

# Abbotsford Hospice Society

## September

### Volunteer Info Letter

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**Abbotsford Hospice Society**  
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## Volunteers Needed!

### 1. Abbotsford Volunteer Fair

At Sevenoaks Mall  
Saturday, September 19th

**Volunteers needed for:**

**Two hour shifts between 9:30am—5:30pm**

A time to...

- Recruit New Volunteers
- Educate the community about AHS

We would love for you to share some of your volunteering experience with people who come to our booth!

Please call Yoko or Maryanne **NOW!**

### 2. Receptionists at Abbotsford Hospice Society

**A weekly three hour commitment** to support staff by greeting clients, answering the phone, and carrying out other office duties.  
Please call Bonnie or Kelly.

### 3. Co-host/plan the next Casual Connections

**We are looking for a volunteer to offer their home** for the first Casual Connections on October 28th from 2pm—4pm.  
We also need a 2nd volunteer to co-host and plan this event.

Casual Connections is...

- One of the new & exciting ways to support AHS Volunteers
- A time to connect with other Volunteers in a home setting
- An opportunity for a more casual meeting

Please contact Maryanne or Yoko

*"It is with extreme pleasure that the Vancouver Laughter Mission Society is able to provide a soul enriching comedic experience."*

*The Laughter Mission Society*



# **Volunteer Kick-Off Event at the Phoenix Lounge**

33780 King Road, Abbotsford, BC

This event is made possible through the generosity of Paul Esposito Jr. (Phoenix Lounge) and an anonymous Hospice donation in support of Hospice Volunteers.



**September 15th, 5:30pm — 7:30 pm**

Complimentary dinner will be served!  
Entertainment provided by "Table 23," a comedy improv team sponsored by the Laughter Mission Society.

**Because Humour Helps!**

Please RSVP to Maryanne or Yoko by September 9th by email or phone.

## **Please come to the first fall TEAM MEETING!**

**Tuesday, September 29th: 11am—12pm**

1. Companionship Team (Children's Room downstairs)
2. Hospital Team (Library downstairs)

**Thursday, October 8th: 9:30am—10:30am (Date Change!)**

Compassionate Connections Team (Library downstairs)

**Please refer to Press Release #4 for more details on other upcoming events.**

# Upcoming AHS Groups...

Please tell your family and friends!

## Compassionate Connections (Bi-weekly on Thursdays)

- Gentle Conversations (Palliative Support Group) 9:30am—10:30am
- Caregivers Support Group 11am—12pm

## Daytime Grief Support Group for Adults

- Weekly on Tuesdays, 10:30—12:00 starting September 22

## Living with Cancer Support Group (Not necessarily palliative)

- Starting mid-October

## Perinatal Loss Support Group

- Meets the second Monday of each month



## Christine Morrison Hospice Tour

Have you been to the Christine Morrison Hospice? For any of you that are interested in visiting CMH, please contact Yoko. This will help you provide better information to clients interested in Hospice care.

**Tuesday October 13**  
11am—12pm

## Client Support Training

Client Support Training will be offered on 10 Tuesday evenings from 6pm—9pm beginning on Oct. 13.

Those who are interested should call Kelly to register at 604.852.2456 or email at [info@abbotsfordhospice.org](mailto:info@abbotsfordhospice.org).

## Diva Night

Join us for a Diva Night, a jewelry and accessory fashion show. Enjoy a wonderful dinner buffet and fun with friends.

When: October 6th, 5:30pm—10:30pm

Where: Phoenix Lounge

Cost: Tickets only \$30

To purchase tickets, call Bonnie at 604.852.2456.

