

BETHELL HOSPICE FOUNDATION

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# Newsletter

Bethell Hospice Floral Garden

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## BETHELL HOSPICE Celebrating 15 Years!

Tony Bethell died on February 17, 2004, at the age of 81 at his home in Caledon. Mr. Bethell felt very strongly about spending his last days at his home surrounded by loved ones, rather than in a hospital setting, and in this spirit, the Bethell legacy was created.



In 2005, Tony's widow Lorna, along with her family, made a two-million-dollar gift to help launch the 'Caledon Hospice House Foundation', an important step in the creation of a hospice residence.

The campaign to build this ten-bed hospice eventually led to a ground-breaking ceremony for "Bethell House" on June 22, 2008. Built to look like a large home both inside and outside, the hospice was equipped with the same amenities as a regular home, and the first resident arrived at the house on May 4, 2010.

First wedding at Bethell Hospice in 2010 – Peter and Corina, celebrating with Lorna Bethell.



### OPENING CEREMONY

Doug Beffort, Rafe Bethell, Sylvia Jones, Emil Kolb, Marolyn Morrison, Dr. Mary Ann Huggins, Candace Raymond, Marty & David Graham, Nancy Hall, Lorna Bethell, Tannis Sherwood, Mary Hatch, Janet Mellor, Louise Stinson, Mark Rush, Joe McReynolds.

Elizabeth Birnie, daughter of Lorna Bethell and a palliative care nurse for many years, explains the intent of the hospice,

“*Bethell Hospice is a home and not a hospital or palliative care unit. Dignity and comfort are the cornerstones of care, and we welcome people of all backgrounds, cultures and religions.*”

Executive Director for Bethell Hospice, Margaret Paan, commented on the continuity of care at the hospice over the years,

“*Bethell Hospice's mission is to provide compassionate, specialized care for quality living, dying and bereavement. Over the past 15 years, we have directly and indirectly served over 10,000 residents and community clients, focusing on individualized care and comfort. It's through the incredible support of our donors and volunteers that we can provide such excellence in care. Their generosity and dedication enable us to continue to grow.*”

To view the full Bethell Hospice Story documentary, please visit [bethellhospice.org](http://bethellhospice.org) or the Bethell Hospice Foundation YouTube channel.

Here when you need us



## A Message from Nicole Hand

**Executive Director  
Bethell Hospice Foundation**

I don't know about you, but I am always up for celebrating! Not only does a celebration give us something to look forward to, but it is also a time to look back and reflect on the amazing things that time has afforded us.

As we enter spring 2025, we excitedly shift our focus to a very important celebration.

**This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Bethell Hospice in Inglewood!**

We will shine a light on Lorna Bethell's dream, the hard work and tireless efforts it took to create this beautiful facility from the ground up, and the myriads of families, friends and donors who helped make the dream a reality.

Opening day was just that though...the beginning. Since then, it has taken a changing and growing community of staff, volunteers, donors, residents, and clients alike to create what Bethell Hospice has become – a vital, impactful, and truly special place for those who benefit from the many programs and services provided.



*“I am privileged to be in a position where I get to see the countless examples of skillful care, selfless compassion, and thoughtful support that not only goes on within these walls, but far beyond them as well.”*

None of these journeys would have been made possible without the support from donors like you. Without your generous gifts, we would not be able to provide the resources our colleagues need to create these experiences every day.

So, in addition to celebrating, now is also a time for gratitude.

**Thank you for all you did during the first 15 years, and for all you continue to do, to help us make the next 15 even better.**

**To reach Nicole, send an email to:  
[foundation@bethellhospice.org](mailto:foundation@bethellhospice.org)  
or call 905.838.3534 ext. 2251**



## Why I Give

**Bob Mansbridge**

My sister's stay in a hospice in British Columbia left me with incredible admiration and respect for the wonderful clinical staff who made her last days full of compassion and caring. So, when I retired, I looked for ways to give and found Bethell Hospice in my neighbourhood.

Starting as a resident support volunteer it filled me with joy to offer companionship and friendship to our Bethell residents. And as I grew into this role it led me to seek other ways to give. The Healing Cycle Ride, a fundraising entity to allow walkers and riders to raise funds for hospice, caught my eye. So, for each of the past 4 years I have cycled 50 kms for the cause and the ride has raised over \$21,000 (thank you donors!).

More recently, I have added a community support role to my giving and have found tremendous rewards in being a companion to people in the community who are palliative.

**I give by simply listening to their stories, finding moments to smile together and even cry.**

As I reflect on my journey it has become much clearer why I give. It is really the opportunity to meet and work with such a caring community of professionals, volunteers, residents and families.

*“I give because I learn so much from every new interaction. It is humbling to witness so much suffering and be able to help out in whatever small way possible.”*

Warmest regards, **Bob**



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Bethell Hospice

## Sunday, May 4, 2025

Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena  
15551 McLaughlin Road, Inglewood, ON



**Join us in celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Bethell Hospice on Sunday, May 4, 2025!**

This year's event will take place at the Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena, located at 15551 McLaughlin Road in Inglewood, ON.

This milestone event is one of the most cherished community traditions and is instrumental in raising funds to support the compassionate, respectful care provided by Bethell Hospice.

Over the past 5 years, the Hike for Bethell Hospice has raised over \$1.1 million, and this year, our goal is to raise an incredible \$255,000!

Mark your calendars and gather your friends and family to join us in supporting individuals facing a life-limiting illness and their families. Your participation and support will make a significant difference in the lives of those receiving care at Bethell Hospice.

There is NO COST to register, but we ask each participant to pre-register for the event and encourage all hikers to join us in fundraising.

For more information on how to register, donate, or volunteer, please visit our website.

**Let's make this 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Bethell Hospice the best one yet!**

To register, scan the QR code or online at:  
[hikeforbethellhospice.ca](https://hikeforbethellhospice.ca)



# Upcoming Opportunities to Support Bethell Hospice

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

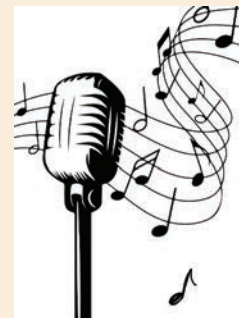
## Harmony for Hospice

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

Come together to hear five Barbershop quartets perform live, including Constructive Criticism, Diamond Cuts, Full Swing, Firefly, and The Aristocrats. Join us for an afternoon of musical entertainment at Harmony for Hospice, in memory of Don Gilliespie. This event will take place on Saturday, April 5 at Mayfield Community Church from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds from this event will support Bethell Hospice Foundation.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased using the link [bhf.akaraisin.com/ui/HarmonyforHospice](https://bhf.akaraisin.com/ui/HarmonyforHospice)



## IODE Headwaters Euchre Tournament

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

The IODE Euchre Tournament is back in Orangeville for another year with proceeds directed to Bethell Hospice Foundation. The tournament will take place on Saturday, April 5 at the Oddfellows Hall – 24 Elizabeth St., Orangeville. Tickets are \$20 each and include dinner. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

To purchase a ticket please email [contactiodeheadwaters@gmail.com](mailto:contactiodeheadwaters@gmail.com)

## Friends of Bethell Hospice Golf Days

**Monday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

The Friends of Bethell Hospice Golf Days is back at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton on Monday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 8. For every tee time booked on these two days a portion of green fees will be donated to Bethell Hospice Foundation.

The link for tee times will be available closer to the date at [foundation.bethellhospice.org](https://foundation.bethellhospice.org) or you can visit [www.gleneaglegolf.com](https://www.gleneaglegolf.com)



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dawna Hunt Memorial Softball Tournament

**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dawna Hunt Memorial Softball Tournament is returning this summer to the Palgrave Ball Diamonds on July 26. Don't miss out on the action as eight teams go head-to-head to compete for the 2025 Championship title. All proceeds will go to Bethell Hospice Foundation.

To donate a raffle prize, or become a sign sponsor, please email Shirley Horsley at [DawnaHuntMemorialTournament@gmail.com](mailto:DawnaHuntMemorialTournament@gmail.com) or call 416-561-4082.

## Golf 4 Bethell Hospice

**NEW DAY – Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

This year's tournament is at the picturesque TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley which is home to the 2025 Canadian Open. A heartfelt thank you to all golfers, sponsors and volunteers for your support.

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



## Diamond in the Hills

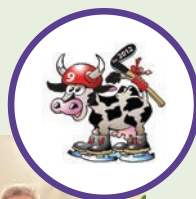
**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show is set to take place at the elegant Arlington Estate in Kleinburg. Our sincere gratitude to the new organizing committee, sponsors, and attendees who raised over \$330,000 for Bethell Hospice Foundation. We look forward to another beautiful and inspiring afternoon.

For more information, visit [foundation.bethellhospice.org](https://foundation.bethellhospice.org)



# EXPRESSING OUR *Gratitude*



## Automotive Maintenance – Caledon East Bottle Return

An ongoing initiative, Automotive Maintenance matches all donations from liquor, wine or beer bottles dropped off at their location at 16040 Airport Rd. in Caledon East. Their generous gift of \$5,000 in 2024 was very much appreciated.



## Caledon Women's Hockey League – Udder Tournament

Bethell Hospice Foundation is honoured to be the recipient of funds received from the Udder Tournament. Hats off to the Caledon Women's Hockey League committee for delivering a well-organized and memorable weekend of hockey. This event was an incredible success raising over \$53,000!

## Caledon Ribfest

A sincere thank you to The Caputo Group – Re/Max Experts, for selecting Bethell Hospice Foundation as one of two organizations to receive donations from the Caledon Ribfest. We are very grateful to everyone who attended and supported this event.



## Dixie Orchards



A heartfelt thank you to Dixie Orchards in Caledon for generously donating a portion of their sunflower and baked pie sales from the 2024 season to Bethell Hospice Foundation. This "Taste of the Country" initiative raised \$3,000 and we are absolutely thrilled for the support received from this community partnership.

## Celebration of Light & Love at Bethell Hospice



The annual Celebration of Light & Love took place in the final months of 2024, concluding with a beautiful tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 5. Despite the cold weather, over 200 people enjoyed performances from the Mayfield S.S. Jazz Studies Chorus and Robin McCallum from Sandhill Pipes and Drum Band. Cathy Gillespie read a heartfelt poem and Bethell Hospice volunteer Stan Cameron read the list of names aloud while the crowd recited them back in unison. We are proud to report that despite the postal strike this campaign raised over \$235,000.



## 2024 Community Leadership Donors

**We would like to thank our 2024 donors, supporters, and wonderful volunteers.**

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



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

Constance Ryan Fund  
Caledon Women's Hockey League  
J. P. Bickell Foundation  
The Estate of Anne Livingston

### CHAMPIONS OF CARE (\$25,000+)

Airlie Foundation  
Bonnie & Doug Klaassen  
George P. & Bonnie Ledson  
Jim & Luisa Mocon Foundation  
LN Reynolds Co. Ltd.  
Morningview Foundation  
Shining Waters Regional Council – The United Church of Canada  
The Estate of Pamela F. Cohen

### BETHELL BENEFACTORS (\$10,000 – \$24,999)

Agnieszka Gasowska – Kirby  
Alan Frittenburg  
Anonymous  
Bob & Julie Laverdure  
Brampton Funeral Home & Cemetery  
Canadian Progress Club of Brampton  
E. Hofmann Plastics Inc.  
Elizabeth & Dr. Stuart Birnie  
Elsie Bobbette  
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Helen Devins  
Janine & James Livingston  
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Linda & David Livingston  
Lisa Speirs  
Meadowvale Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Centres  
Orangeville Lions Club  
Paramount Alliance Ltd.  
Pat DiBerto  
Rebeca Smith  
Rotary Club of Brampton – Heart Lake  
Scotiabank  
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Susan Mills  
Takla Foundation  
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### LEADERS (\$5,000 – \$9,999)

Adrian Horwood  
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Caledon Building and Design  
Cathy & George Newhouse  
Cheryl Smits  
Downey's Farm Market Ltd.  
Egan Funeral Home  
Eleanor McClure  
Elizabeth & Dave Stockley  
Glen & Sherry Judge  
Glen The Plumber  
Hilda, Marvin, and Brian Lenstra  
Ian Clarke  
J. Rob Collins  
Jaguar Land Rover – Brampton  
Jay Reso  
John Pirolla  
Katharine Williams  
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The Corporation of the Town of Caledon  
The Estate of Dorothy McDonnell  
The Estate of Mary Currie  
The Lloyd Carr – Harris Foundation  
The Sharpe-Way Group, Scotia Wealth Management  
The Waechter Family

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

*We have endeavoured to include all 2024 Community Leadership Donors in a complete and comprehensive list and apologize if we have inadvertently missed a name.*



## Bethell Hospice Remembers

Join us in remembering the following  
Bethell Hospice residents and community  
clients who passed away January 1 –  
December 31, 2024.



Showkat Hassan Ali  
Michael Allen  
Judy Mae Allen  
Kathryn Anderson  
Anna Aversa  
Jerrold Barnes  
Michael Barry  
Ronald Frederick Bell  
Brenda Marie Bertolo  
Deepika Bhalla  
Elsie Bobbette  
Angus Ivan Briffett  
Maria Brown  
Martha Brown  
Robert Burns  
Willard Burton  
Samuel Campbell  
Robert George Cann  
Barbara Elizabeth Capstick  
Harjinder Chana  
Kip Chaput  
Eduardo Chaves  
Jaycynth Chen  
Hattie Collins  
Raymond Colmer  
Carl Crawford  
Benita Daw  
Linda Doreen Delill  
John K Devins  
William Donkers  
Maharanie Doobay

Eva Joyce Dowling  
Debra Eccles  
Wesley Elson  
Heleena Ens  
Catherine Claire Farrow  
Maria Ferreira  
Loreto Ferri  
Janet Fisher  
Linda Forbes  
Robert Gallacher  
Donald Gillespie  
Tina Gleason  
Jose Alberto Goncalves  
Wendy J. Green  
John Harris  
Carol Hatton  
Fernanda Maria Hilario  
William Holmes  
Carol Ann Horan  
Shirley Ann Hughston  
Mary Hutchinson  
Muriel Jackson  
Carole Ann Jawdek  
Balvir Kaur  
Ravinder Kaur  
Jaswinder Kaur  
Peter Kula  
Irene Marilyn Lamson  
Frank Landes  
Grietje Lawlor  
Siew Onn Leong

Geneva Leslie  
Emily Roberta Linkletter  
Patricia Lough  
Christine Matthews  
Terence James McCartan  
Edward McCaughtry  
Kenneth McClymont  
Dorothy McDonnell  
Gary McPhee  
Carlos Medeiros  
Mary Noreen Miehm  
Shirley Morden  
Heather Morton  
Balwinder Nandra  
Elitha Newell  
Brenda Nicholls  
Leo Norman  
Antonio Tomas Nunes  
Miro Karlo Ovas  
Vittoria Palermo  
Jean Paris  
Peter Telford Parkinson  
Evelynne Pellett  
Mollie Percival  
Gina Perri  
Marcia Heather  
Marcus Daniel Pinto  
Clara Ann Potter  
Parkash Rani  
Kathleen Anne Reid  
Ricardo Rocher

Victoria Edralin Sabio  
Surjit Sahota  
Laurie Ann Sanderson  
Devinder Sandhu  
Jasvir Kaur Sanghera  
Deen Sawh  
Patricia Schutte  
Dragutin Carletto Segota  
Swaran Singh  
Surujdai Singh  
Tarsem Singh – Nijjar  
Saysana Sisane  
Steven Smith  
William Steckley  
James Stevens  
Janice Strilchuck  
Cynthia Stringer  
Mitzee Tanner  
Mary Taylor  
Darlene Terry  
Albin Tim  
Carmen Vargas Chapiama  
Sanjae Walker – Newman  
Tracy Elizabeth Waterman  
Glenn Wheeler  
Patricia Ann Louise Whyte  
Margaret Wright  
Marc Yansen

*We have attempted to include all names of residents who provided permission for publishing and apologize if we have inadvertently missed your loved one's name.*



## Bob & Janet Fines

Recipients of the Lorna Bethell Legacy Award,  
Bethell Hospice Foundation

**This award was presented to Bob and Janet in October 2024, in recognition of their many outstanding contributions to the ongoing development and sustainability of Bethell Hospice.**

The Fines' supported the Foundation in the early days of fundraising, organizing a stewardship event at McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg, Hiking the Caledon trail way each year as part of the Hike for Bethell Hospice, golfing in each Golf 4 Bethell tournament, donating a car for the BHF car lottery, amongst many other fundraising ventures.

Owner of Fines Ford Lincoln since 1987, Bob joined the Bethell Hospice Foundation board of directors in June 2017 as a director, contributing his strong skill set to the finance committee.



The Foundation is indebted to both Bob and Janet for their numerous years of invaluable service as their support has had an incredible impact on the lives of so many.

**Their passionate belief in Bethell Hospice shines through every selfless gift and act of service.**

**The Foundation was very pleased to have the opportunity to honour Bob and Janet with this award as a token of our gratitude.**

### Donate Now!

Bethell Hospice programs and services are only partially covered by our Ontario health care system. Each year, over \$1,800,000 must be raised through local fundraising efforts.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 (Bethell Benefactor) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 (Companion)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 (Partner)             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (Donor)      |
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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](http://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

*For more information, please call:*

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