

Second annual Light Up the Runway next week

Brampton Flight Centre (BFC) and Bethell Hospice Foundation will be hosting the second annual Light Up the Runway Walk to raise awareness and funds.

It will be next Thursday (Aug. 6).

Bethell Hospice is the only residential hospice serving the Caledon, Brampton, Dufferin County and West Woodbridge areas, providing essential services such as bereavement, grief counselling, palliative and hospice care, all free of charge.

"We're thrilled to co-host this important fundraiser again," commented BFC Controller Daphne Parsons. "It's gratifying to see how local groups come together to make a huge difference in the lives of local residents who are dealing with end-of-life issues."

All proceeds raised will go toward maintaining Bethell Hospice programs and services. The Hospice relies on donors and events such as Light Up the Runway Walk for about 40 per cent of its annual fundraising, with the remainder of its funding coming from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"We are so grateful to Brampton Flight Centre for making Light Up the Runway an annual event," said Bethell Hospice Foundation Fundraising Manager Julie Hymers. "This kind of ongoing community support ensures that Bethell Hospice can continue to provide end-of-life care to anyone in need, regardless of their financial situation."

Mayor Allan Thompson will officiate the opening ceremonies at this year's Walk, which will also feature popular jazz trio, Kontakt, other special guests and giveaways.

Everyone is welcome. Registration is \$15 and participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$30. Walkers can also purchase a commemorative candle for \$25 to help light up the runway and pay tribute to someone they know or remember. Participants aged 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult while those between 15 to 18 years, must present a signed waiver by a consenting adult. The public can also support the Hospice by pledging a donation toward a registered walker.

Registration and sign in begins at 7:30 p.m., with opening ceremonies at 9. The Walk starts at 9:30 p.m.

To register and learn more about Light Up the Runway Walk, visit www.bramptonflightcentre.com/community/light-runway-walk/

For more about the Bethell Hospice Foundation, visit www.bethellhospice.org