

Thank You!



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on behalf of the
Bethell Hospice Foundation Board & Staff



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on behalf of the
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An Open Letter of Gratitude to our 2020 Bethell Hospice Foundation Donors

The pandemic has changed our world. It has also reinforced the values we hold dear, and the incredible importance of community. Hospice care has always been about compassion, respect, and genuine caring.

Throughout the challenges of **COVID-19**, our wonderful and dedicated Bethell Hospice Nurses, Personal Support Workers, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Coordinators and Volunteers continue to provide outstanding palliative care to our residents and their families. The demand for our Community Programs has also increased exponentially, as people isolated during the pandemic reach out for counselling, grief and bereavement support in record numbers.

All Bethell Hospice programs and services are available in our community at **no charge** to all who need them. That is only possible because of people like you. Fundraising was a challenge in 2020, as in person events had to be cancelled in response to the global health crisis. At the same time, hospice operating costs increased, with the additional measures necessary to keep everyone safe. 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 our care could continue. We could not be more grateful.

Your support over the past year has been inspiring. As community event organizers, you showed incredible resourcefulness to find ways to adjust when events could not be held in person. As sponsors, you graciously worked with us to find creative ways to continue your support. And as individual donors, in record numbers, you supported our **Celebration of Light & Love Virtual Tree Lighting** during the holiday season, raising over \$240,000 to directly support Bethell Hospice programs and services. Every gift, whether large or small, made a real difference.

As we move into the second year of pandemic restrictions, the challenge continues. Our **Hike for Bethell Hospice** will be virtual again this year, and the need for hospice funds remains greater than ever before. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community. We are confident that, with your help, we can continue to weather this storm, and look forward together to brighter days ahead. Please know how grateful we are for your compassion and your generosity.



We thank you, and everyone who has been comforted by the compassion and caring of Bethell Hospice thanks you.

Please stay well, and stay safe.



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