

Dear Friends,

Imagine being given a gift of inner peace, self-understanding and creative inspiration. Imagine a place where you can write down your thoughts, explore your ideas, and replenish your spirit. This is the blessing and the powerful magic that this year's Wings of Hope initiative brings.

Wings of Hope is designed to help each of us connect to something deeper and the potential that it offers. My hope is that the following images and words will also give you comfort. Life is a gift, and the best way to honour that gift is to, like a butterfly, simply take wing and fly!

Through the sales of Wings of Hope Journal, PREPSKILLS® is proud to support the Childhood Cancer Foundation (CCF) in their mission to improve the quality of life for children with cancer. Through this initiative CCF provides scholarships to children facing such challenges.

Many loving souls have participated in this project begun in 2005, including school boards, students, teachers and sponsors. Without your dedication, facilitation and contributions, this initiative would not be possible. To each of you who have graciously shared your joys and sorrows, strengths and vulnerabilities, insights and feedback with me, I offer my deep appreciation.

I express my special gratitude to the following individuals... My butterfly angels: Melissa, Renée, Henry, Joshua and Hau – thank you for taking Wings of Hope to greater heights! Liz from Harmony, who made our printing miracle possible. The Wings of Hope submission judges, PREPSKILLS® staff and many volunteers who continue to offer support in helping this project grow. Mary Lye, from the Childhood Cancer Foundation, for sharing her heart and encouraging me with her words of wisdom.

And finally, to my darling husband Oscar, whose loving reflection makes me whole, and my son Nathan who inspires me to create – thank you for giving me my Wings of Hope to fly!

My continuing mission is for the Wings of Hope Journal to offer you an opportunity to experience the great wisdom and artistic creations of hundreds of students who inspire us to appreciate the beauty of life.

Your words and images can be part of future editions of Wings of Hope. Connect with us and share your inspiration by visiting [www.wingsofhopeforkids.com](http://www.wingsofhopeforkids.com). Find out how to get involved, view our previous editions and be inspired by our online gallery.

Inspire others with your words of wisdom, new ideas, blessings of hope, revelations of an illuminating journey, recollections that replenish the spirit, and stories of courage and triumph. Your inspiration is a gift to others and Wings of Hope is just one way you can share your gifts.

Butterfly kisses and warmest regards,



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