



# PAC NEWS

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PHILIP AZIZ CENTRE  
FOR HOSPICE CARE

### From the E.D's Desk

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Emily's House is open! Finally a home away from home in Toronto, with medically supported care for children and families dealing with the challenges of a life threatening illness. Though we are thrilled to offer this new care setting option for families, celebrating a children's hospice comes with mixed emotions. All of us want children to live full and healthy lives. However sadly, there are some illnesses that have no cure, and when this is the case, we want to make sure the best care and support is available. We may not be able to add days to a child's life, but our goal is to add life to every child's days, who comes to Emily's House.

Our opening was a success and very emotional time for all of us, as it has been a long journey to get to today. The Honorable Deb Matthews (Minister of Health and Long-term Care), Marilyn Monk (Executive VP Clinical at SickKids), Andrea Cohen Barrack (CEO, Ontario Trillium Foundation) Mike Mueller (Capital Campaign Donor), Gretchen Van Riesen (Board Chair), Don Pangman (Capital Campaign Manager), and myself had opportunity to share about Emily's House and express our appreciation to everyone who made this special day and place possible. It truly has been a team effort, birthed through a small vision that has evolved into a big reality, because of the generosity, compassion and support of hundreds of people. Our 10 bed hospice is opening with 6 beds in operation, funded by the Ministry of Health and our faithful donors. With our interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, support staff and volunteers, we are committed to optimizing the quality of the lives of children and their families, through the provision of respite and pediatric palliative care. Emily's House services are integrated with the Philip Aziz Centre Hospice programs, allowing us to provide continuous care, both in the community (the patient's own home) as well as in our hospice.



"It is so evident, as you walk through Emily's House, that love built this home. Love is infused in every single corner of this place, whether it is the beautiful murals, or the furniture designed by students of Sheridan College, clearly understanding the perspectives of the children who will be here."

From the depths of our hearts we want to thank you all again, who have given of your time, talents, wisdom, finances and prayers, because only together can we continue to ensure that children and families have access to all the supports they need, at the right time, in the right setting.

In appreciation,

-Hon. Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health and Long Term Care



## Heart-Link



Two years ago, my mother’s dementia progressed. She started needing assistance with all her daily activities; she was no longer able to feed or dress herself. My father and I helped her as much as we could however, additional assistance was badly needed. After contacting several organizations, my father was referred to the Philip Aziz Centre (PAC). PAC’s Client Services Coordinators were very kind, professional and understanding of our situation. We received the much needed assistance through PAC’s volunteer program. PAC’s volunteers are exceptional. They receive exceptional training. They are kind, compassionate, reliable and very helpful. My mother is always very happy when they visit us. I noticed that my mother’s emotional and social skills improved due to her interaction with them.

This past February 5, 2013, my father passed away. He was struck by a vehicle and passed away instantly. His passing was abrupt, unexpected, and affected me deeply. I went through a difficult time. My situation became very challenging since I suddenly became my mother’s sole caregiver. I reached out to PAC, and once again, I received the support I needed. I would not have been able to make it through this difficult time without PAC’s support. The Philip Aziz Centre volunteer program is an exceptional community service and deserves every praise.

*-By A daughter of current client and deceased father*

## PAC and Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 YAC hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “YAC’s Heart for Hospice” fundraising event to support their team at Hike for Hospice. In 4 hours the kids were able to raise \$1400! Not only that, they enlisted an awesome youth band to play live music called “After Thought”, who’s members were 12-16 years old! Complete with music and a popcorn machine, the event drew in community members of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood -bringing awareness to Philip Aziz Centre and Emily’s House. While having fun in the sun and getting rest before their school year begins again, YAC is focusing on more outreach efforts this summer for our organization – because that’s how super they are!



## Volunteer PROFILE



Kim Flear has been a volunteer for Philip Aziz Centre and Emily’s House since 2011. Kim has been a great support of special events, creative administrative work, outreach and fundraising in addition to supporting both adult and child clients as a hospice caregiver. She continuously goes beyond the call of duty and is ready to help whenever and wherever needed. Kim’s professional strengths are in digital media and graphic design, to which she has lent her skills to help our organization in so many ways. Additionally, her experience as a Montessori Teacher makes her an amazing volunteer for our children’s programs. But most importantly, Kim’s smile lights up any room she’s in— we are honoured to have her at PAC!

*“PAC’s genuine compassion for those in need has had a strong affect on my life and how I view what’s important. How I was lucky enough to be placed with my client, I’ll never know. Her perseverance and courage along with her family’s truly inspires me everyday.”*

*-Kim Flear*

## Events for Your Calendar



### Movies in the Park—Riverdale Park

Our community offers many activities throughout the year, and Movies in the Park is a great community event held each summer. It is a public event that is free, but donations are welcome. This year, on August 4th, all money raised will be given to Emily's House. They will be featuring E.T. Bring a picnic and your friends and meet us to enjoy a wonderful community event bringing awareness of Emily's House to our community!

### 1st Annual Emily's House Children's Hospice Golf Tournament— RESCHEDULED: September 26th, 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](mailto: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)



### Children's Summer Camp Programs

PAC has been offering recreational programs to the kids we serve for over 10 years. This is done through our fund raising efforts and through donations from people who realize the importance of kids being able to be kids even when faced with illness. This year so far we have registered 25 kids in programs ranging from over night camps in the Muskokas to dance, tutoring, golf, swimming, art, drama, karate, Raptors Basketball camp and music. Kids love to play, learn, be challenged and make new friends. Through generous donations we can make this a reality for them together.



For more information on our events, or to register for an event visit:

[www.philipazizcentre.ca](http://www.philipazizcentre.ca)

## Community Mailbox: *The Teddy Bear Story* by Ann Baxter

I was fortunate to participate in a 'hard hat' tour of Emily's House in November 2012 and knew immediately I wanted to help.

I realized this was the first of it's kind in Toronto and after talking to Emily's mom, Lindsey, I was so impressed by her strength and determination that I mentioned I loved to knit and wondered if that was something Emily's House could use.

Judy in the Fundraising Department suggested I put my knitting talents to work by knitting hats and booties for premature babies.

I later offered to knit teddy bears and recruited two friends, Joan Green and Anne Masterton, all of us hailing from Britain with a passion for knitting.

We are thrilled that our knitting of clothes and toys can support Emily's House.



# Donor PROFILE



We are proud to introduce you to the Beyleveldt family....4 donors who give to all aspects of Philip Aziz Centre (PAC). Their involvement began when Conrad and his family visited a small community church, Church in the City and met these Board members from PAC. Friendships were formed and quickly several board members realized this would be a valuable family to have involved with PAC. In July 2011 Conrad made that all important decision to join the Board of Directors and as a CA has been instrumental in providing financial guidance to PAC and the capital campaign of Emily's House.

Through Conrad we met Cate, who brings her expertise in marketing and communication to our Fundraising Committee. Her creative ability and marketing experience has been what we have needed to increase our publications. Cate has also been involved in our volunteer visiting program, so she understands, firsthand the many needs and sensitivities of our hospice organization.

Luke and Grace (their children), are not only part of our Youth Advisory Council, a team of young leaders assisting with special projects and events, but Luke just recently raised funds 'busking' at his school.

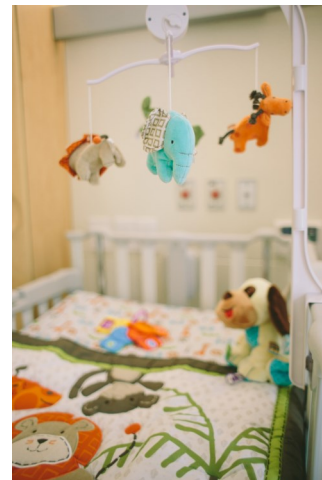
When you visit Emily's House, please take a rest by sitting on the bench by the reflective pond, at the front of the house; the Beyleveldt family kindly sponsored this area during our capital campaign.

Thank you Conrad, Cate, Grace and Luke for **all** you give and do, with such a fabulous spirit!

## Emily's House Wish List

Now that Emily's House has opened, we have people asking what are some of the items and/or services still required to comfort, care and bring joy to the children and their families. The following list highlights some of those immediate items with the associated costs:

Wish List Item	Cost	Amount
DVD/Books	\$30	Ongoing requirement
Pantry supplies	\$50	ongoing requirements
DVD players for bedrooms	\$100 each	8 players
Bedding Supplies (total cost/bed)	\$150 each	8 beds
Laptops	\$700 each	2 laptops
Stryker Medical Bed	\$8,000	6 Beds



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## YES! I would like to support PAC

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  direct bank withdrawal  
(enclose void cheque)

Please give today to support the following PAC programs:

- In-home Volunteer Visiting Hospice Program  Emily's House  Wish List Item(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Children and Families Programs  Spiritual/Bereavement Program \_\_\_\_\_

*Philip Aziz Centre provides respite, practical, emotional and spiritual hospice care for adults, children and families living with life-limiting illnesses.*

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Cheque (Please make cheques payable to Philip Aziz Centre)

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