

Celebrate Light and Love with Bethell Hospice Foundation

This holiday season, remember someone special with a gift of light to Bethell Hospice.

The hospice's annual Celebration of Light and Love brings together people from throughout the community in support of this valuable community resource. Government funding represents only 60 per cent of the cost to operate Bethell Hospice. The rest ? almost \$1 million annually ? must be raised through fundraising in order to keep the doors of Bethell Hospice open, and to ensure end-of-life care can be provided at no cost to residents, program participants or their families. Bethell Hospice is the only residential hospice serving Caledon, Brampton, Dufferin County and west Woodbridge, and also provides community programs throughout Caledon and Brampton.

By purchasing a light on the Bethell Hospice tree, each Light and Love participant makes a real difference, and helps to usher in the holiday season in a very meaningful way. Each gift may be made in memory of a family member or friend, and all those remembered are honoured at a candlelit tree lighting, with their names read aloud at the ceremony. While many of those remembered are individuals whose lives have been directly touched by Bethell Hospice, many members of the community also take the opportunity to remember special people in their lives with a gift to help others in their time of need.

Last year, more than \$120,000 was raised during the Celebration of Light and Love, and more than 325 individuals were honoured at the beautiful tree lighting ceremony.

This year's tree lighting ceremony and reception will take place at Bethell Hospice Dec. 15. Guests are invited to gather at the Inglewood Community Centre at 6:45 p.m. and participate in the candlelit procession to the doors of Bethell Hospice to light the trees at 7. The procession will be accompanied by members of The Young at Heart Singers, and names will be read by Bethell Hospice volunteer Stan Cameron.

To honour a special person in your life, or to make a general gift, call the Fundraising Office at 905-838-3534 or donate to Light and Love online at www.bethellhospice.org