

## Deadline for 2024 charitable donations extended to end of February

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Canadians can make a charitable donation and claim a tax credit for 2024 until the end of February.

The Federal Government announced this in an effort to mitigate the impact of last year's month-long Canada Post strike on the nation's non-profits during their busiest time of year.

For Caledon's Bethell Hospice, the extension will make a big difference in its Light & Love campaign, which usually runs from October to December 31. Now, it will run until February 28.

Nicole Hand, Executive Director of the Bethell Hospice Foundation, said the extension will have a huge impact.

"The four-week Canada Post stoppage has had a huge impact on our signature fundraiser as many donors typically send their cheques through the mail. The extension to February 28 will provide our charity with the time needed to receive and process additional donations and allow us to reach our goal of \$255,000," she said.

The Bethell Hospice Foundation has raised over \$200,000 through its Light & Love initiative so far, and hopes to raise the next \$50,000 by February 28.

Donations to the campaign can be made by calling 905-838-3534 ext. 2248; visiting [bethellhospicelightandlove.ca](http://bethellhospicelightandlove.ca); or visiting the Foundation's office at 15835 McLaughlin Road during regular business hours.