



Friday, November 8th, 2024

Greetings,

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of Hospice Orillia to ask for your help. For the past 15 years, I have volunteered in their Bereavement Services program, and this work has transformed my life in ways I never could have imagined.

After losing my first husband, I felt a deep calling to help others navigate their own grief. I knew from personal experience that grief is a journey no one should have to walk alone. That's why I joined the volunteer team at Hospice Orillia, and I'm so grateful I did. I've had the privilege of supporting countless individuals through their grief journeys, and each time, I'm reminded of how special this organization is and how vital their work is to our community.

Hospice Orillia serves our community with compassion and respect, helping individuals and their families face life-limiting illness or loss with dignity. Their bereavement groups offer a safe space for people to share their stories, support one another, and realize they are not alone in their pain.

Grief is not something that can be "fixed"—it takes time, and every journey is different. But the beauty is in seeing people slowly open up and find hope again. By the end of our eight-week sessions, I've witnessed remarkable transformations. Participants learn to carry their grief differently—not to move on, but to move forward, holding onto memories in a way that feels more manageable.

The programs offered at Hospice Orillia extend far beyond bereavement groups. Below are just a few of the services available:

Bereavement Support Services:

- COPE Facility Dog Trooper
- Equine Bereavement Support
- Overdose-Related Loss Support
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support
- Peer Support Groups
- Peer One-on-One Support
- Youth Equine Bereavement Support

Visiting Hospice Services:

- Complementary Therapies, including Reiki
- Footprints Legacy Project
- Supportive Counselling
- Visiting Volunteer Services

All of this is made possible through the support of people like you!

Please turn over...



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A Year In Review

**178 Referrals
Services Accessed
1,428 times**

**756
Volunteer Hours
Providing Services**

**138
Hours Training New
Volunteers**

**4
Community Memorial
Events**

**Bereavement
Support Services**

**164
Bereavement Support
Sessions**

**30
Support Group
Sessions**

**12
PILO NSM Group
Drop-In Sessions**

**13
Adult Equine Sessions**

**17
Youth Equine Sessions**

**Visiting Hospice
Services**

**192
Volunteer Visiting
Sessions**

**11
Complementary
Therapy Reiki Sessions**

**171
Supportive
Counselling Sessions**

**76
Footprints Project
Sessions**

“Becoming a bereavement services volunteer with Hospice Orillia has changed my life in ways beyond what I could have ever imagined.”

June Gunn
Bereavement Services
Volunteer

Become a Volunteer



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Join the Heart-to-Heart Club



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Annual Report

You can find out more about Hospice Orillia on pages 12-17 of the NSMHPCN 2023-2024 Annual Report. To view, please scan the QR Code below or visit <https://bit.ly/AnnRep24>



SCAN ME

As a partially funded organization, Hospice Orillia relies on donations to offer these vital programs free of charge to our community.

That’s why I’m reaching out to you today, to ask for your support. Your can help ensure that no one in our community has to face grief, illness, or loss alone.

I invite you to join our Heart-to-Heart program by becoming a monthly donor. Your monthly contribution—no matter the amount—provides ongoing support, allowing Hospice Orillia to continue offering bereavement and visiting hospice services to those who need them most.

I’ve seen firsthand the profound difference these programs make in people’s lives, and it’s all thanks to donors like you.

Please consider making a one-time donation or joining the Heart-to-Heart Club with a monthly gift to help us continue this essential work. Together, we can help individuals and families face these challenging times with dignity and compassion, always honouring their uniqueness within an atmosphere of confidentiality and respect.

On behalf of the countless clients we have had the honour of serving, thank you, for your kindness, compassion, and support.

Should you wish to speak with someone regarding this request, please feel free to call Amanda Tevelde, Communications, Fundraising and Community Relations Specialist at (705) 325-0505 ext. 207 or reach out via email to amanda@hospiceorillia.ca

Warmly,

June
June Gunn
Bereavement Services Volunteer
Hospice Orillia

P.S. Volunteering with Hospice Orillia has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. If you’ve ever thought about getting involved, I encourage you to join us—whether through volunteering or becoming a Heart-to-Heart member. You’ll make a lasting impact on the lives of people in your community.

I am pictured here with my trusty camera, which you will often see me carrying around at Hospice Orillia events. Second to being a bereavement volunteer, I love capturing important moments through my photography!



Donation Slip

Thank you for your support!



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

Donor Information (please print)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Preferred Name(if applicable): _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Prov.: _____ PC: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Check this box to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.

I would like to give a gift of:

One-time Donation	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	Other \$ _____
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: <https://hospiceorillia.ca/donate> or scan QR Code.
Tax receipts are automatically issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.
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Method of payment: CHEQUE CREDIT CARD

Mail cheque to: Hospice Orillia - 169 Front Street South, Orillia, ON. L3V 4S8

Please make cheque payable to HOSPICE ORILLIA

To donate by credit card: VISA MASTER CARD

Name on Card: _____
Card #: _____
Expiry (mm/yy): _____ CVV: _____
Signature: _____
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