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Ben Sangster – Web Master
 Brian Marshall and Friends
 The Bustin' Loose Barbeque Team
 Canadian Progress Club – York Region Women
 Cantabile Chorale Choir
 Deb Stevenson and Friends – Nancy Hay Day Golf Tournament
 Freshwater Industries – John Mills
 Knights of Columbus
 Ladies Afternoon Bridge Club
 Marshall's Funeral Home
 Plasti-Kote – Gus Amodeo
 Regional Nursing Services
 Shoppers Drug Mart
 St. John the Baptist Church – Outreach Program
 St. Mary Immaculate Church – CWL Council
 St. Mary's Anglican Church Women
 The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375
 The Town of Richmond Hill and its employees
 Thornhill Cruiser Car Club Inc.
 Tycos – Chris Amodeo
 United Way
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Community Care Access Centre of York Region

We wish to convey our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Community Care Access Centre of York Region for their continued support.

WISH LIST

Coffee, dry goods, paper products (paper towels, Kleenex, etc.), bar soap, liquid handsoap, high-efficiency laundry detergent, dish washer soap, cleansing products, a portable television and DVD player.

DID YOU KNOW.....

You can direct your United Way charitable payroll deduction at your workplace to Hill House. When completing your pledge card, remember to include our charitable tax number: 869834678 RR0001



ALL SET FOR SUMMER



Thanks to the dedicated work of Earl Whyte and the Bustin' Loose Barbeque Team, funds were raised to purchase a new patio set for Hill House. This has provided a comfortable gathering place for family and friends visiting the Hospice and provides a touch of warmth to our beautiful back yard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hill House Hospice continues to expand their volunteer program. If you are interested in volunteering for Hill House, please contact Mary Lynn at 905-737-9308. Training is provided.

2006 Board of Directors

Stephen Cappe, Chair	Dr. Susan Coish
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HILL HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

So many times we miss the opportunity to say "thanks." Every moment is so precious. We at Hill House Hospice were able to "seize the moment" and say "thanks" to one of our own local heroes. We were honoured to have Mr. Bill Munroe live at Hill House for the three weeks before he died (October 17th, 2006). Bill gave so much of himself to the Town of Richmond Hill as a School Board Trustee, a Purchasing Agent, and a Fire Fighter and Fire Prevention Officer for over 21 years. On behalf of myself and the staff of Hill House, we were blessed to have the opportunity to "give back" care and compassion that Bill so generously gave to others throughout his life. Our condolences and thanks to

Bill's family and many friends.

A special note of "thanks" also to our Board of Directors, the volunteers, nurses, and physicians that collectively make Hill House Hospice a place of peace and comfort.

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OUR NEW LOOK

It all began with an intriguing phone call. A new reality show, Green Force, selected Hill House Hospice for a makeover of our front gardens and walkway. So began an exciting odyssey, which ended in only something we could have dreamed of. We still can't quite believe our good fortune.

Before work began, members of the show discussed the needs and concerns of Hill House. One of our primary concerns was the existing walkway, which was not level. Our gardens also needed to be re-landscaped in order to keep them easily maintained.

We gratefully thank not only the Green Force crew, but also Joe and Susan from Woodhill Garden Centre, Corinna Lehr, producer for Tricon Films, The Town of Richmond Hill for allowing great things like this to happen at Hill House, and last but not least, the project was dedicated to the late Tracey Webber in memory of her work and commitment to Hill House. Thanks to her partner Doug, for suggesting this project for Hill House.

The show will be aired on HGTV and is produced by Tricon Films and television. We can't show you a photograph of the finished garden and walkway until the show airs in the spring. However, if you're curious, please feel free to stop by Hill House and take a look for yourself!



HIKE FOR HOSPICE – MAY 7



This year's Annual Hike for Hospice Palliative Care took place on Sunday, May 7 at over 100 participating sites across Canada. Hill House Hospice "hikers" and volunteers participated at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket. Again, this event was a success and helped raise funds for visiting and residential hospices in York Region. It helps raise awareness of how valuable palliative care in Canada is with participants sharing information with sponsors.

Again, thank you to the volunteers who helped out with this event, our sponsors, and our hikers.

If you wish to participate in next year's walk, keep an eye on our website. We'll keep you informed as to when and where the next hike will be.

VOLUNTEER AND STAFF APPRECIATION EVENING

The Board of Directors hosted our annual volunteer and staff appreciation evening on September 14. It was a great evening, despite the threat of rain. This year, Dr. Brian Berger spoke to the attendees of the importance of the work we do in palliative care, and we are thankful for his time and caring. As usual, the food was great and we all had a wonderful time.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF HILL HOUSE

I am pleased to report that the great work at Hill House Hospice continues. Families are strongly supported as they seek end-stage patient care delivered in a home-like environment for their loved ones.

From the inaugural in June and the first admission in August, 1988, Hill House, the first and only free-standing residential palliative care hospice in York Region, has become known as a place of warmth, peace, and support for over four hundred resident families that it has assisted to date. Admission standards for residents are maintained strictly on medical condition without regard to denomination or income.

The cultural heritage of our clients is diverse. Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist constituent families who have had the opportunity to use

the services at Hill House consistently express their appreciation for the sensitive and supportive environment provided to them in their time of need.

Strong donor support is very much needed. The most compelling reason to support Hill House Hospice is that it provides a real solution for the many families who have benefited from it and for those in our community who will have need of it in the future.

The end of the year is approaching, when family celebrations will be underway. In the spirit of the season, may you and your loved ones be blessed with long life and good health. Your generous tax-deductible support is appreciated.

Stephen L. Cappe LL.B
Chair - Hill House Hospice
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WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT HILL HOUSE

The staff and volunteers are outstanding. For your excellent care... you will forever have a place in our hearts.

- a family from Newmarket

I think you are a very special group of people.

- a family from Aurora

You allowed us to just be there without feeling like we were in the way.

- a family from Kettleby

The best thing for us was the excellent care... and the never-ending emotional support for the family.

- a family from Richmond Hill

We need more facilities like Hill House where the terminally ill can enjoy a home-like setting.

- a family from Thornhill

The facility and staff were nothing less than outstanding.

- a family from Stouffville

You are doing a wonderful job. You were there in our time of need.

- a family from Markham

CANTABILE CHORALE

Four years ago, the choir launched a series of "ecumenical" concerts to be held every two years during Lent. The idea was to enlist choristers from local churches of the denominations to join with Cantabile Chorale in performing a major sacred work as a fundraiser for hospice in our home communities. This initiative has proven to be popular with both singers and audiences. Another concert was held on Good Friday this year and was a great success. A volunteer from Hill House Hospice spoke to the audience about the work Hill House does, again raising awareness of hospice care. We extend our deepest thanks to the Cantabile Chorale for a wonderful evening.