served 507 individuals through Community Education & Outreach opportunities.
- Our Supportive Care Centre answered 1,770 phone calls during office hours.
- **Please note that this is only a partial list of our programs & services.



In September we held "A Mindfulness Day of Gratitude" for individuals who have completed our Mindfulness Meditation program. This was a follow up day with the goal to review, renew, and re-energize their Mindfulness practices where they creatively explored gratitude as the gift that is continually available and unwrapped simply through being appreciative of what you are experiencing. Even during difficult times, a richer understanding and experience of gratitude reveals it to be a robust attitude to cultivate.

Participants shared Mindfulness experiences and how to problem solve challenges, explored and experienced gratitude through guided meditations and exercises, and created a personal art piece using a collage technique.





We have continued to offer our services at the Melville Hospice Home including tea service, pet visiting, one to one visits with our specially trained volunteers, and more. We also have been filling the halls with the sounds of music for patients, their families, and friends to enjoy. We're lucky to have talented volunteers who can provide this service, free of charge.

As part of our commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), our staff and board have been participating in lunch and learns on various topics including Metis Nation BC, and Death and Dying in the Queer Community. Most recently, we had Indigenous Cultural Safety Consultant, Harley Eagle, facilitate a full-day workshop where we learned about and explored an Indigenous perspective on Colonization and addressing systemic racism and trauma-informed practice. It was an eye-opening and educational day that helped us gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous Cultural Safety.



Programs & Services Update





Our 2-day Children's Grief Support Camps provide the opportunity for kids to learn how to cope with their grief in a healthy way, while participating in games and activities with peers who are going through similar experiences, all while having fun and making friends.

During our recent "Jungle Journey" themed camp on October 20th & 21st, they watched a movie, participated in sharing circles, made masks, created stars representing their special person, had relay races and scavenger hunts, visited the park, and much more. They also took part in a workshop led by Kunda African Culture Music & Dance where they got to experiment with and learn to play a variety of traditional African percussion instruments and dance movements.







A huge thank you to our creative, compassionate, and talented Children's Camp team of volunteers, our Practicum Student, Teagan, and Counsellor, Eliezer, who put in many hours of work to make this camp a huge success and for making a difference in these children's lives.





Hospice Hula—Thank You!



Our Hospice Hula fundraiser took place on September 16th and was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, donors, guests, and volunteers. We couldn't have done it without their support!

Paul Tavai-Latta Dancers & Co. were the highlight of the night, with unforgettable performances that added a cultural richness to the event. Then DJ Storm made his debut towards the end of the evening and his music got everyone on the dance floor!

We also shared the story of our supporter and former client, David Webb, who passed away at Melville Hospice Home on May 1, 2023. His final wish that he shared with us was, "to help Peace Arch Hospice Society continue providing great care to those who need it as much as I have", so he left us a

generous donation that he wanted us to try to match. We have split this donation between different fundraising initiatives, including an upcoming direct mail campaign, to give our community opportunities to double their impact and help fulfill David's final wish. On the evening of our Hospice Hula, we did this through a donation drive, and we are thrilled to announce that we matched \$20,000 of his contribution. In David's own words, "together we can all show our appreciation of Peace Arch Hospice Society's services and help to make the world a better place". Our community came together at our Hospice Hula and did just that. Thank you to everyone who contributed.









Special Thanks to our Legacy Circle & Hearts for Hospice Supporters

A special thank you to our Legacy Circle:

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- Doreen Bruce
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- Jackie Crux
- Marilyn Desmarais

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- Gordon Hogg
- Sandra Knights
- Candy Ogden
- Tammy Ritchie
- Jean Walker

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.

A special thank you to our Hearts for Hospice Monthly Donors:

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For more information about **Hearts for Hospice** and our **Legacy Circle**, visit <u>www.peacearchhospice.org/ways-to-donate</u>

Thank You to our Donors

We would like to thank the following **individuals, organizations, companies, and foundations** who have generously made donations from July 1st - October 31st, 2023, to help support people in our community as they face terminal illness or bereavement. **Together we can make a difference.**

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- Diane Wood
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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. July 1st - October 31st, 2023.

- George Agnew Jr.
- James Ashdown
- Ronald Budworth
- Gus Butow
- Gordon Curiston
- Gordon Dams
- Vernon Denholm
- Mel Dick

- Charlie Ferraby
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- Lakhwinder Gill
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- Kay Sanford
- Robert Shumka
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- Lynn Sigouin
- Sidney Stallard
- Derek Traylor
- Robert Wyborn

Always loved, forever missed, never forgotten.

Hearts for Hospice

Interested in Donating Monthly?

Why? To pay it forward by providing reliable funding, to make a difference in our community, and because it's easy and convenient.

Your monthly donation, no matter the amount, will make a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbours in the South Surrey and White Rock community who are grieving or at the end of life, and need our support.

For more information about becoming a Hearts for Hospice Monthly donor, call **604-531-7484** or visit our website at peacearchhospice.org/ways-to-donate.

Peace Arch Hospice Society

Create a lasting impact in our community.

Leave a gift in your will.



"Good estate planning is not about the stuff you leave behind, it's about the legacy you leave behind. It is about the people in your life and how they will remember you, and the causes that were important to you and how you can continue to support them after you are gone."

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will to Peace Arch Hospice Society, please call our Executive Director at 604-531-7484 or visit www.peacearchhospice.org/legacy-circle

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Peace Arch Hospice Society Give the gift of compassionate care and support this holiday season. Your generosity has the power to make a significant impact on individuals in our community who are going through the most difficult time in their lives. We provide free, professional grief and palliative support programs and services to everyone in South Surrey and White Rock, free of charge. With your donation, we can continue to provide this essential support to those who need it most. **Peace Arch Hospice Society** 15435 - 16A Avenue South Surrey, BC V4A 1T2 604-531-7484 www.peacearchhospice.org/donate-online Donations of \$20.00 or more must be received or postmarked by December 31st to receive a 2023 tax receipt. Peace Arch Hospice Society Charitable Registration # 11929 7513 RR0001

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**.



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