

Friends of Hospice NEWSLETTER

Fall 2009



A Walk to Remember

Sunday November 1, 2009

On Sunday November 1st many of us gathered bright and early at the Visitor's Centre in the Botanical Gardens for our annual Walk to Remember. Whether it was help from the clock change or the good weather that brought people out of their beds we had a fantastic turnout of over 200 people.

The event was a huge success and we have netted over \$13,500 so far - which is \$2000



more than last year. This is very much thanks to the many of you that participated, as well as to our major sponsor, Brown & Co. It is also of course thanks to our wonderful volunteers who helped promote the walk on the radio (David Durham and Gertie Barker) and who kept the event running on the day by registering the walkers, marshalling, organizing the baked goods

and participant bags and most importantly counting the money!

A special mention must go out to Laverne Scott who individually raised the most money - a total of \$812. Laverne



raised the money in memory of her father, Ralph Scott and Debra Hayward and was able to do so by asking each customer that came into the Green Lantern, her place of work, if they would sponsor her. It just goes to show that it never hurts to ask! As a



token of our appreciation Laverne won a \$500 gift certificate kindly donated by Swiss Timing.

It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends return to the hospice, many of whom have taken part in the walk since its inception. While our loved ones may be gone it is important to remember that they are never forgotten.



Tree of Lights

Friday, November 27, 2009

5.30 pm - 6:30 pm

Steps of City Hall

Please join us for

“Lighting the Tree”

*in memory of people we love and
those we have lost*

Performances by:

The Menuhin Foundation

Gilbert Institute Choir

Saltus Junior School Choir (Yrs 3 & 4)

The Bermuda Regiment Band

and The Bermuda Islands Pipe Band

Come and herald the arrival of Santa and

Late night shopping!

Hot chocolate and baked goods will be available for a small donation



News and upcoming events



A new bench - On the morning of the Walk to Remember family and friends of the late Jamie Carswell gathered to assemble a beautiful mahogany bench in his memory. The bench was kindly donated by Kevin and Terri Bowles and



now sits under the pergola by the rose garden.



Christmas is coming.....

We are preparing for our upcoming **Tree of Lights** which is to be held on Friday November 27th from 5:30 until 6:30pm. This is a wonderful family evening of musical entertainment, hot chocolate and goodies and of course Santa's arrival. We need volunteers to help us decorate the tree on Wednesday November 25th (3:30-5:30pm) as well as during the event. If you can help out then let Erica know!

Decorating Agape House - If you have an artistic flair or can offer a spare pair of hands then we need your assistance to help decorate the hospice for Christmas. We will commence decorating the week of November 30th.

Volunteer Christmas Appreciation Party - for all our hardworking volunteers who have helped us over the year with our many fundraisers as well as those who give their time on a weekly basis to visit with patients at the hospice. You all deserve to be recognized and thanked for your dedication! Join us on Thursday December 3rd between 5:30 and 7:30pm for mince pies and other holiday goodies. Location to be decided.

Candle Light Ceremony - this is a very moving (non denomination) service for all past and present family members and friends of Agape House patients. It is a time for people to gather together to remember and share memories of their loved ones in the holiday season - often a very difficult time of year. We invite you to join us on Sunday December 6th at 6pm and bring along a decoration to add to the memorial Christmas tree that will sit in the reception area of the hospice.



Farewell - we said a sad but fond farewell to Mrs. Hermine Dill (pictured right with Nicole DeShields) who recently retired from Agape House. Mrs. Dill has been a nurse's aid at the hospice since its opening in 1991 and is now enjoying her well deserved retirement!



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Volunteers Needed!

We are always looking for new volunteers - if you are interested in visiting the hospice on a regular basis then please email Erica (erica.fulton@bermudahospitals.bm) or telephone her (232-0859) to discuss what positions might be available.

We are also looking to increase our volunteers who can provide complementary therapies so please let us know if you have any additional skills that we might be able to put to use.

Save these Dates!

- **Friday November 27th** - Tree of Lights - 5:30pm - 6:30pm on the steps of City Hall -the event happens rain or shine!
- **Thursday December 3rd** - FOH Volunteer Appreciation Party - 5:30-7:30pm (Location to be decided - contact Erica for further details)
- **Sunday December 6th** - Candle Light Ceremony - 6pm (Agape House)
- **Friday February 5th** - Tag Day