

DHH VOLUNTEER

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 APPRECIATION DINNER
 & AGM on Sept. 18
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Other upcoming Holidays...

Sep 21	Thursday	Rosh Hashana
Sep 22	Friday	Muharram/Islamic New Year
Sep 22	Friday	September equinox
Sep 30	Saturday	Yom Kippur
Oct 4	Wednesday	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Oct 5	Thursday	First day of Sukkot

I hope this finds you well, having enjoyed the summer months! Now we look forward to autumn, shorter days and cooler temperatures!

Since the last Volunteer News, DHH has been hopping in a variety of ways! And there's NO end in sight!!! ALL GOOD but HECTIC!!!! Read a bit about what's been going on but do come out and LEARN MORE at the upcoming ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on SEPT 18TH. It's a chance to have your valuable self appreciated, informed AND fed, since the AGM happens in conjunction with the **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**. Alongside the usual tasty fare and scintillating (IoI) AGM details, this important gettogether will include overviews and proposals involving our amalgamation with Better Living Health and Community Services; the operators of the Margaret Bahen Hospice for York Region. This is YOUR evening. Come! BE APPRECIATED!!!.. with your questions...and your appetite! A GREAT night! On Sept. 25, consider attending the NYGARD FALL FASHION SHOW at the Sharon Temple. Ticket cost? \$10. Check out the poster. Volunteers NEEDED! Have a look at the page devoted to next week's MAGNA HOEDOWN. We're fortunate to be among the supported York Region charities, non-profits, and community groups. This 2-night event is also an opportunity to increase awareness about DHH and the other Hospice/Pal Care Service providers in our area. There are only a few days before Friday night's Hoedown



Showdown and we could really use your help to make this fundraiser as successful as possible. Read the ways you could 'saddle on up to the task." Just like the logo says: "WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER."

Enjoy reading!

Susan H-H





HOORAY!

ANOTHER 3RD PARTY FUNDRAISER

NYGARD FALL FASHION SHOW

ASK THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SPRING SHOW AND THEY'LL SAY...



"THIS IS A MUST GO FUN-FUNDRAISER!" (held, this time, at the Sharon Temple.) Admission \$10

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Call the office!

IN THE FALL WE ARE GOING TO BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING NEW PROGRAMS!



- Open Studio: will be a group of 8-10 people with life threatening Illnesses, caregivers, or the bereaved. It will run, weekly, for 2 hours over an 8-week period.
- <u>HUGS:</u> will be a program for children with anticipatory grief or bereavement. Volunteer run! For 6 weeks, these I hour sessions will start soon! October 17, 24th November 7, 14, 21, 28.
- Newly Diagnosed Group: this 8-week group will start Sept. 20th, 2017 on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3pm.
- Healthy Living Now Chronic Disease Management. This workshop, developed at Stamford University, empowers those living with a chronic disease. This 1.5-hour program will commence Oct. 2017 on a weekly basis for 6 weeks. Stay tuned!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

As part of our 'Better Together' collaboration, the 5 hospices of York Region with Better Living Health and Community Services, have now gone "Live" with a new cloud-based home healthcare software system, through Alayacare. This database houses all our client and volunteer files and is supported through PHIPA (Patient Personal Health Information Protection Act).

We are grateful to the Canada Summer Jobs Program for their financial support and so thankful that Amanda Di Zio and Pippa Dillon-Fordyce were this year's recipients. No doubt, Amanda's work experience helping Kerri and our Clients will prove beneficial as she continues her degree in Social Work. Meanwhile, Ms. Pippa is starting her



Masters Program at York while being our PART TIME Admin Assistant at the DHH office! And last but not least!!...Jean Anderton will (soon) move from DHH to a new work location at the Margaret Bahen residential hospice. She will oversee 2 part-time admin coordinators, the custodian and housekeeping. Stay tuned! Exciting things are underway!

Jennifer Page has co-ordinated our Bereavement Support Services and art therapy program for a few months now. So far, she's proving to be an awesome member of the DHH team, and hasn't allowed the grass to grow under her feet! Check out the new programs Jennifer is starting in the fall!!! Look for a 'get-to-know-you' article in next month's newsletter. Creative & good things are happening at DHH!



As we all know...construction of York Region's Administrative Centre Annex is underway between DHH and when completed, the Annex building and its grounds will create a civic campus incorporating the York Region Administrative Centre, the Court House across the street, AND Doane House Hospice where it's always been! This (on-its-way-to) eight-storey, 422,000 square-foot facility will offer a variety of public services. ...In the meantime, be VERY careful of this construction zone.



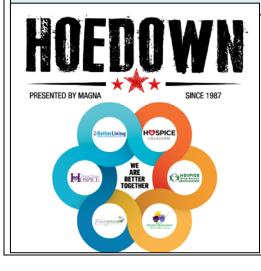






It's almost Hoedown time! Magna's 30th! Did you know it's York Region's largest annual fundraiser? Each year it supports 20 selected York Region charities, non-profits, and community groups. DHH has been a recipient before. This year we've collaborated with 5 other hospices within the Better Living network (see below). Besides being a great, fun-fundraising event, the Magna Hoedown is a super means by which to educate and bring awareness to area hospice and palliative care supports – who we are and what we offer. It's also a prime-time opportunity to 'get the word out' about the Better Living network of Hospices and the unique partnership that DHH will have with The Margaret Bahen Residential Hospice for York Region. And, hopefully, bring some attendees to consider joining our Volunteer Team!

Clearly, there's a lot of reason to give a big ol' YEE-HAWWW!



Being an official hoedown recipient comes with certain commitments: helping with event promotion, sales of event and raffle tickets as well as various tasks on the 16th and 17th. Ask Jean or check the Volunteer Café: Help Wanted tab for an outline of those Event needs/task.

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a volunteer!

Volunteer opportunities available between September 11-17!

If you're able to help out - PLEASE CALL THE HOSPICE.

Fundraising-wise: each hospice was given an allotment of tickets to sell. THANKS to those of you who helped with this! Reminder: Ticket Stubs NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE!

The draw happens at 9 pm. on the 16th. GOOD LUCK! We've sold beyond our allotment of raffle tickets BUT STILL have EVENT tickets available. Friday night – only \$30 for a herd of fun! Saturday night Event Tickets are \$70.00 Let's GET THESE SOLD!!

Dear Volunteers — In appreciation of all you do for Doane House Hospice...

we would be honoured if you would attend our

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

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Annual General Meeting





6:00 pm on Monday September 18th, at The Shed 600 Stonehaven Ave., Newmarket

> 6:00-7:00 pm: Buffet Dinner 7:00-7:35 pm: Annual General Meeting 7:45-9:00 pm: Activity

Please RSVP to 905-967-0259 or admin@doanehospice.org by September $7^{\rm th}$.

(Guests are welcome at a cost of \$25pp.)

A REMINDER TO KEEP SEPT. 18TH FREE.

That's the date of this year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Annual General Meeting. Besides being an opportunity to be appreciated and fed while meeting and mingling with other DHH volunteers, important information will be shared about



the exciting developments involving Better Living Health and Community Services and the residential Hospice. On July 17, a special meeting/BBQ was held. We were given an overview of amalgamation opportunities with Better Living; the operators of the Margaret Bahen Hospice for York Region and additional information important to know in preparation for a proposal that will be put to the membership at the AGM. (Juliet emailed minutes of that meeting on Aug. 14). PLEASE RSVP AND ATTEND!

Over the summer, 8 'ad/articles' about hospices and the progression of Hospice/Palliative Care services in our community were published in the ERA Banner. They featured: Better Living Health and Community Services, DHH, the Margaret Bahen Hospice for York Region and our unique partnership with them. It's hoped these 'advertisements' will help recruit 150 ADDITIONAL Volunteers. They are all great, informative, make-you-proud-of what-we-do articles! Have a good read!







(EACH ARTICLE IS LINKED TO THE DHH WEBSITE:

PUBLICATIONS TAB.

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