



Bridging Generations

Spring 2014

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Mark your Calendars:

The Summer Volunteer Grandparents Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, July 26, 2013** at Confederation Park in Burnaby.* More details will be forwarded closer to the date.

*please consider volunteering to help to ensure the event goes smoothly!

Program Update:

Recently, we were notified that we will not be receiving funding through the Canada Summer Jobs Program this year, thus we are unable to hire a summer student. The main task of the summer student was to help plan the summer appreciation picnic. If you would like to help with the picnic this year, please let me know. I am also accepting donations and door prize contributions. Contact Veronica for more details.

Our AGM was held on May 13, 2014 this year. To read about last year's 40th Anniversary program highlights please request a copy of our annual report. I would be happy to mail out a copy to anyone who is interested.

In Loving Memory,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce the recent passing of three individuals who have been involved with the success of our organization: Bea Ward, Nancy Kirk and Mary Florio.

*Those we Love remain with us,
for Love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade,
because a loved one is gone.
Those we Love can never be,
more than a thought apart.
For as long as there is a memory,
they'll live on in our heart.
~Author Unknown*

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Remembering some Amazing Ladies ...

Bea Ward

Bea Ward was actively involved with Volunteer Grandparents for many years. Starting in 1979, Grandma Bea volunteered under both the Family Match Program and School Grandparent Program. She was a strong-willed and caring woman who was always able to provide the proper stability and trust that children needed from an adult.



Nancy Kirk



Nancy passed away peacefully in her home after a short but valiant battle with cancer on February 28, 2014 at the age of 81. Nancy was born in Vancouver and grew up and lived most of her life in the Kerrisdale area. She worked for the Vancouver Crisis Intervention Center and as a grief counsellor for SAFER. She was one of the founding members of both the BC Schizophrenia Society and Volunteer Grandparents. She received the Community Service Award as Vancouver's Volunteer of the Year in 1995 for her extensive volunteer services over the course of her life. Nancy was a very special person. She touched the hearts and lives of everyone who met her. She had a gracious spirit, a generous heart, a wicked sense of humour, a wonderful laugh and a joy for living that she shared with all around her. Nancy was always there with a kind word and a supportive hand for anyone who needed her. She was loved by all who knew her. (Source: Vancouver Sun)



Mary Florio
August 15, 1931 -
March 20, 2014

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Florio on March 20, 2014. Her contributions to our organization are immense; her long standing program involvement and dedication goes back many years. Mary held a position on the Board of Directors as President, was matched to two different families in our family match program (three grandchildren) and also created the Florio Bursary program for children enrolled in our program. Mary's generosity and love for our program will always be remembered.



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