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Newsletter

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Bethell Hospice Residence & Community Client Story

Angel Scott



A Montessori School teacher, a liver transplant donor, a member of 'Team Transplant' Dragon Boat race team, a motorcycle instructor, and a Lifeguard Instructor in-training, Angel Scott does not sit back and wait for life to happen. She takes full control.

Angel met her first husband Sean when they were both 13 years old and living in Brampton. They married at age 18 and had children, sadly losing a twin daughter in utero. Enduring many setbacks including Sean's addiction issues, the couple eventually divorced, and Angel went on to re-marry.

Twenty-two years later, Sean needed support after suffering from a brain aneurysm. Coincidentally, this was the exact time that Angel's husband Darryl experienced liver failure. A challenging time, Angel lived up to her name by providing a liver transplant for her husband while continuing her studies to be a teacher.



In 2022, Sean was diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer and Angel stepped forward again to assist. After undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, Sean was ultimately moved to Bethell Hospice on March 21, 2023.

“The hospice gave Sean peace. He was a super stoic person and very grateful for the support he received. The staff at Bethell Hospice are gentle, kind, and respectful and provided Sean with the best possible end to his life.”

After Sean passed on March 29, Angel connected with the Psychosocial Spiritual Care Team at Bethell Hospice and signed up for Group Grief Counselling. Angel was effusive in her praise,

“Steven Janzen gave me the opportunity to manage and learn how to cope with my grief. This experience can be scary at first but very empowering. I am eternally grateful to Bethell Hospice and am at peace with letting Sean go. The staff and volunteers at Bethell Hospice are beautiful.”



Steven
Spiritual Care &
Grief Counsellor

Offering the gift of peace and comfort, Bethell Hospice helped Angel cope with her grief and acknowledge a positive experience could still be had, even when control was not within her grasp.

Here when you need us

A Message from our Co-Chairs

Having been Board members of Bethell Hospice Foundation for the past several years, we have learned that Bethell Hospice is a truly awesome place.

The dedication to total care for residents and their families, broad community outreach, a team of over 100 volunteers and the professionalism of the staff are what makes Bethell Hospice a jewel in our community and a leader in hospice palliative care.

That is why it is such an honour, and so humbling, to have been elected Co-Chairs of the Bethell Hospice Foundation. Taking on this leadership role comes with significant responsibility.

The Foundation must engage with the community to provide 45 to 50% of the funds required annually to keep Bethell Hospice operating with exceptionally high standards.

Did you know the cost of end-of-life care in a hospice in Ontario is one-third of that of a hospital? It also provides a unique experience encompassing the needs of the residents, as well as those who support them before they arrive, during their stay and after their passing.



ADRIAN HORWOOD



BONNIE KLAASSEN

This is just one of the reasons why our donors can feel good about their investment in us. Thank you for all you have done, and we encourage you to stay connected and explore the many ways you can get involved to help ensure the continuance of excellence in care.

Please consider joining the volunteer team, participating in upcoming events, and making Bethell Hospice Foundation a significant part of your personal philanthropy.

We look forward to keeping in touch and sharing the stories and impact your support provides.

Warmest regards,

Adrian Horwood and Bonnie Klaassen
Co-Chairs, Bethell Hospice Foundation



Why I Give

A Message from Karen Steen

In 2012, while navigating the ups and downs of my husband's palliative journey, I learned about hospice care and how important this service is for each community. We were fortunate to be supported by community hospice counsellors, and after my husband passed, I started volunteering my time to give back to other caregivers who were going through a similar situation. This in turn helped me cope with the grief and bereavement process.

In time, I was introduced to the work being done at Bethell Hospice, and in 2017 I welcomed the opportunity to volunteer at the reception desk.

I am so grateful for the personal interactions I have greeting new residents and their families. It warms my heart.

Bethell Hospice has given me so much more than I've given them and through my volunteer involvement I have learned to work through my own journey. My Legacy Gift is a way of giving back and hope it encourages others to do the same.

“I never imagined that my own personal journey with palliative care & bereavement would lead me to this amazing opportunity with Bethell Hospice. It is a very rewarding experience to be a volunteer and after completing each shift, my heart feels full.”

Warmest regards, **Karen**

Celebrate Light & Love Tree Lighting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023



As the season changes from fall to winter and the holidays approach, we draw in close to those we love and cherish the memory of those we have lost.

At Bethell Hospice, the annual Light & Love Tree Lighting Ceremony is a way to offer comfort, compassion, and healing during a time of reflection. The warmth of the light and the embrace of loved ones provides strength to those around us.



This year, as we open our hearts and prepare for the holiday season, we invite you to join us for our Light & Love Ceremony to be held on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. As guests walk down the Bethell Hospice driveway holding a light of remembrance, and with the choir serenading in the background, it is a tranquil time to honour the memory of a loved one.

For those planning to attend, please remember to dress for the weather as this is an outdoor event. If inclement weather prevents us from gathering in person, the Light & Love scroll will also be posted and shared online.



“It was magical to be part of the Light & Love ceremony last year and to witness the emotion and power of the moment.”

Tiffany Stewart, RPN

Through many generous donations, last year's Light & Love Ceremony raised over \$234,000 in direct support of Bethell Hospice residence care and community programs.

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

To make your donation online, please visit bethellhospicelightandlove.ca, or call the Fundraising office at 905-838-3534, ext. 2248.

Let your love continue to shine bright!

Upcoming Opportunities to Support Bethell Hospice

The Healing Cycle

September 24, 2023

Bethell Hospice Foundation has organized a team called Cycle 4 Bethell Hospice who will be participating in this live ride. Please consider joining us to make a difference for Hospice Palliative Care in Ontario.

Not a cyclist? Simply pick a favorite activity and join the 'Virtual Challenge'.

Register and/or donate at

<https://thehealingcycle.crowdchange.ca/27789/team/15798>



Please note: For your donation to be made in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation, you must designate your gift to the Cycle 4 Bethell Hospice team.



Bon Appetit for Bethell Hospice

September 2023

September is Bon Appetit for Bethell Hospice Month!

Enjoy the culinary specialties of local participating restaurants/café's and purchase their featured 'Bethell Special' throughout the month of September. Don't forget to tell them you are there in support of Bon Appetit for Bethell Hospice!

Check out our website foundation.bethellhospice.org for a full list of participating establishments and offers, and don't forget to share your pics and tag us on social #BonAppetitBHF.

Golf 4 Bethell Hospice

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

The 4th Annual Golf 4 Bethell Hospice is being held at the prestigious Lionhead Golf Club & Conference Centre – Masters Course in Brampton, ON.

The Foundation has had an overwhelming response to this event, and we are pleased to announce that registration and golfing sponsorship opportunities are now Sold Out.

This event raised over \$65,000 last year in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation.



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Downey's Farm Pop-Up Pumpkin Wall

Saturday, October 7 to Monday, October 9

10:00am – 4:00pm (daily)



It will soon be time to make your annual trip to Pumpkinfest at Downey's Farm Market in Caledon! Be sure to visit during Thanksgiving weekend to personalize a mini pumpkin and add it to the Pop-Up Pumpkin Wall.

All donations from this activity are in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation.

For more details on this family friendly event visit: www.downeysfarm.com

Your support this year is essential to ensure the care continues.

Diamond in the Hills

Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show and Luncheon, in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation, is taking place once again at the beautiful, high-end luxury event venue, The Arlington Estate, in Vaughan, ON.

This popular fashion show has raised more than \$750,000 since 2017 and this year the goal is to surpass the \$1 million mark.

To learn more about this extravaganza, visit:

www.DiamondInTheHills.ca



Udder Tournament

Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12

After a three-year absence, the Caledon Women's Hockey League will once again be hosting the Udder Tournament with net proceeds to Bethell Hospice Foundation. Drop by the Caledon East arenas to watch one of 30 ladies' hockey teams compete, enjoy a home-cooked meal, and partake in the raffle and silent auction.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, or to volunteer at the tournament, please contact UdderTournamentSponsorship@gmail.com or call Lyn at 416-209-8411.



Bethell Hospice Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 24 & Saturday, November 25

Looking for unique Christmas gifts?

This year's Bazaar will take place between 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. both days at the Inglewood Library Community Centre, located at 15825 McLaughlin Rd., Inglewood. Shop for one-of-a-kind products from talented local artisans. Start your holiday shopping early and find that perfect gift for the person who has everything!

For more information on the Holiday Bazaar, please contact Lynn at cl.dobson@hotmail.com



Light & Love Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, November 30

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday November 30 at 7:00 p.m. Join the many families, along with Bethell Hospice Staff and Care Team for our Annual Celebration of Light & Love Tree Lighting event at Bethell Hospice.

As the holiday season approaches, friends of Bethell Hospice are encouraged to make a donation to honour someone special, or in memory of a loved one. On the evening of November 30, a light is illuminated for each person to be remembered, and their name is read aloud at our Tree Lighting ceremony.

Visit bethellhospicelightandlove.ca for more information.



A Spotlight on our Personal Support Worker Care Team

Our amazing PSWs are an integral part of our Clinical Care Team at Bethell Hospice.

Our PSWs have all graduated from an accredited PSW program and have specialized training in palliative care and a palliative care approach.



Each PSW assists clients of Bethell Hospice with all aspects of their care needs and daily living activities. These include physical, psychological, social, spiritual, practical, end of life and death management, as well as loss and grief for the residents, families and those who care for them.

Bethell Hospice PSWs ensure that each client has a safe, dignified, and caring environment to live as best they can until they die, supporting their individual and diverse needs.

Thank you, Ashley, Chuck, Clarissa, Joanna, Karen, Lois, Nitasha, Samantha, Suganthy for your hard work and compassionate care at Bethell Hospice.



Karen Koch



Charlene (Chuck) LeBlanc



Clarissa Martin



Samantha Richardson



Ashley Sanchez



Nitasha Sarin



Suganthy Uthayah

**Absent from Photos – Lois Hutchinson and Joanna Brennan*

“It’s my goal to ease the transition of those coming into the hospice, to provide exceptional end of life care during their stay, and to empower families with education in order to help them navigate difficult moments.”

Charlene (Chuck) LeBlanc

EXPRESSING OUR *Gratitude*

Community Champions 2023

This year was one of continued growth and resurgence and we were overwhelmed with the support received from both past supporters and new donors.

By championing and embracing our cause, each fundraising event ensures the ongoing operation of Bethell Hospice in our community. Our most heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Christina Vincent Memorial Golf Tournament

On Saturday August 12, Cam Vincent and his team at Tire 89, held the first Christina Vincent Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of his late wife. The event was a huge success and raised \$12,000 in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation.



Mocon Greenhouses & Bethell Hospice Plant Sale

Through a generous donation of hanging baskets and planters donated by Mocon Greenhouses in Brampton, along with perennials sold by the Bethell Hospice Landscape Committee, this year's Plant Sale was overwhelmingly successful. Receiving matching funds from Scotiabank, this event raised a combined total of \$10,435.

BACCF – Foundation Support

Funding was received from Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation in support of new technology at Bethell Hospice Foundation. The funding provided an opportunity for the Foundation to purchase new laptops and emerge more resilient and better equipped to raise funds in the future.



Glen Eagle – Friends of Bethell Hospice Golf Days

The 4th Annual Friends of Bethell Hospice Golf Days took place on July 4 & 5 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton. Over 130 golfers participated in the two-day event and a portion of each green fee was donated to Bethell Hospice Foundation. We are very grateful for the on-going support received from Glen Eagle Golf Club.

Memory Spiel

Long-time hospice supporter, volunteer and donor, Anita Schenk organized a Memory Spiel in early March at the Orangeville Curling Club. Thanks to the generosity of the curling club and community supporters, this incredibly successful event raised an amazing \$4,276 for Bethell Hospice Foundation.



Why Plan Your Gift to Bethell Hospice Foundation?

Legacy gifts offer the opportunity to make a meaningful investment in the future of Bethell Hospice, while offering substantial tax benefits as part of a long-term financial plan. Regardless of age or financial situation, you can ensure that Bethell Hospice remains a vital resource in our community, accessible at no cost to all in need.

For more information on how you can make a difference, please contact Nicole Hand in the Fundraising Office at:

905.838.3534 extension 2251 or
nhand@bethellhospice.org



For more information on how you can help us help others, please scan the QR code.



Donate Now!

Bethell Hospice programs and services are only partially covered by our Ontario health care system. Each year, over \$1,700,000 must be raised through local fundraising efforts.

☐ Yes, I want to Help Us, Help Others

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DONATION OPTIONS

- ☐ I have enclosed a cheque (payable to Bethell Hospice Foundation)
☐ Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express
Frequency: ☐ One Time Gift ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

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- ☐ I would like my gift to remain anonymous.
☐ I have included Bethell Hospice Foundation in my will.

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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