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# CELEBRATION OF Light & Love Tree Lighting

As the holiday season approaches, friends of Bethell Hospice are encouraged to buy a light to honour someone special, or in memory of someone they loved.

A light is illuminated for each person remembered, and their name read aloud at our Tree Lighting ceremony.

As we emerge from the significant impacts brought about by the pandemic, this beautiful tradition will mean more than ever.

Please plan to join us to remember family and friends, and make your gift to ensure that Bethell Hospice care is available for all future families in need.





Kaylen Leonienco, Residential Social Worker

This year, we hope that pandemic protocols will have relaxed sufficiently to allow us to hold our traditional Tree Lighting event in person.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 9** at 7:00 p.m., and join our Nurses, Personal Support Workers, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Coordinators and other families for our **Tree Lighting** event at Bethell Hospice.

Plans are also underway to offer an online version of our Tree Lighting event for those unable to attend.

All Light & Love donations are gratefully accepted, with full tax receipts for gifts of \$20 or more.

To make your donation online, please visit **bhf.akaraisin.com/LightandLove2021** after October 1, or call Joanne Macksey in the Fundraising Office at **905-838-3534**, **ext. 2248**.

# Virtual Hike for Bethell Hospice Shatters Records

Thanks to your incredible generosity, this year's Virtual Hike for Bethell Hospice raised over \$180,000 in support of Bethell Hospice programs and services.

We are overwhelmed by your support, and thankful for your belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community.







While the hike looked a little different this year, we were thrilled to meet participants outside Bethell Hospice for curbside pickup of their hike kits (including some great pet packs for our canine hikers), and to receive messages and photos for the Hike memory board. Opening Ceremonies were held online on May 2, followed by a week dedicated to the Hike, and Closing Ceremonies on May 8.

Thirty teams participated in this year's Virtual Hike, as well as a number of individuals who were not part of a team. In total, there were 163 participants hiking for Bethell Hospice, including a number of first-time hikers, and many first-time donors. While most people completed a traditional hike or walk, some participants chose to cycle, or even scale a rock-climbing wall in support of Bethell Hospice. We even had some teams taking advantage of the virtual format by having family members participate from as far away as Vancouver.

We are grateful for the outpouring of support from every hiker and donor. Many thanks also to our tremendous sponsors, who stayed with us through the uncertainty of the pandemic. You make the work of Bethell Hospice possible.

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#### **Grants Provide Essential Support**

The pandemic impacted every aspect of Bethell Hospice programs and services, and we are very grateful to be the recipient of several grants in support of specific COVID-related expenses.

Together, these grants contributed over \$123,900 to ensure Bethell Hospice could continue to provide much-needed care and support through challenging times. Many thanks to the following granting agencies and service clubs for their support:

#### **Brampton Caledon Community Foundation**

Through the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and Community Foundation Canada, this grant enabled the team at Bethell Hospice to continue to provide critical outreach and support to clients through technology.



#### **Rotary Club of Bolton**

This funding assisted Bethell Hospice with upgrades to hospice facilities to ensure COVID compliance.

#### **Ontario Trillium Foundation**

Bethell Hospice Foundation is grateful for funding through the Government of Ontario and the Resilient Communities Fund that supported the rebuilding of Bethell Hospice programs and services impacted by COVID-19.





#### **Town of Caledon**

Funding was received through the Municipal Agricultural and Community Grant for renovations and upgrades necessary due to COVID-19.

#### **Rotary Club of Brampton Community Charity**

Funding was received to facilitate office space renovation, program & service resourcing, and COVID compliance.

#### **Rotary Club of Brampton Heart Lake**

Funding provided support for the increased demand for services for palliative, caregiver and bereaved clients including comfort care kits, legacy work materials, Zoom healthcare and client resources.



## **Upcoming Events in Support of Bethell Hospice**

#### **Healing Cycle Virtual Ride**

#### **Month of September**

September is Healing Cycle Month and all participants in this year's virtual ride will complete their routes independently over the course of the month.

Support *Cycle for Bethell Hospice* team members Robert Mansbridge, Bruce Stewart, Lynn Dobson & Geoff Sullivan by sponsoring their rides at thehealingcycle.crowdchange.ca/1499/team/508

Please note that, in order for your donation to be made in support of Bethell Hospice, you must designate your gift to the *Cycle for Bethell Hospice* team.





#### **Golf 4 Bethell Hospice**

#### **Tuesday, September 21**

Grab your clubs – this popular tournament at Hockley Valley Resort is back! The day includes 18 holes on Hockley's championship course, power carts, breakfast, lunch, prizes and contests on several holes – all in support of Bethell Hospice.

Register your foursome online for only \$195 per person at **bhf.akaraisin.com/Golf4BH2021** 

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Alison Malcolm at amalcolm@bethellhospice.org or call 905-838-3534, ext. 2228.

### 50/50 Online Raffle Series

September, October & November

Join us for three online 50/50 raffles to close out 2021. Each month offers a new chance to win! Each month, 50% of the jackpot goes to the winner, with the other 50% directly benefitting Bethell Hospice programs and services. Each raffle offers a great Early Bird prize, as well as the Grand Prize cash jackpot. Tickets are:

3 for \$5, 10 for \$10 or best value 50 for \$20

Tickets are available online at bhf5050.com

Many thanks to our raffle series sponsor





#### **Diamond in the Hills**

#### **Sunday, November 28**

Due to COVID-19, this event has been rescheduled to November 28 at The Arlington Estate in Kleinburg. COVID protocols in place in November will guide the event format.

Organized by Bonnie Ledson, Debbie Glover, Judy Petursson, Marj Dennis, Danila Maric, Barb Gough & Barb Goodhand, this popular fashion show is currently sold out.

To add your name to the waiting list for an individual ticket (\$135 per person), or a table of 10 (\$1,350), please email Judy Petursson at judypetursson@sympatico.ca.



## **Holiday Market at Cambium Farms Friday, December 10 to Sunday, December 12**

In partnership with Bethell Hospice Foundation, the first annual Holiday Market at Cambium Farms (18333 Winston Churchill Blvd., Caledon) will span three great days of shopping from December 10–12. Featuring an authentic century-old barn, newly-renovated event space 'The Byre' and a fully-restored farm and carriage house, Cambium Farms is the perfect setting for a magical holiday experience.



The Holiday Market will showcase talented local artisans, and feature one-of-a-kind products to fill your holiday shopping basket, Christmas trees and wreaths for sale, food trucks, a cash bar, and even a chance to pose for a photo with Jolly Old St. Nick.

For more information, or to make a donation of gift cards, outings or experiences to the silent auction in support of Bethell Hospice, contact Bonnie Klaassen at **bklaassen70@gmail.com** or call **416-520-1841**.





#### **Thank You to Our Community Supporters**



The pandemic has changed our world. It has also reinforced the values we hold dear, and the incredible importance of community. Thanks to your support, Bethell Hospice care and compassion has remained accessible throughout this pandemic at no cost to all in need.

Over the past eighteen months, operating costs for our residential hospice increased with the additional measures necessary to keep everyone safe.



The demand for Bethell Hospice Community Programs also grew exponentially, as people isolated during the pandemic reached out for counselling, grief and bereavement support in record numbers.

Through it all, your support was unwavering. You let us know how much Bethell Hospice is needed and valued in our community, and stepped up to make sure that care could continue. As community event organizers and service clubs, you showed incredible creativity and loyalty, and we could not be more grateful. Here are just a few examples of that support:



- Bethell Hospice Volunteer, Ross Beverley, played 54 holes of golf on the longest day of the year, with friends pledging support for his marathon
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **David Nixon Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held again this fall in support of Bethell Hospice

 The Mom Market Collective Orangeville hosted a vendor market at Cambium Farms in July, raising over \$950, with Bethell Hospice Foundation as their charity of choice



- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glen Eagle Golf Days on August 9 & 10 offered an opportunity for golfers to get back out on the greens in support of Bethell Hospice
- Orangeville's Wicked Shortbread created a special 'Bethell Box' with \$5 from every sale supporting Bethell Hospice programs and services



 Peggy Dickey of Inglewood singlehandedly raised over \$2,100 in support of Bethell Hospice selling pixie homes made from natural materials through her creation,
 Pixie Properties





Pixie Property Homes



- The Koonan Family of 10 and 10 Garden Centre in Mono chose Bethell Hospice Foundation as a charity of choice to receive proceeds from their annual May fundraiser
- Local Epicure consultant, Lisa Duck, from Orangeville hosted an online fundraiser with proceeds to Bethell Hospice Foundation
- Caledon Lions Club made a generous \$2000 donation with proceeds from their lawn fertilizer fundraiser in March
- Erin District Lions Club, along with many local businesses, was a proud sponsor of our Virtual Hike for Bethell Hospice



#### And the list goes on!

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community, and are confident that, with your help, we can continue to raise the funds necessary to keep Bethell Hospice a strong and vital part of our community.

#### **Register for Community Programs**

Bethell Hospice offers virtual supportive counselling, volunteer visiting, bereavement support for adults and children, caregiver support groups, art therapy, music therapy, and therapeutic touch.

To access any of these supports, please visit the Bethell Hospice website at:

bethellhospice.org/register-for-community-programs





#### **Interested in Volunteering?**

To learn more about Bethell Hospice's Volunteer Program and how you can get involved, please contact our Volunteer Program Administrator, Elizabeth Brigant, at 905-838-3534, ext. 2247 or email volunteer@bethellhospice.org

#### Donate Now!

Bethell Hospice programs and services are only partially covered by our Ontario health care system. Each year, over \$1,500,000 must be raised through local fundraising efforts.

250 (Friend)

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#### I would like to contribute:

- \$10,000 (Bethell Benefactor) \$500 (Companion)
- \$5,000 (Leader)
- \$2,500 (Partner)
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- \$1,500 (Supporter)
- \$1,000 (Mentor)

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#### DONATION OPTIONS

- ☐ I have enclosed a cheque (payable to Bethell Hospice Foundation)
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Amount: \$

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Signature:

- ☐ I would like my gift to remain anonymous.
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To donate today, please complete form and mail to:

Bethell Hospice Foundation
P.O. Box 75, Inglewood, Ontario L7C 3L6
or go to foundation.bethellhospice.org to give securely online

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Donations should be payable to:

#### **Bethell Hospice Foundation**

P.O. Box 75, Inglewood, Ontario L7C 3L6

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