



PAC NEWS

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In the past year we have made significant progress in extending our community hospice services to more children and families, who in the future could be accessing Emily's House (EH). We have also made great strides in establishing relationships with community pediatricians, SickKids Hospital and Community Care Access Centers (CCAC) which will contribute to the delivery of a seamless continuum of care to children both in the community and in EH.

With great joy and anticipation we plan to open the doors of EH this April. EH will initially offer 6 beds; increasing incrementally up to 10 beds as Ministry funding is secured. We anticipate about 350 to 400 admissions annually. This includes respite, transition to home, pain and symptom management and end of life care. Nurses and Personal Support Workers have now been hired, and they will be participating in 6 weeks of intensive training to ensure our new staff are skilled in delivering best practice in pediatric palliative care.

Our donor wall design has been chosen! It is unique and comprised of individual wooden twirling tops, which when joined together create a thoughtful masterpiece. Every top represents individuals who have joined together to help build EH. They say it takes a village to raise a child; I believe it takes a village to care for an ill child and their family. Every donor is part of this village, ensuring with their gifts that families are surrounded with the necessary circle of support at a difficult time.

We are near to reaching our capital goal of 7.5 million and need to close the gap soon on the 1 million, which remains outstanding. Timing is critical to our successful opening. Together I believe we can accomplish this.

Thank you doesn't seem to be a strong enough expression of our deep gratitude to all of our kind and thoughtful community partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Your heartfelt dedication, time, compassion, generous financial and in-kind donations, is key to ensuring we continue to offer excellent hospice care.

Thank you!

Rauni Salminen

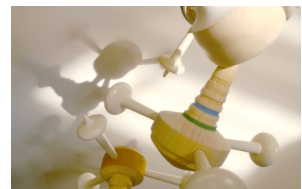
"It's hard to believe all the activity that is associated with the renovation that is going on and the addition for Emily's House, the first Children's Hospice in Toronto. We are very pleased with the progress that is being made, and very happy to be associated with this project."

— Charles Rosenberg,
Emily's House Architect
Hilditch Architect

Emily's House Donor Wall

Inspired by the joy of playing with spinning wooden tops and wooden connector toys, the donor wall sculpture for Emily's House brings together the appreciation of these toy forms, their versatility, and craft into a unique and site specific artwork for the hospice's front entrance area.

Many of us have experienced the discovery and delight of playing with tops and wooden connector toys as children. It is one that is shared across many cultures and its appreciation extends beyond childhood. For the donor's sculpture Clayton McMaster & Jyhling Lee are creating a special new form of wooden spinning tops for our children and visitors.



Heart-Link



My name is Stephanie, I am 11 years old. I have been a life long patient at Sick Kids hospital. I was born with an omphalocele. I have had 15 major surgeries and hundreds of invasive procedures. I now have gastroparesis, pseudobowel obstruction syndrome, intestinal failure and chronic pain. These complex medical issues make getting through each day very complicated.

Philip Aziz Centre has helped us in so many ways. I have a music therapist who visits me once a week. I love music because it distracts me from the severe pain I fight each day. I also have a wonderful volunteer who visits each week. We have fun painting, making cookies, and playing games. As well I have benefitted from the help of the chaplain. I asked her to help me pray, as I sometimes get scared and need some guidance through this unusual life.

My sisters and I spend a lot of our spare time doing philanthropy work to help raise money for charities that have helped my family and I get through this complicated illness. Currently we are making silver necklace angels and stars and selling them in support of Philip Aziz Centre.

As a result of my hard work and dedication to sharing my story I have had the honor of being the recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Award.



PAC and Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Please say hello to some YAC members you may not have met yet! With the graduation of the original team, we recruited a whole new group of young, enthusiastic and talented kids last year, who's passion is to help the children at Emily's House and fundraise for PAC. Their second event will be on April 27th, 2013, to support their involvement in this year's Hike for Hospice event. If you would like to sponsor the YAC team, you can email Amanda Maragos at amandam@philipazizcentre.ca. We can't wait to see what the YAC team can accomplish this year.



Let's welcome Sarah, Aleina, Kiyemba, Jaymya, Shakayla, Isaiah, Iyanna, Luc, Grace, Emily, Adara, Rebecca, Tajahn, Madeleine, Michelle and Helena to the team!



Volunteer PROFILE



Taylor Peat has volunteered with PAC since June 2009. Taylor is a Civil Engineer graduate from Queen's University and is employed as a Structural Designer at Halcro Yolles. In his 3.5 years with PAC, Taylor has been faithful in providing compassionate care to the people he has served. His gentle humor and acts of kindness have endeared him to all. Taylor is always ready to pitch in and help in other volunteer requests as well. We are so proud to have volunteers like Taylor!

Next Volunteer Info Night will be held on March 27th, 2013.

Events for Your Calendar

KINROSS presents Magical Moments Evening— May 2nd, 2013

It is with great excitement that we invite you to get involved in this new fundraising event that will showcase performances by exceptional young rising musicians, along with an on-stage support message from Canada’s First Lady of the Guitar, Liona Boyd. These young rising stars are raising funds for Emily’s House children and families hospice programs. Don’t miss out on an exciting evening at the Capitol Event Theatre. Lots of food, drink, on-stage entertainment and live music for dancing.

Tickets are \$150 each and sponsorship packages are still available.



11th Annual Hike for Hospice— May 5, 2013

As the kick off to National Palliative Awareness week, please join PAC in a leisurely, fun family hike through Riverdale Park West, in Cabbagetown.

This fundraising day is filled with activities for everyone: face painting, fun family games, bbq lunch and music by Big Silver Blues band. Enter individually or in a team, all proceeds go to our children and families hospice programs.

Registration Fee: \$25 (PAC t-shirt and lunch)



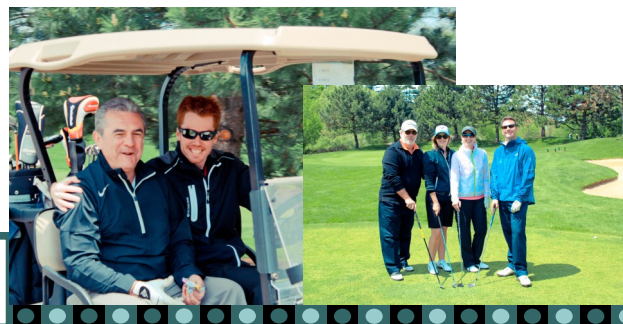
1st Annual Emily’s House Children’s Hospice Golf Tournament— May 29th, 2013

Love golf and having a great time? Well, this tournament is for you! We have a variety of sponsorship levels from \$200 +, for more information please contact aislingt@philipazizcentre.ca or call 416-363-9196, ext. 201.

Where: Richmond Hill Golf Club

Time: Shotgun 9am

Cost: \$200 per golfer (includes a round of golf with a cart, breakfast & lunch)



For more information on our events, or to register for an event visit:
www.philipazizcentre.ca

Community Mailbox: Sheridan College Commission Furniture Program



Third year students enrolled in the Sheridan College Commission Furniture Program will design and fabricate 15 furniture pieces for the common areas of Emily’s House. Each piece will compliment other furnishings in the home and meet the highest professional standards of construction and finish. We are thrilled to be partnering with Sheridan College to create these customized furniture pieces for the many families who will be staying at Emily’s House.

‘Cloud’ dining room table, custom designed to comfortably fit children in wheelchairs, while allowing for lots of arm and leg room for everyone at the table.

Donor PROFILE

“The Jane Stodgell & Friends Reception” within Emily’s House



This dedication is in honor of Jane Stodgell, a friend who fought her battle with cancer on and off for 15 years, leading up to her passing in July 2010, only at the age of 59. Despite engaging in such a prolonged struggle with cancer, she continually had a positive outlook on life and inspired others to adopt that same attitude. In addition to benefitting others indirectly, Jane dedicated her heart and soul to various charitable causes directly as well. No one could have been more loyal, supportive and thoughtful than Jane towards anyone that knew her – she was truly an angel to all of them.

Emily’s House represents what Jane lived for: compassion, supporting children in need, bringing family and friends together and making every day count!!! We chose the reception area because when visiting Jane and Arn, the door was always open and it became a wonderful meeting spot for all us!

The over 40 names of friends and relatives of Jane Stodgell who have donated to this tribute will be acknowledged within this reception area.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY EMILY!

Emily Yeskoo is celebrating her 20th birthday! It has been a journey of courage and miracles for Emily. She has outlived everyone’s expectations, except her own of course. She continues to bring smiles to the faces of everyone she meets, old and new friends alike. We at PAC want to wish her a very happy birthday, and celebrate her life with her family and friends this special day.

If you would like to donate to Emily’s House in honour of Emily’s 20th Birthday, please visit: <http://www.philipazizcentre.ca/emily-turns-20/>



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I would like to give a one time donation of \$300 \$150 \$75 Other \$ _____

A monthly gift of \$ _____ to be charged to my credit card

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- Volunteer Visiting Program Spiritual/Bereavement Program
 Children and Families Program Emily’s House

Philip Aziz Centre provides respite, practical, emotional, spiritual and bereavement support to people living with life limiting illnesses, in the comfort of their own home.

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City: _____ Prov.: _____

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Cheque (Please make cheques payable to Philip Aziz Centre)

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