



### **What is the Hike for Hospice?**

The Hike for Hospice stands out as a distinctive nationwide fundraising initiative throughout Canada, uniting various organizations dedicated to hospice palliative care to garner support and awareness in their local communities. Every year, numerous individuals, referred to as 'hikers,' actively engage in events organized by their respective local hospice palliative care groups. Importantly, all the funds generated during the Hike for Hospice remain within the community where they were raised.

### **Who is the Hike supporting?**

The annual Hike for Hospice supports Hospice Orillia and Mariposa House Hospice. The Hike is integral for both organizations as it enhances our sense of community, increases awareness of Hospice Palliative Care, and raises much-needed funds. 100% of the proceeds stay in the Orillia area by directly supporting the services offered by Hospice Orillia and Mariposa House Hospice; these organizations work together to provide services across the continuum of hospice palliative care, from diagnosis through end-of-life, including bereavement support for surviving loved ones.

### **How do I register?**

To register click the "Register" Button on the [hike event page](#). or speak to a representative at either organization.

### **When does the Hike occur?**

The Hike will take place on **Sunday, May 4th**. Registration opens at 10:30 AM and following some warm-up stretches, the Hike begins at 11:15 AM.

### **Where does the Orillia Hike for Hospice happen?**

Our Hike will take place at Barnfield Point Recreation Centre located at Tudhope Park in Orillia.

### **Can we register as a team?**

Yes, you will have the option to register as an individual, join a team or create a new team at the time of registration.

### **Is there a registration fee?**

No, there is no registration fee which is in part thanks to our amazing sponsors and the pledges collected by each hiker.



**What is the fee charged to the event for hosting the online giving page?**

To reduce the cost of hosting this event, Charity Village has provided us with a free platform where we only pay the small fee of 2% to process the donations (compared to 5.5-9% through other platforms). As a result, you will notice that there is an option to help support Charity Village by adding a tip to your donation. Please be sure to review this carefully before completing your transaction. This tip is not mandatory and you are invited to adjust the tip amount, including making it \$0. Regardless of the amount of a tip you choose, should you choose one, your donation amount is what will be applied to the total amount raised for the 2025 Hike for Hospice tally.

**How do I collect pledges?**

Pledges can be collected either through the online platform or by printing out a copy of the pledge sheet. You will need to bring all cash & cheques, along with your pledge sheet with you when you check in at the Hike.

**What is the distance of the Hike?**

Weather permitting, we will offer two routes to choose from; a 5km or 2.5km route.

**Will there be prizes?**

Yes, there will be a variety of prizes available. In addition to our spectacular prize table, where each hiker is allowed to choose what prize they would like to win.

**Will there be T-shirts available?**

Yes. T-shirts will be provided to all registered hikers. As there is a limited quantity per shirt size, we do request hikers to register by **APRIL 12th** so we can have an accurate quantity on order.

**Will refreshments be available?**

There will be snacks provided to all registered hikers; as well as a Hearts for Hospice BBQ courtesy of Harvey's on site.



**Who/how do I connect if I have questions?**

Please email: Amanda Tevelde, [amanda@hospiceorillia.ca](mailto:amanda@hospiceorillia.ca), or Kandas Bartlett, [kandas.bartlett@mariposahousehospice.com](mailto:kandas.bartlett@mariposahousehospice.com)

**Are there opportunities for me to help as a volunteer?**

We would welcome your support! Please email Amanda Tevelde, [amanda@hospiceorillia.ca](mailto:amanda@hospiceorillia.ca), or Kandas Bartlett, [kandas.bartlett@mariposahousehospice.com](mailto:kandas.bartlett@mariposahousehospice.com), if you're interested in volunteering at the Hike.

**How can I help promote the Hike?**

Like and share our materials on Facebook. You can follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/H4HORillia>

If you would like a copy of our event poster to display at your place of business, please reach out.

**How do I make a donation?**

You can make a donation to the overall Hike for Hospice by visiting the [hike event page](#).

**Will people who donate pledges receive a tax receipt?**

All donations that request a tax receipt will have one mailed out within six months of the hike. It is important to note that all donations must have a full mailing address in order to receive a receipt. Additionally, it is important to ensure all pledge forms are legible to ensure a receipt can be issued. If you are missing a donation receipt please email Amanda Tevelde at [amanda@hospiceorillia.ca](mailto:amanda@hospiceorillia.ca) and include all donation related information such as date, amount, method of payment.