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## The Wings of a Dove

Dear Friend

Throughout our lives, our histories and our stories, doves represent moments of peace. The image of a dove can sooth and quiet our worried or troubled thoughts. From the earliest times, the dove has also been a symbol of stability. The dove can give us power to find renewal and certainty.

2020 has been an uncertain year. When things are uncertain, we seek stability and certainty in things and places close to home. While you are thinking about the year that has passed by, I ask you to think about the priorities that provided peace, renewal and certainty to you and your family.

One priority that is important to my family is how people experience the end of life. I want to ensure that compassionate end of life care is available to everyone in Huron County. End of life care should not be about uncertainty or instability. It should be about compassion and comfort. It should be about the memories of a life well-lived.

As a donor to Huron Hospice, you have helped create stability and certainty for many Huron County families, and we thank you for your support. *Now more than ever, we need your help!* 

To ensure that our services remain at no cost to all who need them, <u>I ask you to join me</u> and donate to help fund Huron Hospice services. Together we will continue to *Make Moments Matter* at Huron Hospice.

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Jay McFarlan Board Chair







You Never Walk Alone at Huron Hospice

## **Moments That Matter**

When we think about the moments that matter, it is essential to think about the moments at the end of life. It is important to think about how we want to care for an elderly or ill family member, or friend, or neighbour who is on that inevitable end of life journey.

We know that given a choice, most people prefer to die at home, surrounded by loved ones. However, for a person to be able to die at home, families need support. This special care is emotionally and physically challenging. Through our home hospice supports, Huron Hospice makes dying at home possible. And when dying at home is not possible, the Hospice provides a residence where palliative care is available so people can live out their final days without worry.

For more than 25 years, Huron Hospice has *Made Moments Matter* close to home by offering supported home hospice care, respite services, cancer support, and grief recovery programs for adults and children. Since 2018, 100 people have lived their final days at the Huron Hospice residence, surrounded by loved ones. An additional 282 received end of life hospice care in their homes.

When we think about the end of life journey, we should have thoughts of comfort, peace and moments filled with compassion and joy.

## **Huron Hospice Revenues**

The last thing a family needs to worry about when they need end of life care is the cost. That's why there are no costs for services at Huron Hospice. The Province of Ontario covers half of the \$1.1 million annual costs. We ask the community to provide the other half of our revenue.



2020 has been a year of unusual challenges for charities like Huron Hospice. The pandemic has affected our ability to raise money to cover our

operations. Although we have experienced a reduction in donations, our costs have not diminished. We still need to provide support in the residence and the community—support for families, adults, and children who are facing end of life challenges.

## Now more than ever, we need your help!



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