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CHILLIWACK PRO-LIFE'S NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

Cherishing Seniors

The last few months have been busy for our Cherish Seniors volunteers as they have been serving many isolated older adults in our city. We are receiving many referrals for seniors who live alone and have no social support. These include elderly people who are returning home from hospital and do not have family or friends to help them transition back home. It's important to note that all of these older adults qualify for MAiD under Canadian Laws.

Our volunteers meet these clients, bring them pre-made meals and groceries, and check in on them frequently. It's so heartwarming to see the kindness and compassion that our Cherish Seniors Volunteers show to these elderly clients. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, our next training sessions will take place in September. Contact our office for details.

Angela Rooke, Executive Director

Prayer Requests Straight to your Mobile Phone

We know that many of our supporters believe in the power of God to change lives, and pray for our clients regularly. And we SO value those prayers! If you would like to receive periodic prayer requests, sent by text to your cell phone, please text: PRAY to 1 855 400 9499. Texts will be sent out approximately every 1 to 2 weeks, or when there is an urgent need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chilliwack Walk for Life -
Saturday, September 23, 2023

Senior Volunteer Training -
September 6 + 12, 2023

Annual General Meeting -
October 26, 2023

Circle of Life Gala -
March 1, 2024



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Membership

FAMILY	SINGLE
One Year - \$25	One Year - \$10
Three Year - \$60	Three Year - \$30
Five Year - \$100	Five Year - \$50

SENIOR

One Year - \$5	
Three Year - \$15	STUDENT
Five Year - \$25	One Year - \$10

Donations

E-transfer - office@chilliwackprolife.com.
Please list your full name, address, email address, and phone number in the memo line. **Cheque** - mail or drop off **Credit card** - in office or online

In accordance with the Income Tax Act, Chilliwack Pro-Life Society retains authority on the use of its resources. If a donation cannot be used as designated, the donation cannot be returned to the donor.



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Cherishing Life

Many of us come from big families or have a community for support. And I am realizing just how much we have to be thankful for, as I meet people in Chilliwack who have very little community around them. This past week I received a message that one of our senior clients was in the hospital in serious condition. I accompanied the volunteer who was assigned to this client and went to visit him in hospital, where he lay in bed so frail and close to the end of his life. For the next week I visited him every day and prayed for him until I received a phone call letting me know that he had passed away from his health conditions.

Although it was certainly heartbreaking to watch this man's life come to an end, it was an immense privilege to be there to pray for him and to acknowledge his intrinsic value. Thank you for enabling us to do the work that we do, cherishing life.

Janita ter Haar, Office Manager

A New Look for 'Vivian'

Our Mobile Drop-in Centre, nicknamed Vivian, has a new look which showcases our new logo and new name, Cherish Women's Resource Centre. If you live in Chilliwack, you may just see her parked at a community event, or at one of our partner organizations, where staff will be handing out baby supplies and building relationships with young moms.

Recently, we had the privilege of using Vivian to network and promote our programs when we cooked for approximately 100 young moms, plus



Congrats!
PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Abby and Natasha for writing winning essays! After graduating from high school, Abby plans to obtain an Associate of Science degree from the University of the Fraser Valley, then she will apply to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the UFV. Natasha is attending Trinity Western University and hopes to get her Master's degree in occupational therapy. To read their essays, visit our website.

their children, at a local park. We cooked hot dogs, supplied drinks, gave out information cards about our resource centre and educated many people about what we do.



Volunteer Training Opportunity

Part 1 - September 6, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Part 2 - September 12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Are you someone who enjoys socializing with older adults? Do you have a few hours per month to give to a vulnerable senior in our community?

There are many seniors who have become isolated and spend their days alone. We at the Cherish Project (a Chilliwack Pro-Life program), with the help of our volunteers, seek to bring comfort and community to these older adults.

If you are interested in participating in our program as a volunteer, or if you would simply like to learn about how to better support vulnerable seniors, please join us at our volunteer training event.

September 6 and September 12, Connie Stam, of Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners Society, will lead us in two interactive training sessions that will give you the framework you need to feel comfortable as a senior-support volunteer.

If you are interested in this opportunity, or in training to volunteer with our moms program, contact Angela at angela@cherishproject.ca or call our office at 604 795 3091.

WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

SAVE THE DATE

Prizes and Challenges - If you reach one of the levels below, you will be entered to win one of the prizes! Register online, get pledges, and watch your balance grow.
\$500 - \$1000 - \$2000 - \$3000

Activities
 Bouncy Castle
 Field Games
 Face Painting
 Chalk Art
 Craft Table
 More

Lunch
 By Donation:
 Pulled Pork
 Fries

For Free
 Hot Dogs

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MORE INFORMATION



For more details about the Walk for Life, to register for online pledges or to download a paper pledge sheet, go to chilliwackprolife.com, or contact the office.



Seniors Program



Volunteer students helping a senior move into her new home



Victoria March for Life
'We are the Pro-Life generation and we will abolish abortion'



Preparing lunch for 100+ Moms at a Better Beginnings BBQ

June 17 - Summer BBQ



Thank you to everyone that donated online, or came out to the barbecue. We reached our goal of \$4,500 and surpassed it! Our grand total for our Cherish Senior's Summer fundraiser was \$7,233.

Pro-Life Tidbits

John Ivison: Two Trudeau ministers seem awfully uncomfortable with euthanizing the mentally ill - "Canada will soon be offering assisted suicide, alongside the already established medical assistance in dying for people with incurable illnesses." Although Conservative MP Ed Fast (Abbotsford, BC) has introduced a bill to reverse the government's plan to extend MAiD to the mentally ill, he is being opposed by the Liberals, NDP and Bloc Québécois. The current plan by the Liberal government is to allow the expansion of MAiD in 2024. - *National Post, July 7, 2023*

"Bethany Hamilton Reveals She's Expecting Baby No. 4 in Family Surf Video: 'Life is a Gift.'" Pro-life *Soul Surfer* openly acknowledges value the of life in the womb. "Adam and I, and our whole fam, are so excited to be growing our family! I believe that life is a gift, and each and every life has value." -*People.com, March 14, 2023*

Hope's Cradle: Safe Baby Box near Calgary Alberta - Hope's Cradle is a service started by the non-profit group, Gems for Gems, in partnership with the Strathmore Fire Department. As a safe place for mothers to drop off their abandoned infants, Hope's Cradle prevents babies from dying due to desertion in places like garbage dumpsters. Strathmore was the first community in Canada to offer this service through a fire department, but there has been great interest in expanding to other communities.

For more information visit: <https://www.gemsforgems.com/hc> and <https://strathmorenow.com> June 23, 2022: Strathmore's Hope's Cradle success could lead to country-wide expansion.

"Minnesota Planned Parenthood entices teens as young as 13 with gift cards for completing 'sex ed summer camp'" - According to Fox News, Planned Parenthood North Central States (PPNCS) had planned to host a S'MORE (science-based, medically accurate, open-minded, responsible [sex] education) camp. Free for teens ages 13 to 15 who have not yet started high school. PPNCS is also hosting a second camp for those ages 15-18. Students who complete the camp will receive a gift card valued at between \$100 and \$150 USD - *Fox News, July 9, 2023*