

Hospice Happenings: July 2014



WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

Refreshed and Renewed



Pilgrims has had a few facelifts in the past month, and we are so grateful to all who have contributed to make this happen...

Ackard Contractors Ltd. - for the sturdy new front steps

Our Board Chair, Alexis Harke, along with board member, Jill Sarluis, and family members Kate and Zach - for the fresh paint on our ramp.

Les Yochim and BelVan Group - for making our back deck and stairs safe and functional, and the other odd jobs that we needed a handy man to assist with indoors.

BP Coatings and crew; Chris, Josh and Mindas - for painting our day program space as well as our counselling office.

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Fall Volunteer Training

We are accepting applications for volunteers in all program areas, and have begun interviews. Hospice Care training is scheduled for September 6, 13, 20, and 27. 9am - 4pm each day.

Apply Now

July Wish List

See how you can help Pilgrims, our programs and

Great Golfing Ahead

The Annual [Heather Klimchuck Pilgrims Hospice Charity Golf Classic](#), will once again be held at the Edmonton Petroleum Golf & Country Club, on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Register today to join the fun, all in support of Pilgrims Hospice.

Registration and Partnership Package

Rebuild



The front steps going in, thanks to the crew from Ackard Contractors Ltd; Richard Plamondon, Aquilino Naccarato, Michael Plamondon, and Talon Kelland.

Volunteer of the Month

Each month, the Pilgrims management nominates a Volunteer of the Month for their dedicated and outstanding service. Please share in the joy as we honor the following Pilgrims Hospice Volunteer:

If you attended our 2014 Walk in My Shoes gala, you heard first hand what it means to be a Compassionate Companion (CC) volunteer. The role can include friendly visiting over tea, or driving the client for groceries, it may involve gardening, or playing cards, assisting to organize legacy albums or letters for loved ones... however, the lives of those living with illness can be quite complicated and often they are faced with immense challenges and overwhelming tasks. Sometimes

clients with specific *wish list* items.

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If you would like to make a contribution to Hospice Happenings, or nominate a volunteer for outstanding service, please feel free to make any submissions to **Debbie Nessel**, by way of email: debbien@pilgrimshospice.com

Suitable additions would include such things as: stories, poems, jokes, photos, etc.

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our volunteers act as advocates, helping to find resources and further support for clients, having to discern client needs, and maintain excellent communication with Pilgrims' staff for the client's continuity of care.

This month we are proud to recognize **Tanya McKay**, for her ability to be an attentive, astute, and caring companion. Her thoughtful presence contributes to the CC team dynamic, as well as to her client match. She is dependable, maintains open communication with the CC manager, and most importantly, provides consistent dedication of time and energy to the client each week; prioritizing the client needs.

Thank you Tanya, for being a part of the Pilgrims family.

10th Annual Colored Tears Summer Day Camp

Presented by, Pilgrims Hospice BriarPatch Centre for Grieving Families, this interactive and fun-filled, week long adventure, for children ages 6 through 12 years old, who have experienced the death of someone they love, Will be running in July and August this year. Using art, music and other creative tools, participants are guided by trained and enthusiastic leaders.

***Camp #1:** Monday, July 21, 2014 to Friday, July 25, 2014 at the Pilgrims Hospice Society, 9808 148 Street in Edmonton.

***Camp #2:** Monday, August 11, 2014 to Friday, August 15, 2014 at the BriarPatch Family Centre, 50 Brentwood Boulevard, Sherwood Park.

To register, please contact [Cheryl Salter-Roberts](mailto:Cheryl.Salter-Roberts@pilgrims.org) at 780.413.9801 ext.309. Visit our website: www.briarpatchgrief.com

Day Program Paint Job



Before and after in the day room, thanks to the crew from BP Coatings;
Chris Joy pictured.

Adult Bereavement Support: Summer Drop-in

Help, support and resources as we journey together.

July 21 and August 18, 7 - 8:30pm

- drop-in support groups are open to the public
- refreshments provided
- no cost to attend, though donations are gladly accepted

For more information, please contact [Jesse McElheran](#), 780 413 9801
ext 307

We Appreciate Our Volunteers



The annual volunteer appreciation event, held on June 25, at Pilgrims Hospice was a big success. Volunteers, board members, staff and guests, enjoyed a summer soiree, bbq dinner, champagne to celebrate, and the melodic charm of musicians, Rock and Sharon, on the flute and cello.

Thanks goes out to all staff for supporting and participating at the event, as well as family members for stepping in as extra hands. To our Volunteer Services Manager, Debby Harink, for organizing the evening and giving such care to every small and important detail, we are grateful. We also appreciate our community, for the many thoughtful donations; Safeway, London Drugs, Starbucks, Bon Ton Bakery, Wild Earth Bakery and board member Greta Sieben, Salisbury Green House, and of course our fabulous musicians.

Of course we also must thank all of our volunteers, we hope you know how much we value your time, energy and commitment to the work we do at Pilgrims. You are an integral part of our success, and the compassionate care we are able to offer our community.

Pilgrims Barber Shop



Thanks to [At Home Hair Trends](#) for coming to do a hair demo in Day Program. Having the option for professional hair style in the home is a wonderful service!

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