



BETHELL HOSPICE FOUNDATION

**SPRING 2023**

# Newsletter

BETHELL HOSPICE • CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



**Hike for**

**Bethell**Hospice

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena,  
15551 McLaughlin Road, Inglewood, ON**



## Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Bethell Hospice!

This year's Hike for Bethell Hospice will take place **IN-PERSON** on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena. We are ready to hike with you!

Early registrants will have a chance to win prizes in the weeks leading up to the hike. This year's entry fee is only \$25 per person and youth 18 and under are free. All participants will receive a commemorative hike t-shirt, registration kit, and delicious post hike meal.

### MEMORY GARDEN

Join us at the Memory Garden to post inspirational messages and photos of your loved ones on the memory board; create a memory butterfly; or plant a seed in honour of a special person in your life.



“Five years ago, my husband was a Bethell Hospice resident. The first hike was an emotional event with lots of family and friends attending and it was almost like a celebration of his life all over again! An important annual event in my life, I am most grateful to see my husband's former workmates, family and friends come together to share memories and honour Dave. There is a connectedness that is difficult to describe but one that I wish for all who have lost a special person!”

**Anita**

Although we plan to walk the Caledon trail together on **May 7**, hikers can choose to complete their own **virtual hike** any time during the month of May.

The Hike for Bethell Hospice is one of our largest fundraising events supporting those in need of Bethell Hospice residence care and community programs.

### Agenda for this year's in-person event:

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration at Lloyd Wilson Arena opens
- 9:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremonies
- 9:15 a.m.** Hike begins
- 9:45 a.m.** Post Hike food stations open
- 11:30 a.m.** Closing remarks

To register, or pledge support, please visit the Hike for Bethell Hospice website at:

**[hikeforbethellhospice.ca](http://hikeforbethellhospice.ca)**

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## Warm Wishes for a Happy Retirement

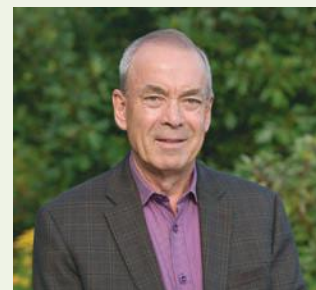
**How do you express gratitude to two board members who have collectively served over 15 years on the Bethell Hospice Foundation board?**

**John Sanderson** and **Bob Fines** have served in a variety of roles and contributed their immense skills and talents in many different capacities, ensuring the growth and success of Bethell Hospice.

Experiencing firsthand the compassionate care that Bethell Hospice provided when his brother was a resident, John took on an active role with the Foundation Board in February 2014, eventually assuming the role of board chair in 2020. As director and chair, John's commitment to the organization is displayed in numerous ways and always contains a strong underlying message, ensuring each initiative is for the betterment of the Foundation. John's fundraising skills are top-notch and with an abundance of contacts throughout Brampton and Caledon he is a valued committee member for each event held by the Foundation.



JOHN SANDERSON



BOB FINES

A well-respected business figure in the community, Bob Fines started his automotive career as a sales representative in 1974, purchasing and rebranding his business to Fines Ford Lincoln Sales and Service in 1987. As a longtime supporter of community causes, Bob decided to join the Bethell Hospice Foundation board in June 2017 as a director, contributing his strong skill set to the finance committee. Bob's genuine caring and kind generosity of spirit led to his support of many fundraising events, including several very successful car lotteries. Although Bob describes the Foundation's support of Bethell Hospice as a "humbling and challenging responsibility", we are indebted to him for his many years of service.

**We would like to extend our gratitude for the expertise and guidance provided by these two board members and wish them the very best in their upcoming summer retirement.**

**CONTACT US** if you are interested in joining the Bethell Hospice Foundation board. We are seeking passionate and enthusiastic individuals who will help us both expand and diversify our group to better reflect the community we serve. We encourage those interested to review the role description on our website and reach out to [foundation@bethellhospice.org](mailto:foundation@bethellhospice.org) for further details.

## Why I Give

### A Message from Stan Cameron

During my volunteer orientation eight years ago, I recall our trainer Rami Shami saying on more than one occasion,

*“It was a privilege to be a part of another person's end of life journey.”*



I recall not being able to fully understand the impact of this statement. Eight years later, as a Resident Support Worker, volunteer, and donor, I completely understand what he meant.

Although I can share many stories, here is a recent one that comes to mind:

I reported for my Sunday shift and immediately sensed something was happening in the residence. I quickly looked at the candle on the hallway stand to see if it was lit which means a resident has passed.

The wife of the resident asked Nurse Tiffany if someone could read Psalm 23 at the leaving ceremony (a beautiful way of acknowledging the passing of a resident). Tiffany told her there was a volunteer on duty who each year reads over 400 names of loved ones being remembered as part of the Light & Love celebration. Would it be OK to ask him to read the Psalm? When Tiffany asked if I could do the reading I agreed immediately. There were many visitors, staff and volunteers present when the time came. The family was effusive in their appreciation for everything Bethell Hospice had offered them.

The single most common comment I hear from residents and their families is,

*“Thank you to Bethell Hospice for the peace and the peacefulness that you have brought to our family.”*

I believe it is a privilege to volunteer and support Bethell Hospice.

Warmest regards, **Stan**





## HELP US *Help Others*

### Our clients share their experience

#### *A visit with Joe*

**Joe Schrei was a recent resident at Bethell Hospice, and many volunteers and staff, including those of us at the Foundation, had the pleasure of getting to know him.**

Even in the chill of December, Joe took advantage of the serene outdoor spaces surrounding the hospice as he spent as many daylight hours as he could, for several weeks, outside his room with coffee in hand, letting the sunshine warm his face.

When asked about his experience at Bethell Hospice, he enthusiastically shared,

“*What isn't there to like? The staff and volunteers here are so caring. Is there anything better than going above and beyond? This place and everyone here have exceeded any expectations.*”

### A letter of gratitude to the staff and volunteers of Bethell Hospice

#### *Lucy at Bethell Hospice*

**There are no words to express my gratitude for the caring, compassionate and loving support which was provided to my sister Lucy, while she was a resident at the hospice.**



Lucy was at Bethell Hospice for the last three weeks of her incredible life. As a family we cared for her at home as long as we were able to do so, however, it became increasingly difficult for us. We were fortunate that Lucy was able to move to Bethell Hospice where things became better for all.

Once at Bethell Hospice, we were able to enjoy walks outside and inside with Lucy and quiet time in the sunroom where she was able to view the gardens. She enjoyed her own gardens all year long and I am saddened that she will not see the springtime beauty in gardens again. The Bethell story is an amazing one and I am disappointed that I did not get a chance to meet Elizabeth, although I do believe she was in the kitchen heating up Lucy's soup at times.



He went on to share that the best words to describe it here are peaceful, professional, and kind.

“*People here take the time to know you, listen to you and even offer a simple touch. That human touch has meant so much.*”

Bethell Hospice and the Foundation are grateful to Joe and the members of his family for letting us be a part of their lives and share their experience. What a privilege it is to be a part of this work, every day.

#### **Nicole Hand**

Bethell Hospice Foundation, Executive Director

Every time I went to Bethell Hospice there was a smiling face to greet me and a conversation about how I was feeling. This meant more to me than anyone will ever know. Each and every staff member was always available to us no matter what the time of day or night. Although I cannot name all the nurses and PSWs who cared for Lucy, they were all truly angels as they quietly came in to Lucy's room and checked on her. It provided me with a sense of comfort and calm at a very difficult time in our lives. Special thanks to Tiffany who was there with us at the end of my sweet sister's life.

Caring for someone who is dying is truly a gift. It is a gift that can be very hard on some days, but most importantly it is a gift of love and compassion for the person who we so dearly loved. Each and every staff member at Bethell truly believes this. They provide support to our loved ones and our families unconditionally.

We are extremely grateful for the support we received from Bethell Hospice. It felt like home to me some days and made me stronger knowing that someone was there for Lucy.

My gratitude and thanks have no limits when I think of Bethell Hospice and all of its amazing staff and volunteers.

Yours Sincerely, **Ann**

# Upcoming Opportunities to Support Bethell Hospice

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



## 4th Annual Friends of Bethell Hospice Glen Eagle Golf Days July 4 & 5, 2023

Join us at the beautiful Glen Eagle Golf Club for the Friends of Bethell Hospice Golf Days. Glen Eagle will donate a portion of each green fee on these two days to Bethell Hospice Foundation.

Link for tee time reservations will be available closer to the date at [foundation.bethellhospice.org](https://foundation.bethellhospice.org)



## 4th Annual Dawna Hunt Memorial Softball Tournament Saturday, August 26, 2023

Taking place in August at the Palgrave Ball Park, this memorial tournament is organized by Shirley and Justine, and all proceeds directly support Bethell Hospice Foundation.

To enter a team, or donate a raffle prize, please contact:  
[Shirleywhitbread@hotmail.com](mailto:Shirleywhitbread@hotmail.com) or **416-561-4082**  
[Callmej71@hotmail.com](mailto:Callmej71@hotmail.com) or **416-779-7897**

## Bon Appetit for Bethell Hospice Foundation September 2023

September is Bon Appetit for Bethell Hospice Month! After a successful launch last year, we will once again be looking to local restaurants and cafés for support of this community event.

If you would like to be a Bon Appetit vendor, please contact Sue Hoch at [shoch@bethellhospice.org](mailto:shoch@bethellhospice.org) for further details.



## Golf 4 Bethell Hospice Tuesday, September 19, 2023

This year's event will be held at the prestigious Lionhead Golf Club and Conference Centre. Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors and volunteers who helped us raise over \$65,000 at last year's event.

For registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit [golf4bethellhospice.ca](https://golf4bethellhospice.ca) for more information.



## Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show November 5, 2023

This popular fashion show is a definite crowd pleaser and will once again take place at the stunning Arlington Estate in Kleinburg. Our heartfelt thanks to the fashion show committee for their outstanding organization of this prominent event.

With the support of our community, sponsors and attendees, the 2022 event raised over \$265,000!

Visit [foundation.bethellhospice.org](https://foundation.bethellhospice.org) for more information.





# EXPRESSING OUR *Gratitude*

## Bethell Hospice Story Film Premiere

Thank you to the volunteer committee for organizing the premiere of this wonderful story about Bethell Hospice, and for their hard work and dedication to hospice care in our community.



This film seeks to inspire an understanding and appreciation of end-of-life care and its importance. The film premiere raised over \$27,000 for the hospice. We are so grateful to everyone who attended and supported this event.

## Bethell Hospice Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone that visited the Christmas Bazaar at the Inglewood Community Centre. In two short days, the bazaar raised over \$16,000! This would not have been possible without the tireless work of the Christmas Bazaar Committee: Elizabeth Birnie, Louise Duffy, Lynn Dobson, Tricia Cain, Jem Cain, and all of the volunteers who assisted with the planning of this event.



## Cambium Farms Holiday Market

Once again, Bethell Hospice was named as the charity of choice for the Cambium Farms Holiday Market. Thank you to the Williams Family for their generous donation of \$12,500. There were many Bethell Hospice volunteers who provided assistance with the children's activities, parking, lighting the bonfires, and selling raffle tickets, and we are most appreciative of all who took part in this festive event.



## Light and Love Annual Holiday Appeal and Tree Lighting Celebration

The annual Celebration of Light & Love Holiday Appeal took place during the last couple of months of 2022, culminating with a beautiful tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 8, 2022.



Over 300 people participated in the procession down the driveway of Bethell Hospice where the trees were lit and a beautiful poem titled, 'We Speak Your Name' was read by Nurse Donna. Hospice volunteer, Stan Cameron, read the list of memorial names aloud, while family and friends recited the names back in response.

## 2022 Community Support

**Our most heartfelt thanks to our 2022 donors, supporters, event organizers and wonderful volunteers.**

Your continued support helped to keep the doors of Bethell Hospice open, and all programs and services available at **no charge**.

*Thank you for your belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community.*

### VISIONARIES (\$50,000+)

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*Thank you all! You make the work of Bethell Hospice possible.*



## Bethell Hospice Remembers

Join us in remembering the following  
Bethell Hospice residents and community  
clients, who passed away January 1 –  
December 31, 2022.



Amal Abeskhairoun  
Janette Al Hin  
Isaura Amaral  
Tanya Amos  
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Joseph K. Bailey  
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Marilyn Cebula  
Balwinder Chohan  
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Peggy Cockton  
Sandra Coomey  
Natasha Coulson  
Freda Craig  
Sylvia Craig  
Nancy Crawford  
Michele Crisp  
Thomas Dalziel

Inderjit Deol  
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Patrick Flanigan  
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Gwendolyn McBratney  
Gordon McQuoid  
Gail Miles  
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Elizabeth Mills  
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Mirjana Mrdja  
Betty Mullin  
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Elvira Niro  
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Lilia Santos  
Eugene Sapkowski  
Donna L. Satz  
Dick Schraa  
Joseph Schrei  
Vito Sica  
Darshan Singh  
Jonathan Solomon  
Neil E. Stevens  
Carol-Ann "Carley" Taylor  
Thomas Teodori  
Anthonipillai Thiogupillai  
Victoria Thompson  
Ernest Tobermann  
Anna Tokarz  
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Brett Yates



*We have attempted to include all resident and community client names  
and apologize if your loved one's name has inadvertently been missed.*

# The Powell Family

Recipients of the Lorna Bethell Legacy Award,  
Bethell Hospice Foundation

Presented to the Powell family in October 2022, this award is in recognition of their many years of outstanding contributions to the ongoing development and sustainability of Bethell Hospice.

Leadership, kindness, and generosity are words that define the Powell family.

The Powell's have filled many volunteer roles at Bethell Hospice, from resident support worker, and hike captains on different teams, to being a director on the Foundation board in numerous capacities.



Tim and Val have also generously donated a Founding Gift to Bethell Hospice and have continued to give each year since. We are truly honoured that the Powell family are such loyal ambassadors and active fundraisers who support Bethell Hospice Foundation.

## 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.

### ☐ Yes, I want to Help Us, Help Others

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