

Above & Beyond

A newsletter for the friends of Peterborough Community Chaplaincy – January / February 2012

It Starts Inside

Have you ever wondered about the process that takes place for someone to connect with PCC? The vast majority of the time it starts while that person is still in prison. Sometimes even years before their release date.

In some cases an Institutional Parole Officer helps establish contact.

When the IPO learns someone is interested in coming to Peterborough they might contact PCC to



find out if there is space at our transition house or other supports that can help.

In many cases it is the Institutional Chaplain who helps someone make contact and begins building the relationship with the community Chaplain. These relationships help establish a continuum of care from prison to the community. There are many caring people who work behind the scenes in the correctional environment to make this work.

For example, last newsletter we told you about a palliative care client named Gerald. We would never have been able to help Gerald if it had not been for the work of Rev. Beryl Orok inside of Pittsburgh Institution.

Rev. Beryl's compassion and knowledge of the palliative care program that we operate provided Gerald the opportunity to spend his last few days in a real hospital with visits from family and the support of PCC staff and volunteers.

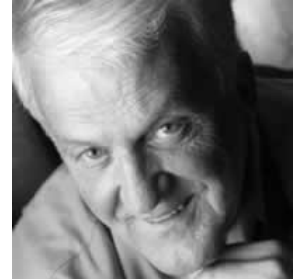
Visit our website at www.ptbochaplaincy.org to read more from Rev. Beryl.



Christmas 2011

We started December with a very special evening and a very special guest.

The **Rev. Dr. Pierre Allard** did not disappoint anyone who attended our Christmas Dinner with his inspiring talk about his life and work with chaplaincy and Restorative Justice.



While Christmas is a joyful time of year for many of us there are many who have trouble celebrating. It can be a time of year when the pain of broken relationships is felt the most.

We always try to make Christmas as special as possible for our clients living at the transition house. Simple things like a Christmas tree and gifts that most of us take for granted may not have even been part of some of our client's lives in the past.



This is one example of the ways your financial gifts help us so much. Thanks to everyone who supports PCC we had the resources to be able to provide a normal Christmas to a group of

marginalized people who would otherwise go without.

Celebrating Milestones

At a recent get together with the member of one of our Circles of Support and Accountability we were able to celebrate the one year anniversary of William's* release. We have seen a great deal of positive growth in his life over the past year and it was just one more reminder of the important role our volunteers play in the lives of our clients.

* Names are changed

Interact With Us On-line

There are different ways you can connect with Peterborough Community Chaplaincy on the internet.

Website:

ptbochaplaincy.org

E-mail:

info@ptbochaplaincy.org

Facebook:

facebook.com/ptbochaplaincy

Twitter:

twitter.com/ptbochaplaincy

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Volunteer

If you find the work of Peterborough Community Chaplaincy interesting and would like to be involved we would like to talk to you.

Perhaps you have some specific interests or skills that could help out around our transition house. Maybe you would like to find out more about being part of a Circle of Support and Accountability.

If you would like to learn more give us a call or send an e-mail!

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Is Justice Possible? The Omnibus Crime Bill

Monday, January 23rd from 7 to 9 PM at Sadleir House (751 George St N) Presented by the Peterborough Quakers. (Admission by donation)

Many people believe that Bill C-10, the Omnibus Crime Bill, will be hugely expensive, take money from effective crime-reduction programs and will not make us safer. Parliament has approved it and sent it to the Senate--where amendments can yet be made.

This event is an opportunity to take a closer look at Bill C-10 and alternatives including presentations from resource people who have stories to tell about the impact of this bill upon victims, offenders, families, and those not directly affected by crime but affected by the social and financial cost of punishment. There will also be an open session for discussion and to make suggestions for action.

See more about Peace Week activities at:
<http://www.opirgpeterborough.ca>

Circles of Support and Accountability: A Global Phenomenon

Tuesday, March 13th from 1 to 3 PM at Northview Pentecostal Church.

Dr. Andrew McWhinnie, National Advisor to The Associate Director General Chaplaincy – Circles of Support and Accountability, will be our guest speaker. Dr. McWhinnie, who has been involved in promoting and developing CoSA both nationally and internationally, will speak on particular aspects of the work of CoSA and share with us his experience of how the program is executed across the country.

This is a rare opportunity to learn about CoSA from one of its global leaders. The presentation is open to all volunteers, community partners and interested members of the public. We request that you RSVP no later than March 1st to David at 705-741-4172 or davidbyrne@ptbochaplaincy.org