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Laurier students to host Chuckling for Charity fundraiser at Brantford campus

BRANTFORD – Students in Wilfrid Laurier University’s “Humour” course will be holding a “**Chuckling for Charity**” fundraiser for the **Stedman Community Hospice March 23**. The fundraiser will be held on the university’s Brantford campus from **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the Research and Academic Centre.

The fundraiser will feature games and booths, including a “Pie the Professor” station and a “Hawkward” photo booth. There will also be appearances by a Nipissing University improv troupe and a ventriloquist. Raffle tickets will be sold to win prizes donated from the Brantford community.

Students will also display poster boards throughout the venue that deal with themes related to the course, such as advertising and humour, gender and humour and “Lines that Should Not be Crossed!”

“The pairing of humour and end-of-life care might not seem like a natural fit; however, humour is a vitally important component of what the hospice does,” said **Peter Farrugia**, associate professor in Laurier’s Society, Culture, and Environment program and the humour course instructor. “Humour is a fundamental human value and one that sometimes gets obscured amidst the pain and grief of a serious illness. Humour also draws people in – our hope is that more people come to play the games and learn about hospice care in order to raise as much money as possible.”

The fundraiser is a standard part of the “Humour” course. This is the second fundraiser students have organized through the course; in 2013 students fundraised for Arts After School Kids.

The Stedman Community Hospice focuses on meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs individuals as well as their families, following the diagnosis of a life-threatening illness. This hospice concentrates on the individual, rather than their illness, and emphasizes the importance of extending their care to the patient’s family and friends.

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