

TO MEDIA:

CONTACT:

Tom Chakurda
Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
Excela Health
tchakurda@excelahealth.org
412-508-6816 CELL

Robin Jennings
Marketing and Communications
Excela Health
rjennings@excelahealth.org
724-516-4483 CELL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EXCELA HEALTH BEREAVEMENT TEAM RINGS IN REMEMBRANCE

Virtual New Year's Event Celebrates Life And Honors Loss

GREENSBURG, PA, Dec. 21, 2020 ... A treasured holiday tradition of Excela Health Hospice has been transformed while maintaining the reason for the annual seasonal event. Excela bereavement counselors will support families grieving the loss of a loved one who had been served by Excela Health Hospice through a virtual program that becomes available January 1 and remains accessible through January 31 on Excela Health's website by reservation.

When COVID-19 restrictions made it ill-advised to trim a remembrance tree and gather for an in-person ceremony, the Excela Health Hospice team adapted. More than 1,000 paper bells were mailed to patient families, with instructions on how to decorate and return the ornaments. Each bell has been incorporated into a presentation that will include reflections from the counselors and other uplifting remarks to help "ring in remembrance" on New Year's Day. Hospice families will be provided a link via email to access the event. Others interested in participating or learning more about how to support the work of Excela Health Home Care & Hospice can contact the Excela Health Call Center, 1-877-771-1234.