

Dove campaign returns to keep memories alive

It's normal for fond memories of those who are no longer with us to come flooding back during the holiday season. In Bancroft, on Dec. 3 and 4, please consider sharing your special memory by making a donation and placing a Memorial Dove when visiting Foodland, the TD Bank, Scotiabank and the Kawartha Credit Union through Hospice North Hastings' Memorial Dove Holiday Program.

For the 11th year Hospice North Hastings volunteers will be at community locations offering those who want to share a memory the chance to hang a dove and perhaps share some special memories to honour those you are missing this holiday season.

Beautiful Christmas trees will be on display at the TD Bank, Scotiabank, the Kawartha Credit Union and at Foodland on Dec. 3 and 4 from 9 to 5 p.m. With each donation you will receive a card that you can use to share your message of remembrance. Then the card and the memorial dove will be placed on the tree.

During the campaign people share the most beautiful stories of those that they are missing, says hospice co-ordinator Heather Brough. This is a really special event for each of us connected to Hospice and our volunteers are ready to participate in this community program. Our volunteers are always ready to support, to listen and to share a moment. During the holiday season there's often a greater need.

All the funds raised through the Memorial Dove program support the free programs and services offered through Hospice North Hastings.

In addition to end of life care, Hospice North Hastings also operates a medical equipment loan cupboard and the popular R&R Support Day Program for caregivers.

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