

## THANK YOU

- Richmond Hill Firefighters Association
- The Town of Richmond Hill
- Benton Sangster (Web Master)
- SBMB Law (Bruce Machon)
- Marshall Funeral Home
- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 375
- Thornhill Cruisers Car Club
- Community Care Access Centre
- 1st Richvale TreFoil Guild
- Richmond Hill Ladies Marathon Bridge
- Richmond Hill Seniors Club 35
- W.P. Scott Charitable Foundation
- Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church
- Richmond Hill Rotary Club
- Richvale Lioness Club
- Richmond Hill Ladies Recreational Softball
- Canadian Progress Club (Y.R. Women)
- Richvale Pathfinders
- Freshwater Industries (John Mills)
- North York Retired Firefighters Association
- St. Mary's Immaculate CWL Council
- Shirley Keller (Shoppers Drug Mart Bathurst & New Westminister)
- Russell Drewanz (Diesel Depot) (905) 889-3400 • drewanz@gmail.com
- Arnie Warner
- St. Mary Immaculate Italian Choir
- St. Matthews
- St. Paul's ELW
- Marney Beck
- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario – York Region
- Preceptor Epsilon Beta Sigma Phi
- Richmond Hill High School
- West Hill Chapter O.E.S.
- Community Church of Richmond Hill
- Diego Minchella (D.J.)
- Richvale Lions Club
- Security Access Controls (Jeff Ford)
- Ladies Afternoon Bridge Club
- St. Mary's Anglican Church
- Dr. Brian Berger
- Tycos Tool & Dye (Chris Amodeo)
- R. H. Horticultural Society
- Cantabile Chorale
- Knights of Columbus
- McConaghy Old Boys
- Mark Alexander (Second Skin Garment Co.)
- Kit Martin RN CHPCN(C) Nurse Consultant - consultkit@rogers.com
- David Garofalo (Chief Financial Officer of the year)

## Congratulations COUNCILLOR HOGG

Congratulations to Deputy Mayor and Regional & Local Councillor Brenda Hogg on her re-election to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Richmond Hill is very fortunate to be represented at a national level by Brenda. We congratulate you and thank you for your continued support.

## WISH LIST

Coffee, dry goods, bar soap, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, dishwasher soap, cleaning products, gift cards from grocery stores, Home Depot, Canadian Tire and Shoppers Drug Mart, 3 overbed tables, kitchen blinds, new doors for the front hall closet, new linoleum floor for the downstairs bathroom.

## DID YOU KNOW...

You can direct your United Way charitable payroll deduction at your workplace to Hill House. When completing your pledge card, remember to include our charitable tax number: 86983 4678 RR0001



## GIVING BACK how you can help

Hill House Hospice suffers the impact of our economy as 'donor fatigue' which in the charitable sector is rampant. Hill House continues to help people 'live until they die', cloaking them with the care and compassion they all deserve. Please continue to help make a difference!

- Celebrate your loved ones with a memorial donation
- Donate stocks and bonds that you already own
- Leave a sum of money to Hill House in your will
- Establish a charitable trust
- Name Hill House Hospice as beneficiary on your life insurance policy

Thanks to Canada's income tax legislation, these charitable donations can provide you with substantial tax savings. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference, please contact **Tina Jakma** tjakma@banwellfinancial.com or (647)988-2852.

*"Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"* - Author unknown

*"Character is doing what's right when nobody is looking"* - J.C. Watts, Jr.

*"Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh"* - George Bernard Shaw

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hill House Hospice continues to expand their volunteer program. If you are interested in volunteering at Hill House, please contact Jan McDonald at 905-737-9308. Training is provided.

### 2009 Board of Directors

Stephen Cappe, Chair	Ruth Coxford
Graham Constantine	Carol Duffy
Rick Dobson, Treasurer	Elizabeth Renwick
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Celebrating Life, That is what it's all about!

*Anne-Marie, Gord (90 years old) and Roberta all born on November 12th, celebrating together!*

Dear Friends,

Celebrations at Hill House remind us to live well, love well and play harder. As we look to our 12th year of making a difference in the lives of our clients and their families, we thank you all for your support over the past years. We ask for your continued support both financially and by helping us spread the word of the work we do at Hill House. We have helped over 780 clients and their families to date. We thank them for the honour and privilege of being able to accompany them on this intimate journey.

Anne-Marie Dean  
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## OUR Roadside GARDEN

We are delighted that the Richvale Pathfinders continue to tend to our 'Roadside Garden' (which they adopted in 2005) where they have recently planted 50 Pink Tulip bulbs. These tulips are in memory of Sharon Collier who spent her final weeks at Hill House Hospice. Sharon had dedicated many years to Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. Thank you very much to Christine Phillips (leader), The Pathfinders and The Pink Tulip Foundation. We look forward to a Spring bursting in pink!



## PUBLIC WORKS DAY!



National Public Works Week took on the theme 'Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew.....and, no one does it quite like the employees of the Town of Richmond Hill! Once again, we thank them for choosing Hill House Hospice as their charity of choice donating proceeds from their Public Works Open House which was held on May 23, 2009.

## What Cancer CANNOT DO

We are so fortunate to be able to work with Dr. Brian Berger. He is truly a wonderful doctor and a gentle man. Dr. Berger is so client focused and presently present that every client believes they are his only patient. He recently gave us a plaque for our quiet room which reads:

Cancer is so limited.....  
 It cannot cripple Love  
 It cannot shatter Hope  
 It cannot corrode Faith  
 It cannot destroy Peace  
 It cannot kill Friendship  
 It cannot suppress Memories  
 It cannot silence Courage  
 It cannot invade the Soul  
 It cannot steal Eternal Life  
 It cannot conquer the Spirit  
 (Author unknown)

**Thank you Dr. Berger**

## WHAT OUR FAMILIES HAVE TO SAY

### THANKS FOR...

- Being there, every step of the way
- The beautiful nightgown you put on mom, she loved flowers
- For letting us take over your house and making it our home
- For talking to me so I could hold my daughter
- For the warm cookies and the hot tea
- For your strong shoulders
- Having lots of tissues around
- For giving us peace of mind, not being afraid to go home
- For letting dad have a beer.....or two
- For your pure love and care

- For the sponge baths, mom said it was 'better than a spa'
- For encouraging me to hold my partner in bed while he died; it was what we both wanted but feared it might not be possible, no words can express my gratitude
- Compassion delivered with a sense of humour
- For being able to laugh out loud and not feel guilty
- As soon as we walked in the door, we knew we were safe

*And from the staff and volunteers at Hill House, we say "we are truly honoured to be able to provide this for you"*

**HILL HOUSE HOSPICE, HELPING PEOPLE LIVE, UNTIL THEY DIE.**

### 2nd ANNUAL SPRING FLING



(L to R) *Eva Heffron and Janet Wilson*  
 The second Annual Spring Fling was hosted by Eva and Janet on Saturday May 2nd, 2009. Thanks for all of the hard work! The silent auction, the draws and door prizes were fabulous! A wonderful time was had by all. This event has been sold out 2 years in a row. Make your reservation early for the 2010 Spring Fling (Sat May 1st) by contacting Janet at janmccwil@hotmail.com



CIBC celebrated the opening of their new '7 day branch' located at Yonge Street and Tower Hill Road in Richmond Hill by marking the occasion with a generous donation to Hill House Hospice. Thank you to Zina Atkinson (Business Development Manager), Sam Galineas (Branch Manager, Dave Schwertfeger (CIBC Retail Markets). To meet the needs of our community, this new bank offers full services in over 10 languages. Thanks CIBC, your support is greatly appreciated.

## Get Well Soon Margaret!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest 'Get Well Soon' wishes to our very dear friend, Nurse Margaret McArthur. Marg was diagnosed with cancer this year and underwent lung surgery. She has fought a tough battle and continues to regain her strength daily. We love you and we miss you Marg.



## THE HEART OF HOSPICE



This heart represents dignity, compassion and respect, three of the many qualities that Hill House Hospice has built its reputation on. The inside design is made up of three H's, signifying Hill House Hospice and it represents the appreciation that families who have spent time within its' walls have in their hearts for this truly special place. The heart was designed by Curtis McVean in memory of his 'Nana' & 'Papa' who spent their last days embraced in love and compassion at Hill House Hospice. The hearts are available as lapel pins & pendants (\$25), bracelets (\$55) and necklaces (\$45) Please call Jan McDonald at 905-737-9308 or email Janet McVean at janmccwil@hotmail.com to purchase the hearts.



(L to R) *Gail (volunteer), Marlene (psw), Jan (volunteer coordinator) and Judy (RN)* celebrating Jan's Birthday. Thanks for all of your hard work Jan....our volunteers are priceless!



It is always refreshing to be remembered by those 'who are our future'. The Student Council of Richmond Hill High School had many fundraisers over the last year and donated the proceeds to Hill House. Thank you to all the staff and students for helping us make a difference.