

Celebrate Light & Love with Bethell Hospice

This holiday season, area residents can participate in something truly magical with a gift to Bethell Hospice Foundation's Celebration of Light & Love.

This annual event brings together people from throughout the community in support of a valuable community resource. Government funding contributes only to the direct care medical staffing costs at Bethell Hospice. Every other operating cost over \$1 million each year 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, community clients or their families.

Bethell Hospice is the only residential hospice serving Caledon, Brampton and Dufferin County, and also provides community programs throughout Caledon and Brampton.

With each Light & Love donation, a light will be illuminated on the Bethell Hospice tree. Every light on the tree represents a life and memories that will live on forever. 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. Each Light & Love participant makes a real difference, and helps to usher in the holiday season in a very meaningful way.

Last year, over \$170,000 was raised during the Celebration of Light & Love, and more than 450 individuals were honoured at the beautiful tree lighting ceremony.

This year's tree lighting ceremony and reception will take place at Bethell Hospice on Thursday, December 12, and has been generously sponsored by Fines Ford Lincoln. Guests are invited to gather at the Inglewood Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. and participate in the candlelit procession to the doors of Bethell Hospice to light the trees at 7:15 p.m. The procession will be accompanied by the Orangeville Show Chorus, and names will be read by Bethell Hospice volunteer, Stan Cameron. Please dress warmly, as this is an outdoor event.

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