

*For everything its season,
and for every activity under heaven its time...
Book of Ecclesiastes*

Seasons



The Dorothy Ley Hospice
Winter 2004

Join us for the Second Annual Hike For Hospice!

Last year's Hike for Hospice was such a hit we just had to do it again! So on Sunday, May 2, put on your walking shoes, head down to Centennial Park in Etobicoke and join the second annual national fundraiser in support of hospice palliative care.

Entertainment, food, and fun for all are guaranteed, so bring your dog, your kids, your grandparents and your friends for a great day and a great cause. Funnyman Roger Abbott of the Royal Canadian Air Farce will



keep us laughing as our MC. Best of all, the funds we raise will directly support the services of The Dorothy Ley Hospice. Last year we raised \$25,000, more than any other hospice in the country.

Register now by contacting Tammy Zaccolo at (416) 626-0116, ext.225 or visit www.dlhospice.org. Entry forms can also be picked up at Shoppers Drug Mart, Sherway Gardens; Bank of Montreal, 1230 The Queensway; Gino's Pizza, Cloverdale Mall; or at the hospice office, or we will mail or fax to you upon request.

See you on May 2nd!

New Compassionate Care Benefit Helps Caregivers

The new year has started off with great news for most Etobians and Canadians caring for someone at home who requires end-of-life care. On January 4, 2004, the Canadian government introduced a new Employment Insurance compassionate care benefit. Workers eligible for EI will be entitled to up to six weeks of compassionate care benefits to

care for a spouse or common-law partner, a parent, the spouse or common-law partner of a parent, a child, or a child of the spouse or common-law partner.

While this is an encouraging start, we know that most people would realistically need twelve weeks or more of compassionate care benefits. We urge you to write to your MP

acknowledging how timely and progressive the EI benefit is, while requesting that the time period for benefits be increased to 12 weeks.

For more information, visit www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ae-ei/pubs/compassionate_care.shtml or call your local MP.

Seasons is produced in every season of the year and is dedicated to sharing our plans, achievements and challenges with those who make the services of The Dorothy Ley Hospice possible and with those who come to us seeking comfort, meaning, dignity and hope.

A Fond Farewell to Some Old Friends

MARILYN RYDBERG

After over 10 years with The Dorothy Ley Hospice, our one-and-only Marilyn Rydberg retired on March 1 to live with her husband, Keith, in Haliburton.

“My mind and body will be in Haliburton, but my heart will always be with The Dorothy Ley Hospice,” says Marilyn of her difficult decision to retire.

As one of our four case managers, Marilyn has co-ordinated the often complex aspects of care for our clients, making the necessary arrangements with government, medical professionals, and the hospice care team to ensure clients' wishes are respected.

We will miss Marilyn's daily gifts of compassion, humour, vision and dedication to our clients, and wish her the very best in her new life adventure.

Marilyn adds: “A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers and staff with whom I have worked with over the past 10 years. It has been an honour and a privilege to be a case manager with The Dorothy Ley Hospice. I will forever carry fond memories of my work with all of you. I hope I will have the opportunity to continue my hospice work in Haliburton.”

DONNA BUTT

Day respite coordinator Donna Butt will also be retiring from The Dorothy Ley Hospice, as of April 1. The staff of the Hospice, as well as the clients and volunteers at day respite, deeply appreciate Donna's remarkable commitment over the past three years to “go the extra mile.”

The day respite program, which operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, provides clients with a supportive setting, including recreational, therapeutic, or social activities, or just quiet time away from the home. It also gives family and caregivers the opportunity to recuperate, rest, or run errands, secure in the knowledge that their loved ones are being cared for. Our day respite program has become a model for the province, and we couldn't have done it without Donna.

We all wish Donna the very best for the future, and thank her for being an ambassador for The Dorothy Ley Hospice, continually promoting our work in the Etobicoke community.

DAVID PRENDERGAST

David Prendergast, our former director of resource development and currently our part-time resource development consultant, will be completing his work with the Hospice as of March 31.

Over the past three years, David worked hard to create an appropriate foundation for The Dorothy Ley Hospice to move forward in our ambitious fundraising efforts, both

for operations and for our capital campaign for the residential hospice. We thank David for his commitment, wise advice and hard work and wish him the very best in his future endeavours as a consultant.

MARYANNE VENANTIUS

After almost two years with the resource development team, Maryanne Venantius will be leaving the Hospice on March 31 to seek new career opportunities. Maryanne helped make our education program possible by securing a \$50,000 donation from the Baxter Foundation, the largest corporate donation in the history of The Dorothy Ley Hospice. Her commitment and dedication will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Volunteer's New Novel “Irma” Explores Courage

The publication of a book is always exciting, but when you know the author, it can be thrilling. Everyone at The Dorothy Ley Hospice can share in such a thrill with the recent publication of *Irma* by our own volunteer, Marjorie Devine.

Based on the life of Irma Kalmet, *Irma* is really two stories of courage: one in the face of war and subsequent immigration, and another in confronting chronic illness and death. The book weaves together an account of Irma's daily struggles to remain independent and at home while living with multiple sclerosis, and the details of her dramatic history as recounted to Marjorie, her friend and advocate for over 40 years.

Through the years, Marjorie was intrigued by Irma's account of her struggles to build a life and career in Canada, and by the sometimes mysterious details of her earlier life in Estonia. But it was not until Marjorie travelled to Estonia herself that she learned a dramatic secret about her friend.

Irma is a good read for anyone, but those of us involved in caring for others will especially recognize the vagaries of the home care system and the fundamental need for all of us to have an advocate in dealing with this system.

Marjorie Devine has been with the hospice since 1995 and she volunteers at special events. Irma is published by Vauve Press and is available for \$22 by e-mailing devine@eol.ca. As well, there's a copy in The Dorothy Ley Hospice library.

New Education and Support Services for our Volunteers

THE DOROTHY LEY HOSPICE IS PLEASED TO OFFER OUR VOLUNTEERS A NUMBER OF NEW EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR 2004.

QUARTERLY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS REPLACE NURTURING MONDAYS

At the request of the volunteers who responded to a questionnaire distributed by Sonia Arana, our coordinator of volunteer services, last summer, Nurturing Mondays volunteer support meetings are being replaced by quarterly educational sessions. These will be open to all volunteers and will alternate between day and evening sessions to be accessible to all. Following are the planned winter and spring sessions:

February 25

An Afternoon at the Movies

A screening and discussion of the film *My Life*.

April 22 and May 18

Cultural Competence

June 3

Assertiveness Training

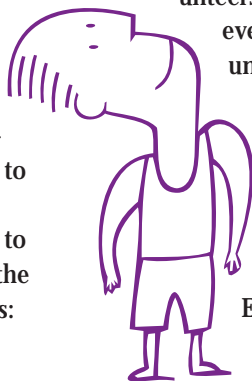
"Say What You Mean and Don't Be Mean When You Say It"

See "Upcoming Events" for locations and times.

For more information or to register, contact Jeanette Browne, our coordinator of education, at (416) 626-0116, ext.240 or jbrowne@dlhospice.org.

GET THE KINKS OUT WITH FREE CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENTS

Dr. Richard Liem is offering chiropractic treatments to our active volunteers the last Friday of every month from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Hospice office.



Dr. Liem trained at New York Chiropractic College and now has a practice on Evans Avenue in Etobicoke.

Call the Hospice office at (416) 626-0116 to book your appointment - and banish those aches and pains!

YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS

Client support volunteer Diana Murray, who has trained at the Stillpoint Yoga Centre in Picton, is offering free yoga classes for active Dorothy Ley Hospice volunteers. All ages and levels of ability are welcome - Diana will tailor sessions to meet participants' needs.

Classes are scheduled to run Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, 728 Browns Line. Participants are encouraged to wear loose or stretchy, comfortable clothing and to bring a mat, a blanket and an empty stomach (which makes it more comfortable to do the exercises).

Learn how to stretch tired muscles and to relax: call the Hospice office at (416) 626-0116 to register.



Leave Your Legacy in Loving Hands

What do you want to be remembered for?

By making a planned gift to the Hospice, you can bestow an enduring legacy of loving, compassion and care to your community.

Our brochure *Leave your Legacy in Loving Hands* provides a variety of suggestions for making a planned gift to the Hospice - a gift that provides estate planning and tax advantages to the donor - and compassionate end-of-life care to those in need.

For complimentary copies, contact the Hospice office at (416) 626-0116 or info@dlhospice.org.



Touching Death, Touching Peace

I have always worked with my hands...

For 20 years I worked as a custom homebuilder; now I work as a spiritual care provider, sometimes offering therapeutic touch to the dying. I take my soul to work – a tool to catch the gestures of people focused on living, even when there are scant days left.

It had been over a month since I had last visited Merietta as part of her care team, and many things had changed. Previous visits had taken place in the living room, but this time I was welcomed into a tiny bedroom. Merietta was wearing a sleeveless top and sweat pants, and I noticed for the first time the blue tops of diapers. A bedside commode was also new. I sat down on it to be closer.

Merietta's eyes were shut and she was not wearing her glasses. There was no coughing, and she was no longer wearing an oxygen mask, but her breathing was laboured as she tried to get air. Despite the surgery scars at her shoulder and her dishevelled hair, I was struck by the beauty

that radiated from her in her relaxed state, her implicit and complete trust in hospice care.

I asked, "Would you like to receive a therapeutic touch treatment today?"

"Yes."

Therapeutic touch is a non-invasive relaxation treatment that aims to balance the human energy field. I'm a relaxed agnostic about its efficacy, but clients report it to be very calming.

As I moved my hands through Merietta's energy field, I sensed coldness where her right arm had been. She had chosen to have it amputated after shoulder cancer rendered it useless. Afterward she had laughed when she described the experience of trying on bras with her girlfriends at the mall.

The cancer had since spread to her lungs, and I could see she was working hard as she made her dying passage. Her chest rose and fell as she laboured to draw air through the pinhole left to her by the cancer. Even so, the moment held a wonder-

ful dignity, reflective of the beauty of the whole person. Her eyes stayed shut, her face peaceful as I continued to unruffle the energy field. A profound calm flooded my heart.

Moving my hands near Merietta's right shoulder, the area now felt warm.

"Are you tired?" I asked. She nodded, keeping her eyes closed. After a while, she abruptly moved her head to the centre of the pillow, signalling that the treatment had accomplished its purpose. I touched her hand.

"Okay," I said. "I'll be leaving now and I'll say goodbye to Earl on my way out."

"Thank you for coming" she said. Her eyes remained closed.

Merietta died on February 11, 2003.

Nick Ruiter is the spiritual care coordinator of The Dorothy Ley Hospice; you can reach him at (416) 626-0116, ext. 230, or spiritualcare@dlhospice.org.

New Beginnings: You Don't Have to Journey Alone

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you may benefit from New Beginnings – a small, intimate self-help support group.

Last fall, a new group began their journey of healing together. Gradually, a wonderful growth experience took place, and the group that had begun as a gathering of mostly strangers was transformed into a community.

The group forms a safe place where participants can share their feelings in a supportive environment. Hospice volunteer facilitators are gentle, respectful and build community – a safe place where people can accomplish their grief work together. The group simply listens, and somehow it is the very act of listening that eases the grieving process. The noted physician and author Scott Peck describes the experience:

"...quietly, a member begins to talk about herself. She is being very vulnerable... When she is finished there is a hush [that] goes on a long time... [But] there is no uneasiness in this silence. Slowly, out of the silence, another member begins to talk... very deeply, very personally, about himself. He is not trying to heal or convert the first person. He's not even trying to respond to her... Yet the other members of the group do not sense he has ignored her..."

As you read this, another New Beginnings group is underway; if you would like more information, contact spiritual care coordinator Nick Ruiter at (416) 626-0116 ext. 230, or spiritualcare@dlhospice.org.

Hospice Happenings

ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS RECOGNIZE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Six Dorothy Ley Hospice volunteers received pins and certificates at the Ministry of Citizenship's 2003 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards in a ceremony held on November 26.

Kathleen Deall was honoured for her 10 years of service in bereavement support. Day respite volunteer Kathy Arab was recognized for more than five years of service, as was client support volunteer Julie Bond. Driver escort Elizabeth Black, reception and special events volunteer Norah Craigie, and client support volunteer Caroline Shirreff were each recognized for their five years of service. Congratulations and a huge "thank you!" to these outstanding volunteers.

JOSEPHINE GEORGE NAMED COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Mayor David Miller presented our own Josephine George with the 2003 City of Toronto Community Service Volunteer of the Year award on December 6.

Josephine joined the Hospice as a client support volunteer in 1996. Since then, she has devoted from

three to 10 hours a week to the Hospice while working full time. Her energy and spirit are well known, but her quiet and highly responsive manner and her ability to listen and offer assurance bring invaluable comfort to clients and their families.

Our heartfelt thanks, Josephine!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLIENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

In November, we welcomed 20 new graduates of our client support volunteer training program.

Congratulations to Anita Adamek, Marion Berry, Sally Blakeway, Barbara Corbett, Keith Chen, Theresa (Terry) Cooke, Jeannette Gibson, Amita Jayawardena, Yusuke Katayama, Ella King, Ray Maruschak, Kevin Morris, Patricia Gail Murphy, Lisa Page, Alice-Betty Rustin, Angela Schuller, Diana Murray, Glen Rayworth, Tracy Rybacki and Mark Stoiko.

We look forward to working with these new graduates, who bring our total number of client support volunteers to 165.

Another client support training session begins in the fall, and new volunteers are always welcome.

For more information contact our coordinator of volunteer services, Sonia Arana, at (416) 626-0116, ext. 227, or volunteers@dlhospice.org.

NEW VOLUNTEER DRIVERS READY TO HIT THE ROAD FOR HOSPICE

Eleven new volunteer drivers completed a three-and-a-half-hour training session on January 29. Participants were given an introduction to hospice care and to The Dorothy Ley Hospice. They also learned about basic communication skills, body mechanics, and techniques for assisting clients to transfer from chairs to wheelchairs and in and out of cars.

Workshop leaders Jeanette Browne, our coordinator of education, and Sonia Arana, our coordinator

of volunteer services, were assisted by Rehab Express physiotherapist Amee Mehta. Long-time hospice supporter Rita Chiodo, dealer principal of QEW 427 Chrysler Dodge Jeep, provided us with space in the car dealership showroom and cars in which volunteers could practise their skills. They also warmed us up with coffee and chocolate panettone!

Our newly trained drivers are Axel Menzefricke, Barb Willoughby, Bob Pickles, Bonnie Caradonna, Colin Hollis, Darleen Falconer, George Kobelak, Janet McIntosh, Liz Black, Nancy McGrath and Nancy-Lou Farrell. They will drive clients to day respite and medical appointments and treatments, or help clients run errands.



Rita Chiodo (right) donated the QEW 427 Chrysler Dodge Jeep showroom – and some brand new vehicles – for driver training practice, while Rehab Express physiotherapist Amee Mehta provided helpful information on moving Hospice clients safely into and out of vehicles.

HOLIDAY CHEER AT HOSPICE OPEN HOUSE

The Hospice welcomed about 60 volunteers to our office for a bustling holiday open house on December 9. Executive director Dan Dempster thanked volunteers for their invaluable work over the past year, and vice-president Paul Ginou unveiled draft architectural drawings of our planned residential hospice. Everyone enjoyed hot cider, holiday treats and the opportunity to reconnect.

Hospice Happenings continues...

Open House Introduces Hospice to Trillium Employees

Over 135 employees of the Trillium Health Centre were introduced to The Dorothy Ley Hospice, many of them for the first time, during Trillium's 2004 open house on January 21.

Along with the Trillium departments housed at 160 and 170 Sherway Drive, The Dorothy Ley Hospice opened its doors to Trillium employees from those and other sites.

"Now I know there are indeed angels out there."

Visiting the Hospice was an eye-opener for many Trillium employees, some of whom knew little or nothing of us despite working so close by. Trillium information technology staffer Allyson Raymond wrote to us afterward:

"[Though] our offices are one above the other... I never knew exactly what your organization did... [During the open house] I received your book The Story of the Loving Hand [and] absolutely loved it. I read it from front to back... Thank you for such a beautiful read. I now know that there are indeed angels out there."

Thank you to the planning committee for all their hard work organizing such a wonderful day, and a special "thank you" to information technology consultants Lorraine Poce and Mary Ellen Shaw, the co-chairs.

... Hospice Happenings

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE RAISES AWARENESS AND FUNDS

During the holiday season, our eighth annual Tree of Remembrance event at Cloverdale Mall and Sherway Gardens raised over \$15,000 — and was featured on CityTV.

From December 6-12, participants honoured loved ones by writing their names on paper doves and hanging them from our holiday trees. Donald Mansz hung the first dove in honour of his late wife, Gwen Mansz, who was a client of the Hospice.



Top (l to r): volunteers Silvia Olivia and Liz Corneil, case manager Marilyn Rydberg, volunteer Helene Maxwell. Bottom (l to r): special events coordinator Tammy Zaccolo, day respite client Diane Stuckless.

Day respite client Diane Stuckless appeared on the December 12 broadcast of CityTV's Breakfast Television, where she spoke about her experience with our Hospice and the service we provide to the Etobicoke community.

Volunteers, mall merchants, and the general public joined the Tree of Remembrance committee for the successful event launch. A special thanks to Zellers, Payless Shoes, Dominion, Grand & Toy, CIBC, Hot Oven, Victorian Garden Tea Room and Cloverdale Mall for their support.

JOCKEYS AND JAZZ: THE DOROTHY LEY DERBY AT WOODBINE

The second annual Dorothy Ley Derby, sponsored by Queensway and Kipling Swiss Chalet owner



Corporate sponsor Mike Maguire (left) of Queensway and Kipling Swiss Chalet — dressed up 'derby style' with finery supplied by The Victorian Garden Tea Room — joins mc Jerry Howarth for a photograph.

Mike Maguire, raised an impressive \$31,000 for the Hospice on November 15. Almost 200 guests came to Woodbine Racetrack and enjoyed a 50/50 draw, auctions, a gourmet buffet, and of course, thoroughbred horseracing.

Jazz band R.K. Sound provided live music while broadcaster for the Toronto Blue Jays Jerry Howarth acted as master of ceremonies. The Victorian Garden Tea Room supplied hats, boas and beads so that attendees could dress up for the occasion.

The event was such a success that we're already planning the next one — save November 6 for a day at the Derby!

For information, contact special events coordinator Tammy Zaccolo, at (416) 626-0116, ext. 225 or tzaccolo@dlhospice.org.



Executive director Pat Morgan (centre) accepts a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Baxter International Foundation from The Dorothy Ley Hospice's executive director, Dan Dempster, and coordinator of education Jeanette Browne. The Baxter Foundation generously donated \$50,000 to expand the Hospice's professional and education programming.

THE TAG TEAM: TWO HOSPICES JOIN FORCES FOR GIFT-WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

The Dorothy Ley Hospice and the Hospice of Peel joined forces to organize a gift wrapping booth throughout the month of December at Dixie Outlet Mall. Community-minded students from local high schools joined Hospice volunteers to staff the booth, raising over \$5,600. The event also helped to raise awareness throughout high schools in the surrounding area. The proceeds will be split between the two hospices.

Many thanks to all who helped us with this great community event!

COUNTING ON OUR COMMUNITY

The Dorothy Ley Hospice is the only hospice serving the community of Etobicoke. In return, the community showed its appreciation by holding a number of fundraising events on our behalf.

With only 9% of our funding from the government, we rely on the generosity and hard work of local groups, service clubs, and individuals in Etobicoke to ensure access to quality end-of-life care to all residents. As you make plans for 2004, we hope that you will consider making The Dorothy Ley Hospice a beneficiary of your fundraising activities.



David Earnshaw (centre) and Alex Webster (right), on behalf of the Beaver Bible Class outreach committee, present spiritual care coordinator Nick Ruiter with a gift to The Dorothy Ley Hospice. David is also a Hospice client support volunteer.



In December, "The Wainwright Carollers," ages two to 11, went door-to-door, entertaining their neighbours with songs of the season – and collecting \$90 for The Dorothy Ley Hospice.

Want to add someone's name to the Seasons mailing list, or have your name removed? Simply e-mail/fax/mail your request to

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Fax: (416) 626-7285

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Thank You, Readers!

We would like to thank the 136 folks who responded to our reader survey in the last issue of *Seasons*. We're revising the guidelines for the newsletter based on your input. Look for the results in the next issue!

Meanwhile, here's a summary of the survey findings.

- ✓ Of those who completed the survey, 43% identified themselves as funders of the Hospice, 28% as volunteers and 13% as clients.
- ✓ 87% read all or most of the newsletter.
- ✓ The following percentage of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that *Seasons*...
 - keeps me informed about new developments at the Hospice 95%
 - helps to keep me in touch with the Hospice 93%
 - does a good job of telling me what the Hospice is and does 90%
 - does a good job of telling me how I can support the work of the Hospice 88%
 - does a good job of informing me about volunteer opportunities 85%
 - provides me with helpful information about hospice palliative care 84%
- ✓ 67% would like *Seasons* distributed three times annually (rather than twice or four times, as it is now.)

We also received a wide variety of comments regarding what readers like, dislike and want to read more about in *Seasons*, which we will integrate into the new guidelines.

Thank you so much for your valuable suggestions – we are using these to develop a “new and improved” *Seasons* to better meet your needs. We hope you find it pleasant reading!

Upcoming events

**March 24, April 28,
May 26, June 23, September 22**

**THERAPEUTIC TOUCH
SUPPORT/PRACTICE SESSIONS**

The Dorothy Ley Hospice office
6:00 to 7:45 pm

**April 7, 14, 21, 28,
May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9**

**ADVANCED ISSUES
IN PALLIATIVE CARE**

Location TBA
6:00pm – 9:00pm

April 22

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Humber Valley United Church
76 Anglesey Blvd.
9:30 – noon

April 25 – May 1

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The Dorothy Ley Hospice extends a loving hand into the Etobicoke community to help people and their families facing a progressive, advanced, life-threatening illness live with comfort, meaning, dignity and hope. At home or in hospital, our teams of trained volunteers and professionals integrate compassionate care to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our clients.

To give your financial support, contact KATHY ROULSTON (giving@dlhospice.org)

To share your time and skills as a volunteer, contact SONIA ARANA (volunteers@dlhospice.org)

To inquire about using our services, contact:

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April 26, May 3, 10, 17

**MY PARENTS ARE AGING:
How Can We Plan Together?**

Richview Public Library
1806 Islington Avenue
7:00 – 8:30pm

May 2

HIKE FOR HOSPICE
Centennial Park

May 3 – 9

**NATIONAL HOSPICE
PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK**
visit www.chpca.net

May 5

**BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR
“CELEBRATING MOTHER’S DAY”**

The Dorothy Ley Hospice office
7:00 – 9:00 pm

May 6, 7, 8

MOTHER’S DAY GIFT WRAPPING
Sherway Gardens

**May 11, 18, 25 and
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**“NEW BEGINNINGS”
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**
The Dorothy Ley Hospice office
7:30 – 9:00 pm

May 17

**THERAPEUTIC TOUCH WORKSHOP
LEVEL I**

The Dorothy Ley Hospice office
8:30 am: registration
9:00 – 5:00 pm: workshop

May 18

CULTURAL COMPETENCE
Humber Valley United Church
76 Anglesey Blvd.
1:00 – 3:30 pm

June 1

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING
Diabetic education room
Norman Appleton Building
Trillium Health Centre
Queensway site
6:00 – 9:30 pm

For information, or to register for any of these events, call the Hospice office at (416) 626-0116.



We Need Volunteer Gift Wrappers

Don't let your gift-wrapping skills decline during the long months between Christmases. Keep them sharp at our gift-wrapping booth at Sherway Gardens, which will be operating on May 6, 7 and 8 for Mother's Day. Volunteers will take four-hour shifts wrapping gifts purchased by shoppers. It's a great opportunity to help us with awareness-building and fundraising, plus you get to see what people are buying these days! It's like having the shopping come to you.

To volunteer, contact Sonia Arana, our coordinator of volunteer services, at (416) 626-0116, ext. 227 or volunteers@dlhospice.org.

OUR WISH LIST

- Luggage trolley
- Meeting chairs
- Digital camera/camcorder
- Desk fans
- HP colour laser printer
- A small portable tape/CD player

If you would like to donate any of these much-needed items to the Hospice, Stephanie McCann, our manager of operations, would be delighted to receive your call at (416) 626-0116, ext.222.