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National Music Care Conference being held in Edmonton

Room 217, with its partners, the Winspear Centre and the Institute for Continuing Care Education and Research, is bringing its one-day, national Music Care Conference to Edmonton Nov. 6. Presentations include Dr. Corene Hurt-Thaut on neurologic music therapy and rehabilitation, Julian West on participatory arts and dementia care, Jennifer Buchanan on Music Therapy and Mental Health, and Nadia Chana on music for grief and bereavement. The conference kicks off with a performance by Sherryl Sewepagaham, and wraps up with Sean McCann, founding member of Great Big Sea. This conference is for anyone who wants to learn more about the role music plays in care. Delegates include allied healthcare providers, family and volunteer caregivers, care receivers, musicians, spiritual care providers and students. Early bird pricing is in effect until Sept. 21. For more information, visit www.musiccareconference.ca, or call toll-free 1-844-985-0217.

If your news organization is looking for feature story ideas regarding health and/or music, please keep us in mind.

About The Room 217 Foundation:

Music educator Bev Foster saw how music impacted her father as he was dying in room 217 of Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. She researched how music could be offered in palliative care, and launched a demo CD in 2004. Since then, the Room 217 Foundation has created 12 CDs, three DVDs, a resource guide, conversation cards, and a singing program for memory care. The Foundation has developed educational components to caring with music, including a three-level Music Care Training, free monthly webinars, and a national one-day conference.

Room 217's resources are used across the country by staff and volunteers in long-term care homes, community programs, hospice and palliative care, by spiritual care providers, and by family members. It's suitable for any situation where people need comforting and soothing.

The Room 217 Foundation generates revenue through the sales of its resources (CDs, DVDs, Music Care Conference, Music Care Training and Pathways Singing Program for memory care) and through donations from individuals, foundations and corporations, and government grants.

For more information about this social enterprise that researches, develops, produces and distributes music care resources, visit our website, www.room217.ca, or call us toll-free at 1-844-985-0217.

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