

Above & Beyond

A newsletter for the friends of Peterborough Community Chaplaincy - September 2010

Unexpected Guests For Dinner

PCC volunteer Herman Elgeti has been working with Rej, a resident of our transition house who is coping with the effects of an inoperable brain tumour, for over two years. As a result of Rej's condition he is not able to see his children, who live more than a four hour drive out of town, regularly.



Rej demonstrates the automatic door opener at the transition house

Recognizing the immense value in Rej spending time with his children, Herman has gone 'above and beyond' to respond to the challenges a visit presents, making the four hour drive to bring Rej to visit his children on more than one occasion.

A savvy volunteer, having Rej in hospital recently didn't stop Herman from continuing to facilitate these visits. In August Herman was able to make arrangements for three of Rej's boys to come to Peterborough for a weekend.

If you would like to know how you could make this kind of positive difference in our community. Give us a call at 741-4172 and we'll let you know how you can get involved!



An Exceptional Anniversary

This summer we received an unexpected note from Don. Don has been a resident at our transition house since August 2009. The note started,

"I would like to give you this letter to thank you for helping me achieve something in my life that I have tried for years to achieve, and that is to complete my parole."

Big deal? It is for Don and we think so too. Don has been "in the system" since 1959 and for the first time in 40 years he is able to say that he is out in the community, having completed his parole .

Don wrote. "It was quite clear to me that this place was unique in its own way and they are behind you 100% in helping me."

Dan Haley, Paul Harris Fellow?

On July 5th the Rotary Club of Peterborough recognized our Executive Director, Dan Haley, for his work by making a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in his name.

It is customary for the Foundation to recognize the recipient as a Paul Harris Fellow. This fellowship was named after Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905. The symbolism in this recognition is a way to say 'thank you' to Dan for making a difference in our community.



Dan Haley and Paul Hartung, Past President Rotary Club of Peterborough

A note for volunteers from Diane King President, PCC Board of Directors

This fall we have some great things happening for our volunteers. As part of our Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant and the Circles of Support and Accountability project, there will be new volunteer opportunities including the 20th Annual Volunteer Conference in Napanee on October 30th hosted by Correctional Services Canada. Transportation and lunch for anyone who would like to join us will be provided.

Also, anyone interested in learning more about palliative care **is** invited to an education day on October 14th in Ajax.

We also would love to have you all attend the PCC Annual General Meeting on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. A great opportunity to become more involved in our work, the AGM provides the chance to hear about our future plans and to share some of the experiences from the past year. We hope that you will attend.

For more information please feel free to give me a call at 705-740-9008 or Darryl Parsons in the PCC office at 705-741-4172.

New Staff

PCC is very happy to introduce our newest staff member. Jeff Pascoe took on the roll of Transition House Program Coordinator over the summer.

Jeff comes to PCC from his most recent ministry role as a youth/associate pastor at Auburn Bible Chapel in Peterborough. Jeff brings tremendous energy and a heart for people that is evident from the moment you meet him.

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Circles of Support and Accountability David Byrne, Project Assistant

As Peterborough's CoSA program continues to develop we are called to search for ways of attracting new volunteers and to enhance our current work. Starting with our Fall Basic Training session for new volunteers on September 28th CoSA Peterborough will be hosting monthly gatherings for anyone interested. At these sessions professionals from our community and beyond will speak on topics such as human sexuality, professional boundaries, the criminal justice system and understanding the sex offender registry. These sessions will be held on weeknights and will give those connected to CoSA Peterborough the chance to expand their knowledge and share experiences with one another. A calendar of dates for these presentations will follow soon!

Important Dates

Contact Darryl for more information at 741-4172 or darrylparsons@ptbochaplaincy.org

Friday, September 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM
PCC's Annual General Meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. 120 Murray Street, Peterborough. Please RSVP.

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM
CoSA volunteer training. Contact David Byrne at 741-4172 or davidbyrne@ptbochaplaincy.org

Friday, October 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM PCC
Volunteer BBQ/Pot Luck. Location TBA

Saturday, October 30, 2010
20th Annual Chaplaincy Volunteer Conference at Smiling Wilderness, Napanee

Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:00 PM
PCC's Annual Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction. Northview Pentecostal Church.

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