



Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support

# 2010 Western Canada FAMILY FORUM

## Supporting families of workplace tragedy

*Occupational Disease*      *Life-Altering Injuries*      *Fatalities*

October 15-17, 2010 • Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport, Calgary, AB



*You're not alone.  
Join other families of workplace tragedy who "get it."*

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**Why Should You Attend?**  
Losing a loved one to a traumatic workplace injury or disease is devastating to the surviving family, no matter at what age or how many years ago it happened. Along with overwhelming grief, you're thrown into the world of workplace inspections, investigations, coroner's inquests and the court system.

Families living with someone who has suffered from a life-altering injury or occupational disease also walk a difficult and challenging road. Few people understand their trials and tribulations, changed economic circumstances, dramatically altered futures and daily challenges.

Many families feel alone on this new, unexpected journey. Who will understand the magnitude of your loss? Where do you turn to for answers? But most important, where can you find a safe place to further your own healing?

Threads of Life (Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support) offers families affected by a workplace tragedy the opportunity to attend an annual Forum, where they can come together to share, network and, ultimately, heal. At this unique event, spouses, parents, siblings and close friends gather and learn coping skills for grief, active listening skills, tips on how the occupational health and safety system works, self-care and so much more.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members attending (first and last name, relationship, i.e., daughter, and age):

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a family member of a workplace:  fatality  life-altering injury  occupational disease.

Name of family member of workplace tragedy: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to family member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of tragedy: \_\_\_\_\_

**What to bring:** Please bring a photo of your loved one.

**Please call to confirm your intention to attend and then mail or fax this registration form to:**

**Threads of Life**, P.O. Box 9066, 1795 Ernest Avenue, London, Ontario N6E 2V0

**Tel:** 1-888-567-9490; **Fax:** 519-685-1104; **E-mail:** [carin@threadsoflife.ca](mailto:carin@threadsoflife.ca)

**For more details, please visit [www.threadsoflife.ca](http://www.threadsoflife.ca)**

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### Reflection Ceremony:

#### Honouring our Loved Ones



One of the most moving and impactful features of a Threads of Life Family Forum is our Reflections Ceremony. It is here that we collectively honour our loved ones, injured family members and those living with occupational disease. We take time out of our busy lives to reflect on past and present, so families can move further into their futures.

*“The Reflections Ceremony was wonderful. It helps families to honour their loved one in a very respectful way; it reminds us of why we are here.”*

#### Family Forum Program Agenda

##### Friday October 15:

- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Check-in and Registration
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Reflections Ceremony

##### Saturday October 16:

- 8:45 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Sessions and Workshops
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner

##### Sunday October 17:

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Departure

*“People tell us it will get better; it will go away, and I’m telling you, they don’t know. We think about Jim every day.”*

– Dad, whose son Jim died while working on an elevator

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**Registration Fee:** Free for family members who register by **September 7, 2010**. We understand that the financial costs to participate in the Family Forum can be a challenge. Through our Steps for Life fundraising walk proceeds, grants and sponsorship support, we are able to offer four immediate family members complimentary accommodations, meals and free registration. Please be advised that participants will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Registration Form (see other side):** Due to the limited number of spots, please call to confirm your intention to register or email us at [carin@threadsoflife.ca](mailto:carin@threadsoflife.ca). Then please fill out, and mail or fax the registration form.

**Children aged 10 and older** are invited to participate in sessions and workshops if they are emotionally ready to attend.

**Hotel Accommodation and Meal Cancellation Policy:** Threads of Life reserves the right to pass along late cancellation fees for hotel accommodations and meals to you. Please be sure to make any changes or cancellations **prior to October 1** so your room can be offered to those on the waiting list. Travel to the event is your responsibility. If travel presents a financial hardship, assistance may be available. Please call for further information.

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### Who We Are

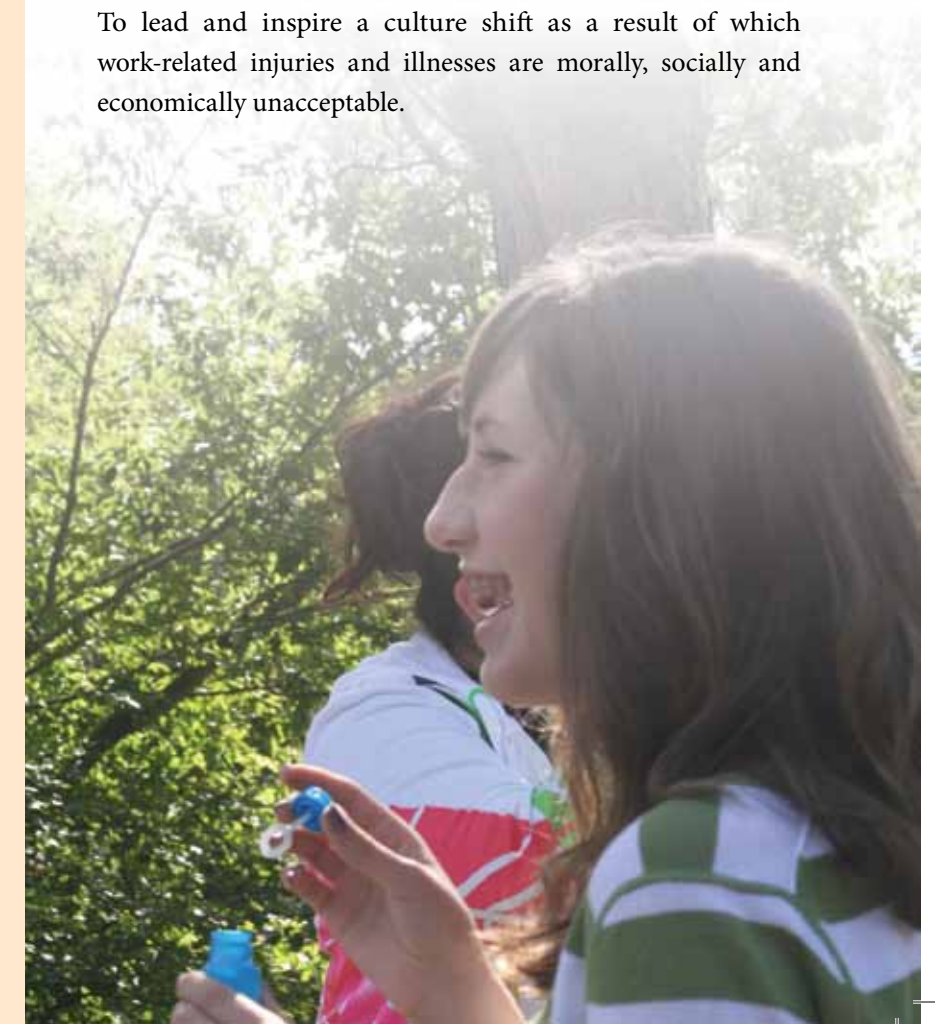
Threads of Life is a national registered charity dedicated to helping Canadian families along their journey of healing after their loved ones have experienced a workplace tragedy. Threads of Life defines a workplace tragedy as a fatality, life-altering injury or occupational disease. Charitable Organization business #87524 8908 RR0001.

### Our Mission

To help families heal through a community of support and to promote the elimination of life-altering workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths.

### Our Vision

To lead and inspire a culture shift as a result of which work-related injuries and illnesses are morally, socially and economically unacceptable.



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