



Regional Health Authority  
Central Manitoba Inc.

Office régional de la santé  
du Centre du Manitoba inc.

For details, contact:

**Paulette Goossen**  
Regional Director Palliative Care  
RHA – Central Manitoba Inc.  
1-204-428-2741



BRANDON REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

For details, contact:

**Melissa Dunkley**  
Regional Palliative Care  
Coordinator  
Brandon RHA  
1-204-578-2340



For details, contact:

**Merle Teetaert**  
Regional Palliative Care Coord.  
Assiniboine RHA  
1-204-747-1832  
Or  
**Barb Packwood**  
Regional Palliative Care Coord.  
Assiniboine RHA  
1-204-834-3047

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# *Info Bulletin*

## **ASSINIBOINE, BRANDON and CENTRAL RHAs ORGANIZE CAMP BRIDGES .....a camp for bereaved children and teens**

**Southport – April 11, 2011:** The Regional Health Authorities of Assiniboine, Brandon and Central are organizing the sixth annual Camp Bridges weekend, a weekend camp for bereaved children and teens. Camp Bridges will be held at the Camp Wanakumbac Site at Clear Lake Manitoba on June 3, 4 and 5, 2011. One of the main goals of the Camp is to help address the gap in bereavement services for children and teens. This is achieved through activities designed to help share grief and honor memories in a caring community environment.

The Camp will provide a safe, supportive and fun environment where grieving children and teens learn that they are not alone in their grief and are free to share their thoughts and feelings with peers who are going through a similar experience. This camp is intended to complement existing bereavement services for children and teens by providing a weekend of “caring and sharing”.

The cost for holding the camp totals \$15,000. There is no cost for campers to attend camp. Donations are being accepted to help cover the camp rental, meals, and activities, such as arts and crafts, archery, campfires, and canoeing. Anyone wishing to donate can contact/forward a donation to their respective Regional Health Authority.

Camp Bridges 2010 was held last June at Pembina Valley Bible Camp near Morden, Manitoba and hosted 35 children and teens between the ages of 7 and 17.

**“Love builds bridges where there are none.”**