

# Canuck Place Cares

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*embracing life*

in our second decade

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## A Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Moving into our second decade of care and service at Canuck Place, we have established a strong foundation and are now well poised for moving closer to our strategic vision, which includes providing province-wide services for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

When faced with the greatest challenge of their lives, families leave the comfort and familiarity of their home and community to receive care at Canuck Place. We are committed to lessen this burden. To meet increasing demand for our services inside the Hospice, we will make space for one more bed this fall and have plans for the addition of another bed and family suite in the next year. A feasibility study will be conducted in the Okanagan and on Vancouver Island to help us assess extension of our services to children and families, closer to where they live.

The care and service we offer could not continue without the generous support of many... from our giving volunteers and staff; our civic and provincial governments who provide our beautiful home and assist with our operating costs; our Board members who volunteer their time and leadership; and our largest contributor and partner – the Canucks for Kids Fund and the Vancouver Canucks, for their continuing generosity. We thank all of our donors who support not only Canuck Place, but children and families in hospice care around the world. Our greatest gratitude goes to the brave children and courageous families who we humbly serve and from whom we learn so much.

We invite you to continue with us on our exciting journey.

Filomena Nalewajek

## A Message from the Chairman



I am privileged to be Chairman of an organization that truly does embrace life for British Columbia's children and families. Canuck Place has broadened the understanding of pediatric palliative care internationally and created an ensuing demand for our services.

In a joint project with BC Children's Hospital, a recent, independently-conducted, Operational Review positively concluded that Canuck Place delivers exemplary service in a cost effective way.

It also encouraged us to continue as an independent entity, expanding our delivery of services closer to where the children and their families live.

The Canuck Place Boards have fully endorsed a direction of planned growth, ensuring our "gold standard" of pediatric palliative care is accessible to BC families in need. We are equally committed to building an endowment for our sustainable future. As we build towards expansion of our services, we will rely on the continued support of Government and the goodwill of community supporters.

Please welcome our four new Board members: Barbara Fitzsimmons, John Sandor, Margaret Vandenberg and Jackson Sayers. Sadly, I share the recent loss of our friend and Board member John Munro. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. All of us at Canuck Place valued his wisdom and shared in his humour.

We have so many reasons to "embrace life".

Dr. Donald B. Rix



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Cover Photo: Katrina with her caregiver Allison

## news from the board

### New Hospice Board Members

Barbara Fitzsimmons



As Senior Director Operations – Specialty Medicine, Acute Programs and Staffing Office at BC Children's Hospital, Barbara Fitzsimmons brings 18 years of nursing leadership to Canuck Place. She is a member of the adjunct faculty of UBC's School of Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honour Society, a UBC Nursing

Alumni Society Member; Vice Chair, Canadian Association of Pediatric Haematology/Oncology Program Leaders; and a College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Workplace Rep Program Management Liaison. Barbara has also held Board positions with the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association, the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia, and participated in the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses.

John Sandor



As General Manager of the Sutton Place Hotel, John oversees operations for one of only two hotels in Canada to hold the prestigious AAA/CAA Five Diamond designation, consecutively held for 16 years. He completed his apprenticeship in his native Czech Republic prior to working with the Pan Pacific Hotel in Canada, Asia

and Hawaii. John then joined The Sutton Place Hotel in 1994. His professional memberships include the Vancouver Board of Trade, the Vancouver Community College Hospitality Management Program Advisory Committee and the Vancouver Hotel Association. He is a coach and mentor for the North Vancouver Minor Hockey League. He and his wife Barb have two sons.

### New Foundation Board Members

Margaret Vandenberg



As Director of External Relations for the Faculty of Business Administration at Simon Fraser University, Margaret is responsible for fundraising, alumni relations, and volunteer recruitment. She directed and surpassed the \$25M capital campaign target to develop the Segal Graduate School of Business. She

brings 25 years of fundraising and association management experience, including new initiatives for the Canadian Diabetes Association, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, and Eagle Ridge Hospital. Her many volunteer activities include the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, the City of Port Moody Mayor's Task Force, E.I. Board of Referees, the Vancouver Museum Board, and CKNW Orphans' Fund. Margaret has three children and resides in Vancouver.

Jackson Sayers



A leader in the health and fitness industry for over twenty years, Jackson is an innovator in exercise rehabilitation, flexibility and personal training. After competing on a national level in a number of sports, he currently works in corporate development for Copeman Healthcare Centre in Vancouver.

Growing up in the Shaughnessy area, Jackson delivered the newspaper to the home in which Canuck Place now resides. He and his wife Chantel live in Vancouver and have a two year old son, Liam.

### Honouring a Friend



Canuck Place is greatly saddened with the loss of our Board member and friend, John Munro. In 1999, John joined the Canuck Place Board and immediately made invaluable contributions, providing outstanding vision and leadership that paved the way to a bright, sustainable future for Canuck Place.

An influential leader in Canadian marketing and communications, John was respected for his "think outside the box" campaigns which earned many national awards and accolades. While dedicated to his own family, still he always found time to help others, especially the families at Canuck Place.

To honour John's vision, leadership and service, Canuck Place is establishing the John Munro Legacy Fund, dedicated to family communications, enhancing internal and external communications on behalf of children and families.

For more information, please contact Rob Appleton at (604) 646-1341 or [rappleton@canuckplace.org](mailto:rappleton@canuckplace.org).



## Lemons Into Lemonade

With a lemonade stand set up in front of her home, young Jeanette Ostrom squeezed all she could out of passers-by through her lemonade sales. She raised an amazing \$75.50 to help children at Canuck Place.

Thank you Jeanette for your generosity!



## Canuck Place Teens at 'Spy' Camp

This March, seventeen Canuck Place teens gathered for a five day, four night 'James Bond Casino Royale' themed adventure at the annual Canuck Place Teen Camp, held at the Easter Seals Camp in Squamish. Intern student Sara Wood organized the camp, adapting spy games, a casino night and other fun activities.

A highlight was testing out woodland trails on a "TrailRider". This environmentally-friendly vehicle, pushed by two "sherpas", takes people with disabilities through virtually any terrain to explore the outdoors. Canuck Place is grateful to the *BC Mobility Opportunities Society (BCMOS)* for sharing the TrailRider and to the *RBC Foundation* for their sponsorship of the camp.

"It's so great to see kids, some of whom are usually shy, making friends and having a good time," said Recreational Therapist Laura Fielding. "For some, it was the first time away from home. We watched movies, enjoyed a campfire, played pranks...just hung out for the week like a teen would do."

Laura develops and coordinates year-round activities, both at Canuck Place and around the province. Next fall, it is camp time for the younger kids!



## The NET by Jennifer G. An excerpt from Chapter 1: The Dream

*Once there was a boy who lived a normal life until he found something that would change his life forever.*

*The boy's name was Brian. Brian lived in a house in the village of Fringe Bell on the edge of a forest named Pine Hollow. Brian lived with his mother and father and his brother. Brian liked to go for adventures in the forest. Everyone said that Pine Hollow was dangerous, but they never said why...*



When Canuck Place school teacher Isabel Wood met Jennifer five years ago, the quiet, serious 11-year old's passion was clear.

"Jennifer comes to life when she talks about her writing," smiled Isabel. "She becomes very animated and excited."

Inspired by her favourite author, Jean

Little, Jennifer loves writing. Her stories and poems reflect a deep, spiritual maturity. Her own story is as remarkable as her 13-chapter book. She communicates with Minspeak, a pictorial, computer-based language that enables her to choose and combine symbols which are then converted to voice. Mastering the difficult program enables Jennifer to easily carry on a conversation and to express her ideas. A picture truly can be worth a thousand words.



"Jennifer's story is an amazing accomplishment," finishes Isabel. "She is a brave, imaginative young woman with dreams of being a writer... I think she already is."

To read all of Jennifer's story, please go to [www.canuckplace.org/kids\\_room/gallery.php](http://www.canuckplace.org/kids_room/gallery.php)

Show your support and encouragement for the children all year round with a monthly gift through HUGS FOR KIDS. Please visit [www.canuckplace.org](http://www.canuckplace.org) for more information.

## Tyler's Story

Tyler was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of five. Like many children with a life-threatening illness, he faced many painful setbacks throughout his school years. He fought with determination, however just one week after entering high school, Tyler was on life support, diagnosed with a brain tumour resulting from radiation treatment.

"Our first contact with Canuck Place came a week after Tyler was diagnosed with the brain tumour," recalls Tyler's mother Laura. "We came to Canuck Place for end of life care and immediately felt at home."

I often thought how great it was for the kids to be able to come to Canuck Place for respite care and for those parents to have a break from their everyday struggles. I watched the kids have wheelchair races and the parents go out for dinner without worry.

During Tyler's last days, we were given the most absolute, uninterrupted moments with our son. But I know if I couldn't handle what was happening, they were right there for me. I felt safe.

For two and a half years after Tyler's passing, Canuck Place still continued to take care of us through grief support groups. Tyler and our family have never been treated with as much dignity and respect as we were at Canuck Place."

Canuck Place does not just provide care for a child when they are in the last stages of life, but offers a personalized care program that supports the child and the family, throughout the illness and for as long as it is needed.



## Families Connecting with Families

Susan Beasley is Co-Chair of the newly-formed Family Advisory Council (FAC), whose aim is to advise the Management Team on families' views about programs, policies and activities at Canuck Place, and to serve as a forum for the exchange of information regarding issues of mutual concern. Susan is excited about plans underway to support Canuck Place family members.

"Most parents are eager to look for ways to give feedback and to participate at Canuck Place," explained Susan. "The Council is a direct conduit between the families and staff of Canuck Place to create a freer flow of information."

In order to accomplish this, the Council is looking to build a database that includes Canuck Place families throughout the province. If you are a family on the Canuck Place program and would like to be included, please send your email address to: [family@canuckplace.org](mailto:family@canuckplace.org)

"Gabe has never said a word, but has taught me everything I know."  
 "Canuck Place is a place between heaven and earth."  
 "On this journey, you don't know your own potential."

These are some of the words so graciously shared by Canuck Place family members at April's Volunteer Education Mingle. The evening was an opportunity for parents and siblings to express what the Hospice has meant for them, from their hearts, and how the staff and volunteers have supported them on their own journey.

Our sincere thanks to Wendy and Jenna Ostash, Anne Francis and Kishore and Ila Chhanabhai for sharing your thoughts with the group.



## Two Million Thanks!

During the 2006-2007 season, the Canucks for Kids Fund generously contributed over \$2 million to Canuck Place through events such as the Canucks for Kids Telethon presented by Chevrolet, Dice & Ice Gala presented by HSBC, 50/50 draws and community corporate golf events.

The funds raised were used to support the Hospice's direct program delivery costs for 165 full days of the year, providing nursing care, counselling and therapy, clinical leadership, meals, housekeeping, and other essential services required to operate the Hospice. A portion of funds raised will be directed towards the long term sustainability of these services to our children and families.

To all the fans, sponsors, Canuck players and their families, and all the employees at Orca Bay Sports & Entertainment who have so generously donated funds and time to support Canuck Place Children's Hospice – thank you!



Kevin Bieksta with some of his friends from Canuck Place.

*I really enjoy the opportunity to visit the children at Canuck Place. I realize each time I go how appreciative I am of all that I have. The families and children at Canuck Place take nothing for granted and I am reminded of that each time I visit.*

**henrik sedin #33**

*I went to Canuck Place for the first time this year and spent time carving a pumpkin with the children. What I learned is that it takes little effort to bring big impact. The children, regardless of how long they are here with us, deserve a chance to be children.*

**taylor pyatt #9**

*I really enjoy the stories that my wife Katie relays from her experiences volunteering at Canuck Place. They are not always happy stories but they are stories about living. I just try to be there for her and support her initiative to go in there and make a difference and help out in whatever way she can.*

**kevin bieksta #3**

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## Jason meets Roberto

Long before Roberto Luongo became a member of the Vancouver Canucks, he was Jason's favourite hockey player. The 18-year-old, who has been on the Canuck Place program for six years, admired the goaltender when he was a Florida Panther and, more notably, a member of Team Canada.

"In all my years of knowing Jason, he has never asked me for anything including requests for tickets or a special outing," says Recreational Therapist Laura Fielding. "I knew when he called me out of the blue and told me if there was ever an opportunity for him to meet Roberto, it was a very special request."

This year, Jason's dream came true when Roberto Luongo paid a visit to Canuck Place. Both wearing their Canucks' jerseys, an admittedly "nervous" Jason was introduced to Roberto and they spent time chatting and getting to know each other.

The occasion was marked with a photograph taken of Jason and Roberto to help promote the annual Canucks For Kids Fund Telethon held on March 1st, which raised a whopping \$990,000 in support of Canuck Place.

The photo appeared on the front cover of the Canucks official magazine and in the *Vancouver Sun* and *Province* newspapers. By the time Jason arrived at school the clipping had already circulated and his friends were very impressed.

When asked what it was like to meet Roberto, Jason said it was exactly what he expected, "Amazing!"

Thank you Roberto Luongo and all of the Vancouver Canucks for donating so generously your time to visit and brighten the lives of children at Canuck Place. On and off the ice – you are truly amazing!

## Thank You Corporate Friends!

Canuck Place is extremely grateful to the corporate partners who generously support our children and families through the *Canucks for Kids Fund*. Special thanks to the Telethon partners: *TELUS* and its employees who manage the Call Centre and host broadcasters: *Rogers Sportsnet Pacific* and *Team 1040 radio*.

We also acknowledge our partner *CIBC Wood Gundy*, whose outstanding commitment of more than \$1.3 million has been felt at Canuck Place from our early beginnings. In 1993, it was CIBC Wood Gundy who

funded The Coquilhalla Room, one of our lovely turreted family suites that provide a home-away-from-home for the children and their families.

We also extend our thanks to:

- BC Bakery & Deli Foundation
- Hub Financial
- Richmond Auto Mall
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- YVR Golf for Kids

# thanks!

## Champions' Club: New look pays homage to our heritage



Ian Watt, Charter Member,  
Champions' Club.

Canuck Place is extremely grateful to our Champions' Club – individual donors who generously give \$250 or more annually to keep the Hospice running. This year to show our appreciation, we are extending a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to each donor to become a *Charter Member of the Inner Circle of the Champions' Club* by making a gift of \$1,000 or more in 2007.

Among the first to accept the invitation was Ian Watt, a 33 year-old Vancouver realtor. "I think it is good karma to give back. When life is good you give back to others. It's the 'pay it forward' philosophy," says Ian, a father of two children, ages 3 and 6.

Ian has made a generous personal gift of \$1,000. He is also donating 5 per cent of all his listing commissions, and will match other realtors willing to donate their listing commissions up to 5 per cent. His goal is to raise \$50,000 on behalf of Canuck Place in 2007.

"Our donors are like extended family. We want to welcome them to Canuck Place with the same warmth given to our families," says Jana Walker, Development Officer with Canuck Place. "Many have been with us from the beginning, while others like Ian have joined recently. We want them all to be part of Canuck Place in the years to come."

Along with other Charter Members, Ian will be invited to attend private functions at the Hospice, where he will also be among the first granted the right to wear the Canuck Place Tartan. Unveiled this year, this special recognition item – a tie or scarf – pays homage to the history of our home and its Scottish roots. For more information on the Champions' Club, please contact Jana Walker at (604) 646-1340 or [janaw@canuckplace.org](mailto:janaw@canuckplace.org)

Become a Member of the Champions' Club with a gift of \$250 or more. For more information, please contact Jana Walker at [janaw@canuckplace.org](mailto:janaw@canuckplace.org) or (604) 646-1340.

## The Story of the "Canuck Place" Tartan

The "Canuck Place" Tartan was birthed to honour our Scottish beginnings and pay homage to the Tait family, who built beautiful Glen Brae, now known as Canuck Place Children's Hospice.

A tartan is the only textile design that evokes such deep feelings of pride and belonging, easily recognized by others of the same 'Clan,' the Gaelic word for family. The main field is in our branded colours of pale green and mauve as seen in the green rolling hills and the purple heather viewed in the stained glass throughout the Hospice.

In a collaborative effort with the Strathmore Woollen Co. of Forfar, Scotland, we have the honour of presenting our very own registered tartan. Every line has meaning and every colour has been chosen with purpose to honour a part of Canuck Place. For more on the meaning of the colours and to view photos, please visit [www.canuckplace.org](http://www.canuckplace.org)



The "Canuck Place" Tartan pays homage to our heritage.

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## Rub-A-Dub-Dub... Our New Tub!



Proper bathing – essential for the care, comfort and well-being of children – hasn't always been easy for us to provide at Canuck Place. The spa bathtub, installed when our doors first opened, could not fit or lift many of the older children. Our wish was to have a sit-bath system with a mechanical lifting device that could accommodate every child in terms of comfort, safety and hygiene.

On October 13th, our wish came true at our 2nd annual Gift of Time Gala. The bath system was put up for auction and through the generosity of TELUS, Ron McNeil of Lower Mainland Steel and David Rentz, a new bath system was purchased and installed with upgraded ventilation and an overhead track, at a total cost of \$44,180.

Also attending the Gala that night was *Champions' Club* member *Lucy Prentice*, whose generous gift of \$15,000 will help purchase a new portable lift in 2007.

Thank you to our supporters for making it possible for children of all ages to enjoy a soothing bath while staying at Canuck Place.

## 2007 Community Fundraising Events

June 1, 2007  
15th Annual Greater Vancouver Professional Engineers Golf Tournament, Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley

June 22, 2007  
9th Annual TD Dunk Tank  
TD Tower, Georgia & Granville St., Vancouver

June 28, 2007  
HLC Home Loans Canada Golf Tournament  
Furry Creek Golf & Country Club

July 16, 2007  
Sutton Place Hotel Just for Fun Invitational  
Furry Creek Golf & Country Club

July 20, 2007  
Lower Mainland Steel Golf Tournament  
Big Sky Golf & Country Club, Pemberton

July 26, 2007  
Canadian Independent Claims Managers Golf Tournament  
Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

August 18, 2007  
Kelron Logistics Golf Tournament  
Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley

August 30, 2007  
The Canucks for Kids Fund YVR Golf for Kids Tournament  
Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club, Richmond

September 8, 2007  
Innovative Fitness Canuck Place Adventure Challenge  
Deep Cove, North Vancouver

October 19, 2007  
The Gift of Time Gala  
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel

*Day of Giving*

**CHUM**  
RADIO VANCOUVER

## CHUM Vancouver's Day of Giving

CHUM Vancouver media group hosted a day-long radiothon on December 21, 2006 in support of Canuck Place. The inaugural event raised over \$85,000 and featured inspiring interviews and stories about Canuck Place.

Our thanks to everyone at CHUM and all the listeners who gave so generously!

## Meeting the Demand for Care



It is the hope and vision of the staff who work at Canuck Place that every child with a progressive life-threatening illness, and their family, have the support they need in their own community.

“In partnership with others, we can work towards making this vision a reality” says Tanice Miller, Director, Program Development and Administration at Canuck Place Children’s Hospice.

This vision is fueled by what staff have learned from families about their need for increased support in their own home and community. Canuck Place supports families whether they reside at the Hospice or at home.

A 24 hour toll-free telephone line allows families or care providers to call for nursing and medical consultation. Every child around the province who is connected with the Hospice program has a chart, so that advice can be given on their care. Canuck Place physicians and a nurse clinician provide services at Madison Clinic, a pediatric outpatient clinic that is in partnership with BC Children’s Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

“This is very complex and specialized knowledge” explains Tanice. “The diseases are rare and one cannot predict the exact course or prognosis for a child.”

One of Kristina Boyer’s priorities as Clinical Nurse Specialist is to provide consultation with health care providers in the field and ensure that knowledge is shared within the community. “As we grow and expand our services” explains Kristina, “there is an increased recognition of the needs of pediatric palliative care, and the knowledge required by care providers to deliver it.”

Canuck Place staff are committed to sharing their knowledge at workshops and conferences and by writing articles for medical journals. The third annual two day Canuck Place Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop was held on May 10 and 11, 2007. Canuck Place staff also presented at the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association’s Annual Conference.

“We are one of the voices for pediatric palliative care, collaborating closely with our partners to increase the awareness and improve the quality of services for these children and families. We are proud of what we have accomplished to date, but if we are to fulfill our vision for Canuck Place, there’s so much more to be done” concludes Tanice.

Leave a legacy to the children through a gift in your will to Canuck Place. For more information, please contact Rob Appleton at [rappleton@canuckplace.org](mailto:rappleton@canuckplace.org) or (604) 646-1341.

## The View from the Second Floor



L-R: Christine Kurk, RN; Will Van Nen, PCA; Lisa Ebenstiner, Unit Clerk; Janie Burns Nursing Coordinator.

Janie Burns coordinates the Canuck Place team of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and personal care aides who provide the day-to-day front line of care for the children and families. In her 12 years on staff, she has seen the volume and flow of traffic increase.

“The nursing team has gained a strong reputation for delivering a high standard of holistic, family-centered care, in a safe and nurturing way. That care is individualized for each child and delivered by working closely with the medical team” explains Janie.

There is very low turnover for nurses at Canuck Place. In the upcoming period of growth, the challenge for Janie is to recruit additional registered and practical nurses to sustain the delivery of high quality care.

“There’s a chronic nursing shortage and Canuck Place is not immune,” she says. “For us to expand our

services, we need the team to expand, and we are actively recruiting in Canada and the UK.”

“Our nurses are unique. Of course, it’s hard – extremely hard – working here. There is sadness, but if we can be there to help a family through this, we’ve served our purpose. The work we do is challenging in a positive way. I can’t imagine being anywhere else.”



A bedroom on the second floor.

## A Conversation with Dr. Hal Siden, Medical Director

A conversation with Canuck Place Medical Director Dr. Hal Siden is a 360 degree tour of the state of pediatric palliative care. It’s a glimpse into the motivation and vision that drives the interdisciplinary approach to care provided through Canuck Place Children Hospice.

When Canuck Place opened its doors in 1995, it was the sixth hospice dedicated to children, in the world. The first opened in England, in 1982; three more followed, by 1988. While there are pediatric palliative care teams within hospitals, and adult hospices that have a children’s program, for 10 years, Canuck Place was the only children’s hospice in North America. Today, there are 40 in England, one in the U.S. and three in Canada.

Canuck Place staff have consulted with national and international hospices, recently sharing expertise with interested parties in Calgary, Montreal, Ottawa, San Francisco and St. Petersburg, Russia.



L-R: Doctors Leah Cline; Lynn Straatman; Peter Louie; Hal Siden.

“We’ve grown the field tremendously. People are very interested in pediatric palliative care, but we need to go back to the fundamental questions: do we know enough? What has changed? We take knowledge from adult palliative care, but research in pediatric palliative care is minimal,” suggests Dr. Siden.

“There is recognition, now, about the value of this care...the standard that every child should get. No one should be denied the opportunity for comfort. One goal is to integrate pediatric palliative care into the health care system, and that includes caring properly for kids at home and caring for their siblings, with holistic care that includes music and play therapy to deal with their stress.”

Dr. Siden concludes. “This is a unique and leading program... and donors should be very proud of what they have supported. By supporting Canuck Place, they are also contributing to the support of BC children and their families.”

## Giving the Gift of Time



L-R: Brad Skeats, Isabella Laterman, Yoshie Ikeda, Enneke Allan, Chin Mei Ng, Cora Boecker, Joyce Burrett, Orrin Webber, Valerie Cooper. Missing - Tim Munroe.

This past January, Canuck Place acknowledged the support of some very special volunteers. The following honourees were recognized for reaching 1000 hours of volunteer service to Canuck Place:

Enneke Allan, *Family Volunteer*  
Cora Boecker, *Family Volunteer*  
Joyce Burrett, *Garden Volunteer*  
Yoshie Ikeda, *Kitchen Volunteer*  
Isabella Laterman, *Family Volunteer*  
Tim Munroe, *Garden Volunteer*  
Chin Mei Ng, *Kitchen Volunteer*  
Brad Skeats, *Family Volunteer, Bereavement & Volunteer Leadership Team*  
Orrin Webber, *Family Volunteer, Driver, Bereavement & Volunteer Leadership Team*

...and Valerie Cooper, *Garden Volunteer*, with an incredible 2000 hours!

We rely on our dedicated volunteer force to ensure our programs and services continue to be offered free of charge to the families we care for.

## Visit the Volunteer Room

Visit the newly designed “Volunteer Room” at [canuckplace.org](http://canuckplace.org)

Re-launched in early May, the Volunteer Room now hosts many new features and resources to support our 300 strong volunteer force, including an online blog for volunteers to share personal stories, ask for advice or simply meet their fellow members. To submit a story, please email [pfarah@canuckplace.org](mailto:pfarah@canuckplace.org)



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Artwork by: Barb Wood

**Canuck Place** is a caring, innovative children's hospice and community-based service that fully **embraces** the **life** of each child and family. We provide leadership in improving pediatric palliative care regionally, nationally and internationally through collaboration, education and research.

