



# Hospice Happenings: May 2014



TUESDAY 6 MAY

## Twentieth Year Partnerships



20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Sponsors

We would like to recognize our 20th Anniversary sponsors to date, with much gratitude for their support and for strengthening our mission.

**Pattison Outdoor Advertising: Platinum Media Sponsor**  
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## It Was a Walk to Remember...

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### In other news

#### Annual Dr.Helen Hays Sunflower Luncheon

Set to take place Friday, September 19, 2014 at the exquisite Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. More information available [here](#).



Pilgrims Hospice was honoured to welcome over 200 guests to the 19th annual Walk in My Shoes gala and auction on Friday April 25, in the elegant Sutton Place Hotel ballroom. The event committee certainly went above and beyond this year, from creating an opulent and comfortable atmosphere, to securing extravagant auction items to suit the tastes of all attendees - we have much gratitude for their dedication.

A few of our top live auction items this year included: two week accommodations in beautiful Croatia, donated by **Anna Muze** of **Il Forno Restaurant**; an Oilers Luxury Hockey Suite package for a party of 10; and a fabulous painting by **Lewis Lavoie**, created live throughout the evening event. Together, these three items alone, generated nearly **\$30,000** for Pilgrims.

Of course we have to thank the master of entertainment, **Danny Hooper**, for drawing the crowd in with his humour and charisma - instigating multiple bidding wars, and in the blink of an eye auctioning off a few signed copies of his **new book** for **\$1000** each!

The success of this event is definitely something to be proud of, and the guests of the evening were also given a glimpse into the mission that they are supporting, through our guest speakers. We would like to thank **Dave Williams**, a client representing our Adult Day Program, for sharing what Pilgrims means to him and his family. **Sheryll Meade-Clift**, a dedicated volunteer, of the past eight years, was able to truly touch on what it means to be a volunteer supporting those with life-threatening illness, and her challenging yet enriching experience. We were also humbled, again, to have **Greg Yanda** accept our invitation to share his story, as he and his daughter **Emily**, have received years of support through the Expressive Arts for Grieving Children, Teens and Families program. Greg and Emily represent many of the families

## Monthly Wish List

Be sure to check our website the second Wednesday of each month for the updated **Wish List**. Pilgrims often needs items to support our work and programming goals.

## Pilgrims Volunteer Meeting

All Pilgrims' Volunteers are invited to attend the first of four volunteer meetings, to take place each year, on Wednesday, May 14, 6-8pm. An evening of reflection on life and death. Will also include light supper and refreshments.

Please RSVP to **Debby Harink**

## Pilgrims Hospice Society

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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](mailto:debbien@pilgrimshospice.com)

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

## Forward to a friend

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Pilgrims has had the honour of supporting over the years - and in true nature of the Expressive Arts Program, Emily created a painting for our Walk in My Shoes auction.

The original copy of Emily's painting has now been hung in our entranceway at Pilgrims, though each person making a bid on her art was invited to sign the matte, and also received a copy of the original piece. This generous, talented, and inspiring 13 year old girl, raised nearly **\$40,000** for Pilgrims in a matter of minutes.

A heartfelt speech was also delivered to our attendees by our Honourary Chair of the Walk in My Shoes event, the incomparable **Miss Sarah Chan**, who created a [video](#) capturing Day Program, and shared why Pilgrims has drawn her attention and how she identifies with the need for our services in the community. And of course, **Mayor Don Iveson**, who noted his support of our small organization, and that we are what he loves about Edmonton - the people who find a way to work together, to support each other in times of need.

As you can see there is much to share about our 19th Annual Walk in My Shoes gala, and there are too many highlights to mention. Though the success was only equal to our many friends of hospice in attendance, and for your generosity we are truly grateful; generating approximately **\$180,000** in revenue. We look forward to the coming years, and would like to recognize **Flaman**, and **Rocky Ansom**, for the commitment to be presenting sponsor for the Walk in My Shoes gala indefinitely.

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## Presenting Sponsor at WIMS 2014



Co-founder and Board Member, Marion Boyd with Rocky Ansom,  
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## Pilgrims Hospice Annual General Meeting...

All members are asked to attend our upcoming **Annual General Meeting** - supporting us to continue offering compassionate end-of-life care and bereavement services to the Edmonton community. Your presence helps us to sustain our mission and to reach out.

**Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Time: 6pm**

**Location: 9808 - 148st, Edmonton. Pilgrims Hospice Society.**

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### Well Wishes for the Future



To **Gloria Bauer**, our retiring board member after 18 years of service. On behalf of the board of directors, management, staff, volunteers and our clients, thank you for your vision, your passion, your commitment, dedication and stewardship. You have helped build a strong foundation from which Pilgrims Hospice can reach new heights. We are grateful to know that you will continue to serve and support Pilgrims Hospice through committees and independent initiatives. We look forward to your continued efforts to one day realize our goal of a Residential Hospice in Edmonton.

Sincerely,  
Richard Wong  
Chair, Board of Directors

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## \*NEW Opportunity to Support Pilgrims...



Pilgrims is now a recipient of donations generated through [Donate-a-Car Canada](#); accepting vehicle donations on our behalf. Whether you have a car, truck, boat, RV, motorcycle... or other vehicle, you can easily complete the online donation form, and Donate-a-Car Canada will arrange **FREE** pickup in many areas across Canada. Your vehicle will either be recycled or auctioned, with proceeds donated to the designated charity. A truly great organization, helping to make your donation process easy and effective. Thank you for considering this [gifting option](#).

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## Honoured Guests





Cheryl Salter-Roberts, Manager, Pilgrims Hospice BriarPatch Centre for Grieving Families; with clients, Emily Yanda and Greg Yanda

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## Golf Season is Upon Us...

Join us for the annual **Heather Klimchuk Pilgrims Hospice Golf Tournament**, Wednesday August 27, 2014 at the Edmonton Petroleum Golf & Country Club:

- 7:30 AM Registration, 8:30 AM Shotgun start, 1:30 luncheon.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are still available. Returning sponsors include, the Ledcor Group, PCL Construction, All Weather Windows, DIRTT Environmental Systems, Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Nova Hotels, Priority Mechanical, VOICE Construction, with many others to be confirmed in the very near future.
- Silent and Live Auctions will be part of the program with outstanding prizes available. Hole in one prizes, long drive, long putt, hit the target and putting contest prizes will add to the excitement of the event.

- Please mark your calendars and watch for registration and sponsorship packages to be released sometime in May.

**For sponsorship or registration please contact Golf Committee Chair, [Colin Tooth](#), 780 691 4929**

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## **25th Annual Palliative Care and Research Days**



**A Legacy of Pride & Progression: Leading Practice through a History of Excellence**

**Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall • Edmonton AB  
October 27th & 28th, 2014**

We Are Pleased To Announce Our Plenary Speakers:

- Dr. Eduardo Bruera, MD, FAAHPM • Department Chair, Department of Palliative Care and Rehabilitation Medicine, Division of Cancer Medicine, University of Texas • MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston TX
- Sharon Baxter, MSW • Executive Director, Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, Ottawa ON
- Dr. Nigel Sykes, MD • Medical Director, St Christopher's Hospice • Hon. Senior Lecturer, King's College, London England
- Dr. Cheryl Nekolaichuk, PhD • Associate Professor, Palliative Care Medicine, Department of Oncology, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- Dr. Neil MacDonald, MD • Professor, Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal QC

**[2014 Call for Abstracts](#)  
Deadline for Submissions is Friday, May 30th**

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**Our Team**



(From left)

Debbie Nessel, Bonnie Ross, Debby Harink, Deb Birkett, Sean Youn, Jesse McElheran, Cheryl Salter-Roberts, Sebastian Panciuk

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## 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:

Joining our team only a year ago this volunteer has demonstrated great compassion, insight and innovation in her role as a Compassionate Companion (CC). **Gina Makowsky** has the natural ability to listen openly, and be fully present with a generosity of spirit. Within a short time matched with a client of the CC program, Gina has generated new ideas to meet the needs of the client; ideas which had never been thought of before, and ideas which brought excitement and hope into the client experience. Thank you Gina, for being a wonderful example, as to how a little bit extra, will make a world of difference.

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## Help Us Support the ALS Society



The **ALS Society** is holding its annual **Walk for ALS** on **June 7, 9am**, at **Hawrelak Park**. The Pilgrims Hospice Day Program has organized a team to support our friends living with ALS, and to help the society reach their goals.



Please feel free to register and walk with the Pilgrims Hospice team, or make a [donation](#) to the cause.



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