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CULTURE, FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

MOU's & What Partners Can Expect When Signing

A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) is a symbolic contract between the Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community (WECCC) and those partners willing to sign the agreement. The agreement encompasses a commitment to a shared vision of compassionate care and creating better neighbourhoods in Windsor-Essex. Ultimately, it is a symbol of transparency of the relationship and commitments of both parties.

When partners sign this, it is not a legally binding document. It is a commitment on behalf of the organization that they acknowledge the work of WECCC within the community and how that work will assist them as they continue to supply the community with the services they already provide. The MOU extends public acknowledgement of collaboration with the WECCC and demonstrates to the community at large that the organizations are working in concert to enhance services and access.

Our WECCC Partners

This month we take a look at Spirituality, Culture and Faith and the role it plays in our community. Many of our partners and groups who have helped support our initiative are very involved in one or more of these areas. Cynthia Dwyer is a Chaplain in Spiritual Care at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH). When asked how spirituality or faith fits into the Compassion Care Community Initiative, she responded with:

"In a holistic approach, faith is very important. What we do here at HDGH with the spiritual needs assessment we invite at the consent of the person. When they go home, the spiritual care continues. So at the person's wishes, we help support that."

Anna Angelidis is the Executive Director of four different non-profit organizations. She helps organize housing for senior citizens, such as at the Ken Girard building. When posed the question concerning what part faith/spirituality plays in the initiative, she answered:

“My personal belief is that you receive more when you are able to give, then you receive. And so many religions and faiths teach those lessons – to be a human being, to extend a helping hand. You don't have to do anything big but, just by saying "good morning" to your neighbours when you see them and have a smile on your face, and asking them how their day is going, it goes far.”

Norman King wears many hats in the community, including coordinating local interfaith groups and is passionate about instilling spirituality and faith in our community:

“Everybody has spirituality in the sense that everybody has a way of looking at life, everybody has a life story that follows a certain script that they might not be aware of...but I think a person's spirituality in that sense is sort of the eyes through which they look at life. The best example I have of that is that “a tree is a tree,” but if you are a logger who wants to cut it down, or a photographer that wants to film it, or a child who loves to climb, a tree looks something different. So, we can look at life through different eyes and the basic angle of vision we have in life would be what our spirituality is. I think the foundation of a genuine spirituality is this basic worth or sacredness or value for each human person. And sometimes I think people can only discover that when they are treated as a person, not as an object or a reject or with condescension, but with some kind of respect as a human being that has a worth and value.”

The WECCC would like to thank these people for taking the time out of their day to talk to us and we appreciate their insight into what spirituality and faith have to offer to our initiative.

Official Logo Launch

You may have seen this colourful piece splashed across the WECCC Facebook page or at the top of our website. The official logo for the WECCC is now rolled out and fully in action across all of our social media and we based sites. With the helpful design of our tech people, we have come up with a logo that we feel perfectly represents Windsor-Essex. The combination of the rolling hills, buildings, and windmills familiar to anyone that has taken a drive from the 401 into Downtown Windsor makes this logo uniquely local.



Leamington Pilot Launch Announcement

The Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community is gearing up for the Leamington Launch set to take off November 20th, 2016. The Team has been busy preparing for the Launch and is looking forward to seeing the plans for the launch come to fruition.

Recent & Upcoming Events

A Night at Hospice

Partner Signing Event – September 14, 2016

WECCC Workplace Selfie Competition

The Work Selfie contest is awaiting launch. During this contest, people will be asked to send in selfie pictures with their compassionate coworkers. Show your coworkers some work love and highlight their fantastic work around the office by sending in a selfie with them.

Compassion Choir

We are currently in the process of organizing a compassion choir that crosses all generations and abilities. Any person or group that would like to join others in song can contact the office at the number above.

Song Writing & Video Contest

Our song writing contest is still under way and we are still looking for submissions. So far we have had a lot of interest shown and we look forward to continuing to receive musical compositions that encourage our values. The end date for the contest is July 31st.

Our video contest is also ongoing and we looking for more submissions. The video contest should feature at least one of our four arms (Neighbours Helping Neighbours, Outreach, Community, or Care). If interested, please contact the WECCC for more details.

Student, Volunteer, & Intern Appreciation



Emma Konrad

Emma is one of our Communications Team Interns. She has done beautiful work developing our brochures, promoting WECCC and developing videos. In addition, she has filmed and transcribed several videos. Thank you for your design skills and everything you have contributed.

Jack McLaren

Jack is one of our Communications Team Interns. He has been responsible for working on the newsletter, filming and transcribing various interviews, as well as editing internal communications documents. Thank you for your writing skills and everything you have contributed.



Destiny Cadarette

Destiny was one of our Nursing Clinical Placement students who contributed to the First Visit Manuals as well as useful Powerpoints on what to expect when volunteering. She was a great asset to the team and we wish her the best of luck with the rest of her Nursing career.

Brittany Roche-Sasseville

Brittany is one of our Nursing Clinical Placement students who has contributed to the First Visit Manual and volunteer documents. She has also worked on Power Points concerning different ailments to help volunteers understand the most commonly occurring ailments and diseases. She is a great asset to the team and we wish her the best of luck with the rest of her Nursing career.



Laura-Lynn Atkins

Laura-Lynn is one of our Nursing Clinical Placement students. She has contributed to the Advanced Care Planning, as well as creating a Powerpoint to describe the overview of the WECCC initiative. She is a great asset to the team and we wish her the best of luck with the rest of her Nursing career.

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