

The winners of the Order of St. John Awards for 2011

Annual Hospice Awards were presented at the BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association Dinner May 12 2011.



Photo which was taken at the BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association Dinner with the winners of the Order of St. John Awards this year

Those in the photo are:

Jenny Quince, Kamloops Hospice Association; Coletta Holms, Chilliwack Hospice Society; Mary Collins OSJ; Christy Linder, Comox Valley Hospice Society; Charmaine Crooks MC for the dinner.

Following are the brief descriptions for the hospice programs chosen by the Almoner Committee to receive \$5,000 grants for the 2011/12 year. The three summaries represent the three organizations who were awarded grants of \$5,000 each. Each application received consisted of three pages or more of program detail including program overview, program objectives, program benefits, program revenue and expense summaries, and so on.

Chilliwack Hospice Society

- For their Relaxation Program – program has been in existence since 2007.
- The Relaxation Program is offered on a request basis at the Cascade Hospice Residence and coordinates with the Fraser Health Authority's complementary therapies guidelines.
- The Relaxation Program has experienced an increase of 46%, serviced by a team of 663 volunteer hours.
- A purpose of the grant application to Order of St. John is to enable the Chilliwack Hospice Society to increase the delivery of services to their community through increasing the number of trained volunteers by 8, provide additional community education and promotion, and by purchasing necessary equipment.

Comox Valley Hospice Society

- Currently the Comox Valley Hospice Society provides bereavement support/counseling to more than 170 new clients per year through individual counseling, one to one volunteer support either in person or over the telephone, facilitated support groups and mail outreach.
- The purpose of the grant request to OSJ is to allow the CVHS to develop an expanded training and education program to individuals and volunteers in the community who offer bereavement assistance to those grieving or in need.
- The expanded program, in large part through OSJ grant funding, would include development of program training materials, consultation, workshop presentations, and provider support.

Kamloops Hospice Association

- Purpose of the grant application to OSJ – to incorporate a day room and day program for community clients at the Marjorie Willoughby Snowden Memorial Hospice Home in Kamloops.
- The day program would be offered to clients who are living with a life-threatening illness in the community, and an opportunity to meet weekly and receive support from other clients, volunteers and staff.
- The programs that would be offered would include complementary therapies, music therapy, art therapy, discussion groups, guest speakers, and so on.
- The OSJ funding is one component of a larger program budget, and the \$5,000 grant would be allocated towards key furnishings required in the program setup.
- The program is expected to begin in June or July, 2011.

Yours in St. John,
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