#### **Peace Arch Hospice Society Newsletter**

January 2023 | Winter



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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,

Happy New Year, everyone. I hope that January 2023 finds you well. We have many exciting things to share with you for the upcoming year and

look forward to spending time with you.

The end of 2022 was a busy one for our Society. Our Thrift Store was hopping when Christmas came to the store following the Thanksgiving weekend and our 12 Days of Christmas sale was a big hit. We are grateful to the staff and volunteers who prepare and executive these plans for the store. The success of the store is thanks to everyone involved!

Our Supportive Care staff had a busy fall/early winter as well. We had our Dying to Learn More event in November, which was well attended and we had wonderful speakers covering the topics of wills and estates, travelling with a terminal illness, nutrition and a dramatic performance showing the journey from terminal diagnosis to hospice. Our next Dying to Learn More event in will be in the Spring, so stay tuned for more details.

In December, we were thrilled to host and toast our exceptional volunteers for our first in person Volunteer Holiday Party since before the pandemic. The energy in the room was high and it seemed as though everyone was excited to be back together to enjoy a wonderful buffet meal, photobooth and live music.

I, unfortunately, missed the Volunteer Holiday Party as my father became ill suddenly and was given a terminal diagnosis which required me to fly back to Ottawa to spend time with him. I was truly disappointed not to be a part of the event and celebrate our incomparable volunteers. I am touched by the outpouring of support for my family and I during my absence. I am incredibly blessed to be a part of this organization and to be surrounded by so many compassionate people. Thank you for your support and understanding. My father passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and I am grateful that I was by his side. I know I was better prepared to support him after the two and a half years I have worked with the Society and all that I have learned from our extremely talented staff and volunteers.

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

## Thrift Store's 15th Anniversary Sale: February 13-18

See page 6 of this newsletter for more info.

## Children's Grief Support Camp: February 24 & 25

Ages 6-12. Children enjoy fun activities while sharing their thoughts and feelings with one another in a caring and supportive space.

Call our office at 604-531-7484 to register.

#### Open House: Date TBD

We will be hosting another Open House before Spring at our Supportive Care Centre. Please call 604-531-7484 for more info.

## Good Grief Teen Training Program: April 2023

A unique 5-session program for grade 11 & 12 students that teaches them how to support a grieving friend, what to say and not to say, how to talk about difficult subjects, and more. Call 604 -531-7484 to register and find out more info.

## Hike for Hospice Save the Date: May 7th

Keep an eye out for our Spring newsletter, which will have more info on this event!

### **Finding Gratitude**

#### By Amanda Myring, Registered Clinical Counsellor



The balancing act of grief and gratitude means searching for moments of beauty and peace in the midst of profound sorrow. Engaging with and investing in life, choosing gratitude when so much has been stolen, is a courageous choice.

Choice is usually viewed as an either-or proposition. However, choosing to find and express gratitude can and does live alongside the pain and sorrow of loss. As Megan Devine says, "Grief and gratitude exist side by side. They are companions, not opposites." The richness of our complex human experience means multiple, conflicting emotions can be true at once.

One can recognize that there are choices that remain when it seems that all has been lost, when the first choice - the physical presence of the loved one, is no longer an option. The aspects of life that we treasure and appreciate the most are also the ones that make us vulnerable to grief. Living with gratitude can remind us to embrace and make meaning from this paradox, to recognize that two concepts which are in direct opposition to one another can be held at once.

The actor, Richard E. Grant shared that his wife Joan, while dying of cancer, encouraged him to find "a pocketful of happiness" in each day after she was gone. Simply put, she encouraged him to be present to and grateful for the small reminders that life is still worthwhile in the face of immeasurable loss. That gratitude and grief need not be viewed as diametrically opposed but as interconnected.

Gratitude for what was and what still is and devastation for what is no more live in tenuous coexistence. In the face of sorrow, one can find glimmers of peace, of beauty and of joy. These glimmers do not negate the loss but in fact may be enriched because of it.

## **Children's Grief Support Camp**

"Grief isn't just sadness, it's a whole swirl of emotions". - Children's Grief Support Camp Participant

On October 21-22, 2022, we hosted our 2-day Children's Grief Support Camp where these grieving children found a new understanding and acceptance of their thoughts and feelings, were taught strategies to cope with their grief, and met new friends who were going through a similar experience.





The children participated in sharing circles, arts and crafts, themed activities and games, and more. They left with memories and coping skills that we hope will last a lifetime and they learned that, "we can still feel happy even when we're sad".

We also hired Urban Safari Rescue to attend the camp and in doing so, we became a proud sponsor of the Curly Hair Tarantula for 3 months! They brought a tarantula and other critters to our camp to encourage the kid's curiosity about the animals and teach them about each species. This was definitely a highlight for all of the children!





### **Executive Director's Message Continued...**

December saw the return of our annual Celebrate a Life event at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre which is a tradition for many in our community. The Society also had the opportunity of being the charity of choice for the Gift Wrap this year. We could not have run either event without the dedication of our volunteers. They put in countless hours to ensure both were a success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated.

We have a busy few months ahead as we look towards the Spring, including our Thrift Store's 15th Anniversary on February 13th. We look forward to celebrating this amazing milestone and hope you can join us for our Anniversary sale next month. You can find more details about the sale on page 6 of this newsletter.

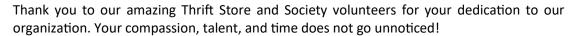
We are also looking forward to our upcoming annual Hike for Hospice on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have more information about this event in our next newsletter. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events, trainings, or groups. Please take good care of yourselves and each other.

Best, Amanda McNally Executive Director

## **Volunteer Holiday Party**

We were so thrilled to host our Volunteer Holiday Party in-person this year - the first time since 2019! After their buffet dinner, our volunteers danced and sang the night away to live music provided by Dan Hare. They enjoyed our photobooth and all the giveaways we had!

Our volunteers are the heart of the Hospice Society, so this evening was a small token of our appreciation to show them our gratitude for the hard-work they put in all year round.















#### Celebrate a Life







#### **Celebrate a Life Stats:**

Number of Volunteers: 73

Number of Shifts: 136

Total Volunteer Hours: 370 (shifts, scheduling, setup/takedown) – does not include the countless hours
of our volunteers and community artists spent hand painting and making the wood and ceramic doves.

Number of Paper Doves hung on tree: 394







## **Gift Wrap by Donation**





Peace Arch Hospice Society

## Gift Wrap by Donation

Thank you for your support!

Thank you so much to our community for making donations at our Gift Wrap station at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre this holiday season, and to our hard-working and talented volunteers who filled shifts from Nov 21 to Dec 24. This event wouldn't have been a success without their support!

All proceeds from this event help Peace Arch Hospice Society provide our professional grief and palliative programs and services, free of charge to the South Surrey and White Rock community. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of people who are grieving the death of a loved one or who are at the end of life themselves.



#### **Gift Wrap Stats:**

Gifts Wrapped: approx. 1800
Number of Volunteers: 106

Number of Shifts: 244

Total Volunteer Hours: 901 (shifts, setup/takedown, scheduling)









### **Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store**

## Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store

On February 13th, we will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary!

Join us in celebrating this milestone with a week-long coupon sale (50% off one item) from February 13-18.

Cannot be combined with any other discounts.

One coupon per family per day.



#### How can you receive a coupon to redeem during this sale?

- Stop by the store between Feb. 6-11.
- Follow us on Instagram and Facebook where we will be posting about the sale.
- Look out for an ad in the Peace Arch News.

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#### **Store Hours**

Mon to Sat: 10am-4pm

Sun: Closed

#### **Donation Hours**

Mon to Sat: 10am-3pm

Sun: Closed

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## 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.

Looking for a fun place to volunteer?

Call 604-538-7600 or email thriftstore@pahospicesociety.org for more

information about joining our Thrift Store team of volunteers!

## **Peace Arch Hospice Society Thrift Store**

## The Thrift Store Through the Years....



Then





Now









Rotary building our changerooms

## Did you know? In the last fiscal year...

- The Thrift Store provided 64% of the Society's Operating Revenue.
  - 153 volunteers contributed 23,016 hours at the Store.













### **Volunteer Spotlight**

Liz Brear



My name is Liz Brear and I have been a volunteer with Peace Arch Hospice Society for 20 years. My husband and I moved to White Rock in 2002. We knew nobody here. For the previous 10 years we had been living in Vancouver. My husband was sick from time to time and had spent many weeks in and out of hospital.

I had always volunteered for a few hours a week wherever we had lived, even before all my children left home, so a couple of months after coming to live in White Rock I gave Peace Arch Hospice Society a call. My background was nursing and even when I was growing up in England I had been

interested in hospice care. Also the Peace Arch Hospice Society office was only a block away from where we lived. I was not far if my husband needed me. I called hospice and went to meet the Coordinator of Volunteers and joined the Hospice family.

When I started volunteering with the Hospice Society I thought it was all about giving, I never realized how much I would receive. I have benefited in so many ways. I have grown from being a rather shy, quiet housewife into the cheerful, happy and the more confident person that I am today. The initial basic training, which is taken by all new volunteers is excellent. Even if someone decides that hospice volunteering is not for them, they will have discovered a great deal about themselves, about listening, about empathy, about sharing in the sadness, worries and joys of others. I have met so many wonderful people through Hospice. We share so much fun and happiness and a few tears. We work as a team. Although we may work in many different areas, we are all working together for the benefit and comfort of the White Rock/ South Surrey area.

## **Turtle Cookie Cups Recipe**

#### Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened

1 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup sugar

2 large eggs, room temp

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1-1/4 cups semisweet chocolate chips, divided

1/2 cup chopped pecans

1 cup Kraft caramel bits

3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

48 pecan halves



#### **Directions:**

- Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in eggs and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture.
- 2. Shape dough into 1-in. balls; place in greased mini-muffin cups. Press evenly onto bottoms and up the sides of cups. Bake 9-11 minutes or until edges are golden brown. With the back of measuring teaspoon, make an indentation in each cup. Immediately sprinkle with 3/4 cup chocolate chips and chopped pecans. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool.
- Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt caramel bits with cream; stir until smooth. Spoon into cups. Top each with a pecan half. In a microwave, melt remaining chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Drizzle over pecans.

#### **Did You Know?**



Our Dying to Learn More: Empowered Aging educational event in November.



Our volunteers, Gordon & Joyce on the first day of our 9week Mindfulness Meditation program.

#### From September to December 2022:

- Our Counsellors saw **165** Clients of which **88** were new.
- Our Counsellors held **464** individual counselling sessions.
- 99 Clients attended our Group Programs.
- Our organization served **895** individuals through Community Education & Outreach opportunities.
- Our Supportive Care Centre answered **1,679** phone calls during office hours.
- \*\*Please note that this is only a partial list of our programs & services.



The snacks we put out for the teens in our Good Grief Teen Training Program in November.

## 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. September 1 - December 31, 2022.

- Mitchell Andersen
- Sandro Colasacco
- Kevin Cunningham
- Carmelo De Seta
- Mel Dick
- Maria Docolas
- Jean Douglas
- Leslie Ellery

- Glenn Emberly
- Paul Gronert
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- Diane Shaw
- Phyllis W. Shirley
- James Shumka
- James William Stevenson
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- Rudy Stork
- William Wilder

Always loved, forever missed, never forgotten.

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

#### A special thank you to our Legacy Circle:

- Nigel Argent
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- Dorothy Blandford
- Ron Bowman
- Doreen Bruce
- Barbara Carmichael
- Jackie Crux

- Marilyn Desmarais
- Robert Flowers
- Gordon Hogg
- Candy Ogden
- Tammy Ritchie
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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 <a href="https://www.peacearchhospice.org/legacy-circle">www.peacearchhospice.org/legacy-circle</a>.

#### 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 www.peacearchhospice.org/ways-to-donate

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"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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#### **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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