



November 1, 2021

Dear Friend of Hospice Orillia,

The past year has provided us with the opportunity to review and reflect on many aspects of our lives. One aspect many of us failed to think about often, until the recent pandemic, is end of life, grief and bereavement.

At Hospice Orillia, we believe that death, grief and bereavement are all a part of life, a rite of passage. There is much that can be done to help individuals and their families face this time with dignity and quality in their lives.

As with many other aspects of our lives, the way we operate as a visiting hospice has changed. Everything from the number of volunteers to the number of individuals looking for support to the amount of financial support we have received, have all adjusted the way we operate.

**The one thing that has not changed has been the ongoing need for end of life, grief and bereavement support in our community.**

While we have accomplishments to celebrate from the past year, there is still so much work to be done.

The number of calls we have received for a visiting volunteer services and bereavement support have increased to the point that we now have a waiting list where clients are waiting to be matched. No one should have to sit on a waiting list, especially when living with a life limiting illness or grieving the loss of a loved one.

Many aspects can affect a waiting list; volunteer availability is our number one hurdle with funding being the second.

As a community based hospice, we receive partial funding from the government and rely on the support of our community to fill in where that funding falls short.

The support we receive from the community helps to ensure we are able to continue to provide the following:

- Visiting volunteer services (including respite).
- Complementary copies of their personalized Footprints book.
- Garden of Remembrance and Candle of Remembrance memorial events.
- Grief and bereavement support via one-on-one and group programs.
- Pregnancy and infant loss support program.

*A year in review...*

401

Hours dedicated to providing compassionate visiting and bereavement services for those individuals and families in our community facing life limiting illness, and the death of a loved one.

271

Hours invested in supporting new and existing volunteers with training and development in order to continue to provide exemplary support.

29

Dedicated volunteers providing services to those in need within our community. While ten Hospice Orillia volunteers retired from service in 2020/2021, eight new volunteers were recruited and trained.

OVER  
1,000

Individuals attended the virtual Garden of Remembrance (2021) and virtual Candles of Remembrance (2020) memorial events. With over 15 community supporters collaborating with Hospice Orillia to provide the invaluable memorial events.

*There's still more work to be done....*

## A message from a volunteer...

Thank you for your financial support for Hospice Orillia.

As a volunteer, I know that the resources that are provided to people when they are at their most vulnerable and grieving are received with gratitude and appreciation.

A recent book that I read quoted "everyone needs a spoonful of kindness".

Hospice Orillia provides that kindness and your financial support enables us to do so.

Thank you for your spoonful of kindness.

~ Terri,  
Bereavement  
Services Volunteer

In order for us to continue to be able to provide the support our community not only needs but also deserves Hospice Orillia is in need of increased community funding.

This is why I'm reaching out to you today. We are in need of your help! We would like to ask for you to continue supporting our organization with a donation in the amount of your choice.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this request. Your ongoing support ensures our dedicated team are able to continue with our mission:

*Offering practical, emotional and spiritual support to those in our community coping with advanced illness, death and bereavement. Our volunteers and staff serve clients and their loved ones of all ages and backgrounds with compassion and respect, while honouring their choices and supporting them through their life journey.*

To confirm your support, please complete the form below and return in the envelope provided.

Yours Truly,

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P.S. – We are excited to share with you an announcement surrounding our newly established Tree of Life, an interactive virtual donor wall. Please see the enclosed announcement for more information! You may also take a look at Tree of Life on our website at [www.hospiceorillia.ca/Donor-Wall](http://www.hospiceorillia.ca/Donor-Wall).



Donation Slip  
Thank you for your support!

Please return form to:  
Hospice Orillia  
169 Front St. S  
Orillia, ON L3V 4S8

### I would like to give a gift of:

	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250	Other
One-time Donation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Monthly Giving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

In honour/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To make a donation online, please visit:  
[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hospice-orillia/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hospice-orillia/)

Tax receipts are automatically issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

Hospice Orillia is a program of the North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice Palliative Care Network. NSMHPCN Charitable Business Number: 135837748RR0001



### Method of payment:

CHEQUE Please make cheque payable to HOSPICE ORILLIA

#### Mail cheque to:

Hospice Orillia - 169 Front Street South, Orillia, ON. L3V 4S8

#### To donate by credit card:

VISA  MASTER CARD

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

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Orillia: Tree of Life, Virtual Donor Wall Sample**

Part of our donor recognition plan is to ensure that all donors are thanked and acknowledged for their support. As such, we have launched our Tree of Life, a virtual donor wall. The tree will be an interactive item on the Hospice Orillia website, where individuals will be able to click on a name to see donor acknowledgement which will include donor name, level and any special acknowledgement requested. It should be noted that we will never share a donors lifetime giving amount. We also respect the donors right to remain anonymous. Should a donor wish to remain anonymous their name and acknowledgement level will not appear on the Tree of Life.



When a donors name is chosen, their appropriate recognition will appear (see below).

**The ABC Club of Orillia**  
*Supporter Level*  
 Donations made in honour of club members who have served over the years.

<b><u>Recognition Levels</u></b> <b><i>(based on lifetime giving totals)</i></b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Symbol on Tree</b>
Friend	\$1 - \$499	N/A
Volunteer	Priceless	Small Green Leaf
Partner	\$500 - \$999	Small Green Leaf
Supporter	\$1,000 - \$4,999	Large Green Leaf
Provider	\$5,000 - \$24,999	Bird
Advocate	\$25,000+	Branch