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## WHAT'S ON

# CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR LOCAL HOSPICE

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Local residents can light a candle in support of a north Halton hospice at an upcoming event in Acton.

The Townsend-Smith Hospice Foundation is hosting a Giving Thanks for Hospice outdoor candlelight ceremony at the Halton Hills Public Library, Acton branch on Oct. 10 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The evening is designed to honour those who have sought hospice care and express support for future hospice care options in the community.

The ceremony will include readings about hospice care, live music and the lighting of votive can-



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The Giving Thanks for Hospice outdoor candlelight ceremony will take place at the Acton Library on Oct. 10.

dles in memory of individuals who've passed away.

Volunteers at the Townsend-Smith Hospice Foundation are working on building a hospice to serve north Halton. Currently, local residents who require hospice care have to access it outside the community.

The foundation is ex-

ploring the feasibility of building its first hospice in Milton's Chris Hadfield Park and is striving to raise \$10 million to make its vision a reality.

The candlelight ceremony is open to everyone and admission is free.

For more information visit [townsend-smith.ca](http://townsend-smith.ca).

## legal matters | ESTATES & TRUSTS

**Q: CAN I MAKE AN ESTATE PLAN WITH MY PARTNER IF WE ARE NOT MARRIED?**



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**A:** Yes. A revocable living trust can be established to allow you to specify how your assets are to be handled both during your lifetime and after your death. By transferring assets from your name as an individual to that of trustee of the trust, you avoid having the court make decisions for you should you become incapacitated or when you die.

Alter ego trusts are a tangible example of a revocable living trust. Such trusts are popular for ownership of assets that are needing protection as it reduces the likelihood your spouse would later transfer sole ownership to joint tenants with a new partner.

A joint partner trust is another example of a revocable living trust with the same qualifying criteria as an alter ego trust but it serves the interests of two settlors instead of one. Such a trust may benefit a couple (unmarried or married) who wish to transfer ownership of their assets to a trust to try prevent a future partner from seeking and obtaining property rights after death of one of the settlors.

Thinking of implementing an estate plan....call us to discuss!

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