



# Net News



**Roger's House is almost one year old**

Roger's House is quickly approaching its first anniversary on May 15th, marking the day the doors were opened to help children, youth and families who are facing progressive life-limiting illnesses. Roger's House already has a his-

tory filled with courage and vision. Honouring Roger Neilson's legacy as a compassionate and caring man, the progression of Roger's House from a dream to a reality is truly amazing. Roger's House is a model of the good that can be

achieved when individuals and organizations are passionate about a need in their community and work together to reach for that dream. Since opening, Roger's House has had approximately 120 admissions.

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## CNPCC Net News

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### Special points of interest:

- CNPCC looking for Executive Committee Members
- Fabulous conferences, workshops and forums

## Canuck Place Children's Hospice 3rd Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop

Canuck Place Children's Hospice is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop (PPC) - May 10 & 11, 2007

The sessions will be held Thursday & Friday, May 10th & 11th in Richmond, BC at the Radisson President Hotel & Suites.

The PPC Workshop is de-

signed for health care professionals working in pediatrics (acute or chronic care) and / or palliative care, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, counselors & social workers. Last year's conference attracted participants from across BC, Alberta and the USA's Pacific Northwest.

The 16-hour program will cover basic and advanced aspects of pediatric palliative care, as presented by Canuck Place partners and staff. Sessions will cover multiple issues dealing with the complexity of progressive life-limiting illnesses affecting children & their families.

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## Roger's House cont..

Roger's House offers the following services to children and families:

### Respite Care

A child and or family are invited to come to Roger's House for support and a time away from home.

### Acute End of Life Care

For children and families that choose to spend their final days together at Roger's House, end of life Care is provided.

### Pain and Symptom Management

Roger's House offers pain and symptom management.

### Transitional Care

Eligible children who have been hospitalized for surgical or medical reasons may transition to home through Roger's House.

### Grief and Bereavement Support

Families experiencing the loss of a child can receive grief and bereavement support from the CHEO Palliative Care Team and Roger's House.

Roger's House is also excited to announce that it has recently been awarded a \$37,000 grant from the Inter-professional Mentoring, Preceptorship, Leadership and Coaching Fund from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. This fund is facilitating our partnership with Canuck Place, Hospice at May Court and the IWK Health Centre, permitting us to learn more from experienced service providers about serving children with palliative care needs.

If you would like more information please direct your inquiries to:

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## 3rd Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop

**Registration Deadline is Friday, April 20th.**

Workshop fee: \$ 250

To download the course brochure and registration form go to [www.canuckplace.org](http://www.canuckplace.org)

You may also register by email or phone -- contact: 604 731 4847 / 1 877 882 2288 or email Ruth Bode: [rbode@canuckplace.org](mailto:rbode@canuckplace.org)

An electronic version of *Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care: Guiding Principles and Norms of Practice (2006)* [*Soins palliatifs pédiatriques: Principes directeurs et norms de pratique (2006)* en français] is available for download from the CHPCA web site:

[www.chpca.net](http://www.chpca.net)



[www.griefworksbc.com](http://www.griefworksbc.com)

GriefworksBC has recently launched **Journey World**, an interactive area for kids who are grieving.

The Journey World is a way for kids and their families to learn about the feelings of grief and to talk about those feelings. It was created by Griefworks BC to help people find support after they have had a loss through death.

You can have a look at the overall Journey World by clicking on You're a Kid. It is designed for a parent to register and then register their child(ren). The child then has access to the site and can do their grief work with their parent if they choose. Please let people know that it is

### **Pain in Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

An excellent book published in 2006 and edited by Tim F. Oberlander, M.D., & Frank J. Symons, Ph.D., brings together the leading scientists and clinicians in the field in a comprehensive text. ISBN 1-55766-869-8

## **CNPCC Executive Committee Seeks Members**

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Network of Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC), an Interest Group of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, is looking for individuals who would be interested in serving on the CNPCC Executive Committee. Terms are for 2 years. The work of the committee is done mainly by e-mail and teleconference.

Interested persons should send a letter of intent to the CNPCC detailing their interest and their current role in the field of hospice palliative care for children. The letter of intent should also include a recent CV. Letters of Intent should be sent to the attention of Greg Adams at [gadams@scohs.on.ca](mailto:gadams@scohs.on.ca). Terms of reference are available upon request.

*Inaugural Canadian Symposium on Advance Care Planning  
May 3rd & 4th  
Calgary, Alberta*

This not-to-be-missed conference will showcase innovative programs, foster policy discussion and networking, and share research findings.

This symposium is in response to a growing need for health care providers and organizations, policy makers and others to identify emerging practices for supporting advance care planning.

For further information:

<http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/carenlife/upcomingevents.htm>

*End-of-Life Nursing Education - Pediatric Palliative Care Course (ELNEC-PPC)  
June 8 & 9  
Ann Arbor, Michigan*

The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON), in conjunction with the City of Hope National Medical Center and the University of Michigan Health Systems, is presenting a 2-day conference discussing end-of-life issues for children and their families. Although geared toward nursing, the course can benefit healthcare providers from all disciplines who work with children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders and their families.

For further information:

[www.aphon.org](http://www.aphon.org)

## Forum on Pediatric Palliative Care June 14-15, 2007 ~ Minneapolis, MN



## Children's Hospice International 18th World Congress Pan Pacific Hotel Singapore September 6-9, 2007

The purpose of the Forum is to bring together experienced providers in the field 5 years after the publication of the IOM Report, "When Children Die," to take stock of the progress, needs, challenges that exist in the field today. We will work together to define next steps for this specialty practice area, develop collaborative strategies for addressing a variety of important issues including advocacy, standards for clinical excellence, funding, research, outcomes and data collection, education, training, and organization of networking in the field into the future.

The Forum's program will be designed to encourage interaction and the exchange of ideas among participants. Our goal will be to create "products" from the meeting that will include:

- A national registry of existing programs and services in pediatric palliative care that will become web-based and web accessible to providers, families, and others. (In collaboration with the Gems of Care project)
- A report on the State of the Field: models of care, successes and challenges, and directions for future efforts.
- A plan for organizing communication, sharing of knowledge, and a central source for referrals and information related to the field as a resource for those in the field as well as those seeking to access or develop services.

Other items to be determined by the needs of the assembly.

For further information email: [CIPC@childrensmn.org](mailto:CIPC@childrensmn.org)  
or call (612)813-6946.

This conference is the most significant educational effort by Children's Hospice International (CHI). It was first held in 1983, and helps educate those who care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families about the latest trends in the field and provides real-world examples of innovative approaches to pediatric curative, palliative and hospice care.

For further information:  
[www.chionline.org](http://www.chionline.org)



## Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference

## Congrès canadien de soins palliatifs

Hospice Palliative Care: At a Crossroads ▪ Westin Harbour Castle Hotel  
Toronto, Ontario Canada ▪ November 4 - 7, 2007

The 2007 Canadian Hospice Palliative Care (CHPCA) Conference will be a dynamic event that aims to engage you in a process of learning, skills building, reflection, networking and renewal. The conference will showcase innovative developments, explore current issues, challenge your concept of hospice palliative care, and provide opportunities to reflect on the meaning and impact of working in the field of hospice palliative care.

**The program includes a meeting of the Canadian Network of  
Palliative Care for Children Interest Group on  
Sunday, November 4th in the morning.**

Further information is available on the CHPCA website at: [www.chpca.net](http://www.chpca.net)

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