



AN UPDATE ON YOUR Compassionate CARE



YOUR HILL HOUSE HOSPICE NEWSLETTER

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INSIDE:
How you're
helping
residents
like Pooran

YOU bring comfort on hard days.



When Pooran Ramlakhan was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer, it curbed his ability for adventure – but not his infallible spirit. After hard months spent battling the disease's progression, Pooran came to Hill House Hospice.

Pooran's daughter Sarita recalls the many relatives who visited him with a laugh. **"We were always made to feel welcome at Hill House," she reflects. "If we wanted to spend the night, we could spend the night."**

Being with his family is what brought Pooran the most joy as Hill House staff did everything possible to keep him comfortable.

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YOU care for the whole family

As Sarita speaks of her father, she remembers a man who loved Hallmark romance movies and cracking corny jokes. Pooran spent a lot of time in the garden and bird-watching, as well as playing word games.

"Hill House ensured he could still enjoy the things he loved," Sarita says. Staff angled Pooran's bed to face the garden, and he would watch the birds each morning as he ate his breakfast.

Because of YOU, Sarita's family was able to make the most of their final days with their beloved father, husband, brother, and uncle.

After months spent managing Pooran's diabetes, Sarita describes the relief she felt when Hill House staff reassured her they had his diet well in hand. They brought him fresh mangoes, reminiscent of Trinidad where he'd grown up as one of 15 children.

When Pooran died, he was surrounded by love. "We couldn't have asked for a better way for him to leave this world," Sarita shares. "It was the most beautiful way for it to happen."



YOU help families like Sarita's find peace at the end of a loved one's life. Thank you for your compassion!

YOU make hospice care accessible



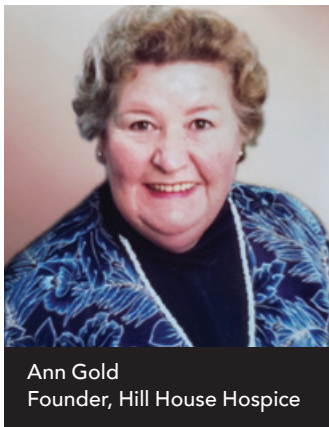
Hill House Hospice welcomes all residents free of charge – and YOU make it possible. Residential hospices in Ontario receive only about 50% of their operational funding through the provincial government's Ministry of Health. We depend on the generosity of our community to raise additional funds, which allow us to provide the one-of-a-kind care and attention Hill House is known for.

Hospice is free because YOU help.

Thank **YOU** for continuing a legacy

Elaine Gold remembers her mother Ann Gold, Hill House Hospice's founder

"Harry D. L. Hill was a local businessman whose original 1950s childhood home is now Hill House Hospice. It was our mother, the late Ann Gold, who took Hill House from an abstract idea to a bricks-and-mortar reality when the town of Richmond Hill agreed to lease the home for hospice care in 1998.



Ann Gold
Founder, Hill House Hospice

Working as a nurse, our mother Ann was a passionate palliative care advocate. She was a pioneer who had the insight to see the need in the community. She felt there were always people with life-limiting illnesses who required

a special place because they were alone, had no caregivers or just couldn't stay home. A home-like setting would be much more preferred than a hospital.

Our mother's credibility as an activist, a community volunteer and a fundraiser, coupled with her love of people, determination and persuasive personality, allowed for the creation of the hospice. Hill House Hospice was born from her vision of bringing hospice care to Richmond Hill."



Elaine Gold
Volunteer, Hill House Hospice

Elaine

YOU can make an impact each month

HEARTS FOR HILL HOUSE MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

Susan Crosby made her first donation to Hill House Hospice in 2016 and has given every year since to honour Vern, her best friend's husband who passed at Hill House. This year, she deepened her commitment to hospice care by becoming a monthly donor to Hill House.

DID YOU KNOW? The Hearts for Hill House Monthly Giving Program provides a steady, reliable stream of income to help fund the hospice's highest-priority needs. Whether via credit card or through your bank account, it's an easy, convenient way to give and you can change or cancel your donation at any time. **To join Susan as a monthly donor, visit hillhousehospice.com.**



YOU make hospice a place for kids



Hospice is a place suitable for all ages, including children.

It's a home filled with comforting, familiar sounds of life – conversations, laughter, the hum of a vacuum, the clicking of TV remotes, the chime of a doorbell, or the ring of a timer signaling dinner is ready.

The hospice's dining table transforms into an art studio, where children unleash their imaginations

with paintbrushes and canvasses. The backyard walkway becomes a racetrack for toy cars and dump trucks, as toddlers scamper with heads down and bottoms up! It's a place where Paw Patrol and Dora the Explorer bring smiles to children's faces as they enjoy an after-school snack.

Fond memories created in a family home continue to be made at Hill House as children prepare to say good-bye and spend final moments with their loved ones.

When a young father passed away, his twins asked their mom to go back to the last place their dad had been – Hill House. They walked through our front door with no fear or hesitation. They had happy memories of our home. **Because of your support, Hill House had been a place of joy, abundant treats and abundant love for the children.** It was safe. It was comfortable. It was their home, away from home.

YOU give comfort to families and children.

A record-breaking \$165,000 was raised, thanks to YOU!



Sunday, May 24, 2026
walkforhillhousehospice.com

Every year, the Walk for Hill House Hospice raises much-needed funds to help us offer our services at no cost to residents and families. The Walk is a 2.8 km stroll through the beautiful community of Mill Pond in Richmond Hill. You'll also enjoy a BBQ burger lunch with refreshments, snacks and ice cream after the Walk. Save the date!



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