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Making Every Step Count: Hike for Hospice Invites Community to Palmer Park

PORT PERRY, ON – April 26, 2024 – Lace up your shoes and mark your calendars because the annual Hike for Hospice is back! On Sunday, June 2, 2024, Oak Ridges Hospice invites the community to join hands and hearts for a meaningful day at Palmer Park in Port Perry.

The Hike for Hospice has become a cherished tradition in Durham Region, drawing over 300 participants annually from across the community. This important event, held on the first Sunday in June each year, serves as both a remembrance walk and a fundraiser in support of Oak Ridges Hospice's Morgan & Sidhu House, the only residential hospice in Durham Region.

Participants of all ages gather to honour and celebrate the lives of loved ones while supporting the invaluable services provided by Oak Ridges Hospice. From families strolling hand-in-hand to friends walking in solidarity, the Hike for Hospice embodies the spirit of compassion and community.

We are thrilled to announce that J.J. McGuire returns as our Trailblazer sponsor for the second consecutive year. As the company who built the Morgan & Sidhu House, J.J. McGuire has been a steadfast supporter and advocate for residential hospices. Their continued commitment and generosity are instrumental in making the Hike for Hospice possible, and we extend our deepest gratitude for their ongoing partnership.

"Support from our corporate partners, like J.J. McGuire allows us to continue providing compassionate care to those in need," said Christine Vos, Executive Director at Oak Ridges Hospice. "Their dedication to our cause is truly remarkable, and we are honoured to have them by our side as we embark on this year's Hike for Hospice."

The funds raised from the Hike for Hospice are critical to Oak Ridges Hospice's operations, as the hospice relies on community support to bridge the gap in funding. With only 40% of its operations covered by government funding, the remaining 60% must be raised through donations and fundraising initiatives like the Hike for Hospice.

"We invite everyone in Durham Region and beyond to join us for this special day of remembrance and solidarity," added Christine. "Whether you walk in memory of a loved one, in support of Oak Ridges Hospice, or simply to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors, your participation makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve."

The Hike for Hospice is more than just a walk; it's a symbol of hope, compassion, and community spirit. Together, let's take steps towards making a difference in the lives of individuals and families facing end-of-life.

For more information about the Hike for Hospice or to register, please visit hike4hospice.com. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities or schedule interviews, please contact Michelle Betlem, Fund Development Coordinator at 289-225-0205 or mbetlem@oakridgeshospice.com.

About Oak Ridges Hospice: Oak Ridges Hospice provides compassionate end-of-life care and support to individuals and their families in Durham Region. Oak Ridges Hospice operates the only residential hospice in Durham Region, The Morgan & Sidhu House, which is situated in the heart of Port Perry. The hospice home offers a peaceful and comfortable environment where residents and their loved ones receive expert care and support tailored to their needs.

