

Winter e-newsletter 2009



Kayla's Skate-a-Thon

Kayla Carter-Bradbury rented the Belleville Yardmen Arena on Family Day to hold a free skate-a-thon in memory of her brother – Angel Mathew.

Participants of the event made a donation in return for the free ice time. In addition a silent auction was held. Kayla's skate-a-thon raised \$1400, with all proceeds going to PBSO!

Kayla chose her 14th birthday for this event, she said: "Angel would have been 7 years old now and that's the age I was when he passed away."

Thank you Kayla and the Carter-Bradbury family, on behalf of everyone at PBSO, your brother Angel Mathew is very proud of you!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome families, friends, supporters and staff to a new year filled with opportunities to make a difference and see change happen!

As we look forward to the possibilities that await us in this New Year let's take a moment to reflect on last year. 2008 was a year of change for PBSO. We have welcomed and said goodbye to both Staff and Board Members. Susan Zoller, who has been a volunteer and very supportive staff member for more than 10 years, will be sadly missed. Angela Reed, who took on many roles with PBSO over several years, will be stepping down from her role as President of the Board. We thank Angela for her perseverance, support and commitment to PBSO. Angela's energy and dazzling smile will be missed. We wish Susan and Angela all the best in their future endeavors and both will always have a special place in our hearts.

We have seen our team grow by welcoming Sheila Hannan and Sabrina Casciani.

Sheila joins our team as PBSO's Program Coordinator, her previous work experience as an Executive Assistant in a large Insurance company, as well as her more recent career choice as a Personal Support Worker make Sheila a huge asset to the PBSO team – Welcome Sheila.

Our newest board member Sabrina joins us in the role of Fundraising Director. She brings with her over 15 years of knowledge and expertise in project management, customer service and fundraising. Currently Sabrina is the Manager of Membership Service for the YMCA of Oakville. For over 50 years, the YMCA of Oakville has played a crucial role in improving the quality of health and life for thousands of people. Sabrina is extremely committed to PBSO, and is determined to further its success and ensure that support is available to all in need of our services. PBSO is very near and dear to her heart and she dedicates her time and support to PBSO in memory of her beautiful godson.

As we reflect on the last few months of 2008, we continued to bring people together to help the healing through our Groups, Phone Support, the Walk to Remember and Candle

Lighting Services. In November, PBSO trained more than 40 health care professionals and volunteers in our two-day RTS Perinatal Grief Seminar. This training included a wonderful parent panel, with 4 moms who shared their powerful stories and put all of our teaching into reality. Thank you to Cindy Yak, Karen Babin, Doreen Power and Nancy Richardson for sharing your stories and volunteering your time.

As we turn our focus to today, we are pleased to announce that PBSO has made some small changes that have huge and positive impact on our financial bottom line. Please read the "PBSO Goes Green" article to learn more. And lastly, our acceptance to the Pickering Bingo Hall is a great news story for 2009. All these changes put PBSO in a much healthier position to tackle the challenges ahead. We are committed to increasing PBSO's awareness so that we can reach out to all who need our support and help.

Thank you to all of our members, volunteers and staff for your tireless efforts in helping families learn to live their new lives. ☐

PBSO GOES GREEN

From cutting out the commute to scaling back on unnecessary paper and energy use, there are tons of ways that PBSO is working towards becoming greener, and for PBSO going green = saving money!

It does seem a bit strange that in the "digital age" we still consume enormous amounts of mashed up, bleached tree pulp, most of which gets used once or twice and then tossed. The greenest paper is no paper at all, in that spirit PBSO is transferring their quarterly "paper" newsletter to an e-newsletter, not only will this minimize the impact to paper consumption but in addition it saves PBSO over \$5K/year. So if you haven't sent us your email address yet please contact the office so that we can update your file. *(continued on page 2)*

SAVE THE DATE
Spirit Volunteer Day
Sunday April 19, 2009

Annual Butterfly Release
Sunday June 14, 2009
More details to come on:
www.pbsoc.ca

General Notice
Annual General Meeting
March 14, 2009
10:00 to 11:00am
The Kingsmen Club of Ajax
Heritage Centre

New mailing address
P.O.Box 177
Pickering, ON
L1V 2R4

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Sandy Costa

PBSO reserves the right to edit submissions when necessary. All submissions for the Spring newsletter must be submitted by April 30, 2009. Please send submissions to pbsoc@pbsoc.ca

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am so thrilled to take on the role of Executive Director for PBSO! Over the last few months I have been busy becoming familiar with all the different aspects of this small but very powerful organization. A big "thank you" to both the Board and Staff for their guidance, support and patience over the last few months.

My family and I first became acquainted with PBSO in 2005 after the loss of our first beautiful little boy Seth Edward Mackie who died just a few weeks after he was born. Lori Ives-Baine, who I met shortly after the death of my son, (and who I hold near and dear to my heart) introduced my family to PBSO. The support we received through attending group meetings, and the compassionate ears of phone support volunteers, helped us tremendously in surviving this tragedy.

The experience of being in a group setting that was led by other bereaved parents, gave me a sense of hope. I knew one day, I too could give back and help others suffering from a broken heart. In 2006 I began my journey as group facilitator and phone support volunteer, but I kept finding myself wanting to be more connected and helping out in other aspects. I guess my admiration for the organization, its members and the huge impact that it has on bereaved parents lead me to this role today – and for that I am honoured and thankful!

As the Board mentioned there will be much transformation over the next few months, however PBSO's founding mission remains strong and very much the same! Our Board and Staff are working tirelessly to help increase PBSO's awareness in our communities, amongst the medical professionals and to expand our peer led support system to include such things as on-line support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are involved with PBSO as members, staff, board, supporters, friends and above all our incredible volunteers that through selfless dedication and commitment continuously provide support to our families in need.

Over the next few newsletters I will keep you posted on the wonderful things that are happening with PBSO in 2009! I welcome everyone's feedback, and will always respond personally to any comments you may have.

Keep well – Sandy Costa

An End to "Closure"

By Aimee Alexander - Perinatal Loss Clinician

I really don't think that the word "closure" has anything to do with perinatal bereavement. The word implies there is finality or an ending. We often set expectations that if we have reached "closure," we are finished with a task and will not return to it. Closure may be appropriate for business deals and buying houses, but I don't believe it can be used when referring to relationships and feelings.

Grief follows no plan. Grieving doesn't have time frames or limits. There may be a clear beginning (such as the moment you are told something is wrong or at the time of death), but there will never be an actual ending to the feelings for the person that is gone.

Grief changes. Some days are better than others. Some moments leave us feeling more healed than others. The intensity, pain, and isolation may ease, but the love and the memories never fade. At some point, a number of bereaved parents will find a way to make meaning out of their loss. Does this mean they are "done" grieving? No. Does it mean that their loss happened for a reason? No. It's all a part of the mourning process, a process that changes, expands, is redefined, and evolves . . . but never disappears.

Why do people focus on the idea of "closure?" Some people find it helpful to have a goal or an end in sight. They might say, "I can do anything for a short time." So, it can be very overwhelming to hear that grief has no end or time frame. They see their grief process as eventually culminating in a sense of closure, an ending point, a sense of completion. However, reality is that the purpose of grieving is to remember and to create memories, not to forget. It's about finding a new normal, about living with the loss, not "getting over it." It's about revisiting our love and our sorrow at times and about using what we have learned about ourselves and from others to continue on in our lives. We may feel we have unfinished business. Once funeral arrangements are complete, a poem has been written, a storybook is created, or a due date has passed, we might have a sense of relief. Perhaps you may feel that particular task is "closed" or completed. It can be difficult, however, if you had expected the completion of that aspect of your grief to bring "closure." It is important to mark the time passed and to see where you have been but remember that it is not a measure of where you "should" be. *(continued on page 3)*

The RTS Perinatal Bereavement Training Program combines insight, knowledge and hands-on practical experience with the skills necessary to interact with families experiencing perinatal loss at all gestations, with special validation of early loss issues.

The program was developed through the Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation in Wisconsin and is now taught world-wide. It is taught by trained RTS Bereavement Services Coordinators through PBSO.

This **2 day course** (April 29 & 30, 2009) is open to all health care professionals and is of specific interest to nurses, physicians, ultrasound technicians, social workers in Labour and Delivery, NICU, Post Partum, ED and Day Surgery. More examples include staff from reproductive technology clinics, gynecological nurses, public health nurses, midwives, doulas, chaplains, clergy, medical clinic office workers and funeral directors.

For more information or to register please call (416) 813-6507

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many years PBSO has been able to participate in bingo to raise much needed funds for our organization.

The income from bingo accounts for a large portion of our annual budget. Expenditure of these funds is closely monitored by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), as well as the municipality that issues the bingo license. Bingo funds help pay our office expenses, telephone bills, pamphlet/booklet printing, postage costs and education costs. The AGCO does not allow us to spend the money on any staffing costs.

Following closure of Ajax Bingo Country in September 2007, and a brief stint at the Whitby Hideaway Bingo Hall for 2008, in January 2009 PBSO were fortunate to be accepted into the Pickering Delta Bingo Hall.

The AGCO requires us to have three members (maximum of two staff members) of the charity present at each session run by PBSO. Volunteers are required to sell cards behind the charity counter and liaise with the hall staff to pay winnings. Volunteers do not go out onto the floor and "run" nor will they ever have to enter a smoking room! It is easy and fun. PBSO has a hard time a hard time finding our third person on a regular basis. Our session in Pickering is bi-weekly, alternate Fridays. Volunteers are needed from 2:30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer your help any Friday, be it once a month, or once every now and then, please call Kelly at the PBSO office.

You don't need to know anything about bingo. You don't have to be a player. If you've never played bingo that is okay! If you can count to 100 and have some time to spare on a Friday afternoon, we really want to hear from you!

The Patient Hour by Kristen Thomson
at Tarragon Theatre, March 6, 2009
30 Bridgman Ave, Toronto near Bathurst and Dupont

I lost my first child, Hani Thomson-Amarshi, in October 2003 and relied on the support of PBSO to cope daily and through the much longer journey of grieving. As a playwright, that journey, for me, has included the completion of a play called **The Patient Hour** which will premier at Tarragon Theatre in Toronto. Tarragon is one of the country's leading theatres producing new Canadian works.

Tarragon Theatre is generously donating the Friday March 6th performance of **The Patient Hour** as a fundraiser for PBSO. Tickets are \$38 each and all proceeds will go directly to PBSO. Tickets for this performance are available through the Tarragon Theatre Box Office by calling 416.531.1827 or on their website at www.Tarragontheatre.com

The Patient Hour is the story of a son and daughter who attend to their mother in the hospital after a stroke as she hovers between life and death. It's not a play written to provide comfort in the face of loss, but rather to reflect the momentous journey of loss. As such, it's not necessarily appropriate for individuals in the early and painful stages of grief. However, I wrote this piece, in part, as a response to my own devastating loss and my awe at the power of a life lived, however briefly.

URGENTLY REQUIRED GROUP FACILITATOR

Bloor & Keele location right on subway line. This group has been running for almost one year with only one facilitator - we DESPERATELY need a second facilitator to help out. The Bloor Group meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. If you are a previously trained facilitator who has been taking a break for awhile and would like to become involved again, OR you have never facilitated one of our support groups before but would like to "give back" for the help you received as a client, we provide complete training and support. PLEASE help us continue the support we provide to bereaved parents in the west end of the city by volunteering. If interested, please contact our office.

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Sometimes we find strengths and gifts along the grief journey. We learn to cherish our loved ones more deeply. We reevaluate our priorities. We help others who are grieving without the hesitation or the fear or awkwardness often felt by those who have not experienced it. We realize we can handle and survive the worst thing that can happen. Because losing a child is like losing a piece of our future, we can never be completely "done" or "over it." We shouldn't be. Because we love, we grieve.

In the intense and all-consuming beginning of grief, it can be hard to imagine going on or ever being "normal" again. While you won't be the same, you will eventually feel in control again. You will continue to live your life although it may be with a broken (yet mended) heart. You will not necessarily close certain chapters of your life but instead will add new ones. Someone wrote that "closure is not the end of grieving but is the beginning of the mourning process." In that case, let's put an "end" to closure as an ending point and redefine it as the beginning of our new lives. Lives touched by love and loss. ☐

Do you want to...

Make a donation? Submit an article/poem/story for our newsletter? Become a volunteer? Learn more about PBSO's educational programs? If so please contact PBSO at (905) 472-1807 or pbsso@pbsso.ca

A BIG PBSO WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Cori DuHasky,
Tania Hamid
Paige McEachern
Shannon Valiarte
Charmayne Hollis
Tersea Tagarelli
Lana Gorst
Marianne Magee
Donna Sauve
Kristine Patawaran
Channing Wilson
Ashleen McMahon-Gibson
Barbara Staring

WELCOME TO ALL!

I Think

Oh big brother
Who I never met
Although there's many people
I think of you the most
I think about all the stuff that wouldn't be the same
I think about all the fights and the changes every day
I think about how good it could be,
never bored, never alone
Just how it should be
And big brother we will one day meet
Someday,
Some way,
Some place
And I will hug you and never let go
To make up for all these years that I never had a
Brother to know.

By: Victoria McClatchey (age 12)
In memory of Stephen William McClatchey
Stillborn September 26, 1995

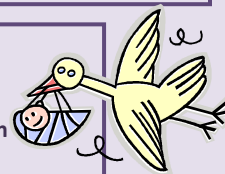
Nathan Morgan Quinton
born August 30th, 2008
to Morgan & Mary Quinton
6 lb 8 oz

Kai Irene
born September 17, 2008
to Bree Giles & Todd Andrews
7 lb 1 oz

Kate Trinity Deborah Hollis
born October 2nd, 2008
to Steve & and Charmayne Hollis
10 lb & 9oz

Lorea Alice McNeill
born December 8, 2008
to Vivian & Andrew McNeill
4 lb 8 oz

Sydney Hope
born February 7, 2009
to Heather & Darryl Levitt
3 lb 7 oz



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PBSO has also opted for virtual offices, having the staff work from their home offices cuts down on commuting and energy use in the office, thus minimizing PBSO's impact to the carbon footprint as well as saving us an additional \$7K/year.

In 2009 PBSO will do more online, therefore use less paper. We slowly transfer paper files into computer files and keep them in secured file where only staff members can access. Whenever possible we will send emails instead of paper letters, and we will make use of our new website (launching very soon) as a vehicle for communication. ☐ *Sandy Costa*

**Dr. Sandra Ceolin-
Wietfeldt**

**I am pleased to offer
counseling services to
individuals and couples who
have endured the loss of their
little one(s).**

Session are covered by OHIP
To schedule a consultation
please call: **(905) 856.8714**

**bereaved parent
former PBSO Board Member

PBSO would like to thank
Karen Babin for donating the
proceeds from her "angel"
sales at the Candle Lighting
Services as well as the table
she set up at the Mall during
the month of December.
These beautiful "angels" are
hand made by Karen in
memory of her Jilly Bean.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to
Sheila Golden on behalf of
PBSO for facilitating "Jean
Friday's" with Marsh Canada.
Marsh Canada Ltd organizes
"Jean Fridays". The staff
makes a donation to wear
their jeans that day. PBSO will
be receiving the donations
made by employees during
the month of February, and
Marsh themselves will match
the donations.

VOLUTEER HIGHLIGHT



Mel Neal

It is our pleasure to introduce a very special individual and PBSO volunteer, Melisande Neal. Mel is an exuberant, creative and energetic force who has brought her enormous talents and energy to bear on each of her life's passions; first and foremost as Mom to four children, as a partner and friend, as a self-employed Birth and Lactation Consultant, as well as a La Leche League Canada leader and national board member, a traveler and a teacher. Luckily for us, Mel has also chosen to shine her very special light on PBSO.

As a facilitator with the Peterborough Group Support team, we are very fortunate to benefit directly from the skills, commitment and vision that Mel devotes to PBSO efforts, but Mel also brings with her the strengths and insights she has gleaned from her own personal journey through grief. While Mel has found huge reward and satisfaction in her life, she has also known terrible loss.

Before joining PBSO, Mel Neal had been living an idyllic life in the Kawarthas - home schooling her three young children, breeding golden retrievers, she cultivated love and sanctuary amidst the pastoral beauty of her farm. Life could not have been sweeter for Mel and her family as they looked forward to welcoming a fourth baby into this warm circle.

Sadly, though, this little baby's story ended in miscarriage. The loss of their fourth baby was followed by another pregnancy. At full term, with her three children and her husband gathered around her in anticipation, Mel endured an emergency C-section. Her little baby boy, Corbie, died at full-term during labour. After the loss of Corbie, Mel and her family lost another baby in miscarriage. These were the darkest days, but they were followed by the 'live' birth of another beautiful boy, the baby of the family, now 15 years-old. Mel's losses were not over. She went on to experience a third miscarriage.

Devastated by her losses, but grateful for her family, Mel focused her tremendous energies on nurturing her family and their world. She made her way through her grief with the support of a few special friends. When families experience devastating losses, many times others reveal their own losses to them. This was the case when friend, Ann Douglas, needed support for her loss. She is a long standing member and donor of PBSO and author of the book, Trying Again: A Guide to Pregnancy After Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Loss, and she brought Mel to work with PBSO over five years ago.

Mel continues to work with PBSO, buoying up and inspiring her clients and enriching the facilitator role for those that work with her. We are thankful for her big-hearted generosity in sharing her time, love and her very personal experience. She is a strong believer in the peer-to-peer support system and the intrinsic value and healing power that the understanding and company of those who have walked the same path can bring. Mel finds great meaningfulness in helping other bereaved families through "the worst thing that can ever happen to you". Mel wisely recognizes that "the most important thing we do for others at PBSO is we validate their baby's very existence!!"

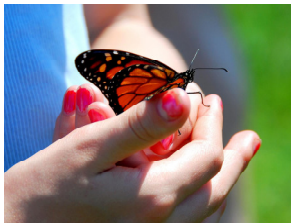
We thank you, Mel, on behalf of all the people whose lives you have touched along your way. With deepest regards from all of us at PBSO. ☐

Written by Nancy Richardson – Volunteer Manager

New Location

**2009 Butterfly Release & Picnic Day
Sunday June 14, 2009
Greenwood Conservation Area
Town of Ajax**

New Location



The **Butterfly Release** is a celebration of the brief, but significant lives of our babies. Advance order and payment is required to reserve your butterfly. The service will begin at 11am sharp, weather permitting. **It is recommended that you plan to arrive by 10:30am to allow for a prompt start to this event.** If you are interested in supporting this important event, but are unable to attend, a butterfly can be released on your behalf.

****** Reserve your butterfly by April 11, 2008 to qualify for the early bird discount******

Please reserve _____ Butterflies for me at the early bird price of \$20.00 each. **(After April 11th add \$5 per butterfly)**

Please accept my donation of \$_____ in support of this annual PBSO memorial event.

My payment for the total amount of \$_____ is:

enclosed - please make cheques payable to PBSO) or can be placed on my:

a) Visa account # _____ Expiry date: _____

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Over the years we have continuously depended on our kind donors and volunteers 2009 is no exception!

Our 2008 Membership Drive is down 50% from previous years, so if you didn't have a chance to make a donation, please do so now.

PBSO would like to thank all of our generous donors and incredible volunteers for their contributions in 2008.

Featured Donors

Many of our supporters provide PBSO with a series of postdated cheques, or a credit card number, and have arranged for PBSO to receive a monthly donation. Regular monthly donations are also received from some who have set it up via CanadaHelps.org.

We would like to thank the following people who have been making these regular monthly donations for the past year or more, as well as those who have recently pledged a monthly donation:

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