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World Gathering on Bereavement coming to Vancouver

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VANCOUVER – Griefworks BC is helping to bring the 2005 World Gathering on Bereavement to Vancouver for the first time. The five-day international workshop, held every three to five years, brings together consumers and experts alike to help demystify the grieving process. Workshops will cover grieving for many types of loss in all age groups.

“We’ve learned just how important it is to acknowledge and support the grief that children and adults experience, now we have to get that knowledge out into the community,” said Griefworks BC Director Kay Johnson. “Sessions at the World Gathering on Bereavement will cover basic grief theories as well as activities that help children, parents, grandparents and partners through the grieving process.”

Speakers include recording artist Judy Collins, who lost her only son, as well as international authorities Rabbi Earl Grollman and Dr. Darcie Sims.

When: August 17 through 21

Where: Westin Bayshore

To register: visit www.worldgathering.org

Registration: \$200 for each day or \$500 for the whole conference.

Griefworks BC’s main objective is to provide grief support to those in need of information and resources. Griefworks BC exists through a partnership between Children's and BC Women's, agencies of the Provincial Health Services Authority, and Canuck Place Children's Hospice.

BC Children’s Hospital, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides expert care for the province’s most seriously ill or injured children, including newborns and adolescents. For more information please visit www.bcchildrens.ca.

BC Women’s Hospital & Health Centre, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides service for pregnant women, newborns and women with specialized health needs from across the province. For more information please visit www.cw.bc.ca.

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty and province-wide health care services across BC, working with the five geographic health authorities to deliver province-wide solutions that improve the health of British Columbians. For more information visit www.phsa.ca.

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Note to editors: Griefworks BC Director Kay Johnson and speaker Judy Collins are available for media interviews. Please call for media access to the conference.

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