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# St. Mary fashion design students craft Hearts for Hospice

St. Mary Catholic students handcrafted projects for patients at Margaret's Place Hospice.

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Brianna Kennelly, manager of community engagement at Margaret's Place Hospice, chats with St. Mary Catholic Secondary School fashion design student Lily Dragicevic.

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By Cathie Coward Photographer

Fashion design students at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School have been busy crafting items to help improve end-of-life care at a Hamilton hospice.

In addition to pillow cases being made for patients at Margaret's Place Hospice, the students embarked on a project creating hand-sewn, palm-sized hearts called Hearts for Hospice.



Brianna Kennelly, manager of community engagement at Margaret's Place Hospice, visits with St. Mary Catholic Secondary School fashion design teacher Kathryn Newberry while picking up pillow cases made by her students at the school for the hospice's patients. As well as the pillow cases, students have been making small fabric hearts for the patients and their families.

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“When someone passes away in our care, the staff and volunteers join the family in an honour guard procession,” said Brianna Kennelly, the hospice’s manager of community engagement.





Brianna Kennelly, manager of community engagement at Margaret's Place Hospice, with St. Mary Catholic Secondary School fashion design student Lily Dragicevic.

“During this heartbreaking time, we want the family to have this handmade heart. A matching heart was placed in the hand of their loved one in their final moments of life and will continue the journey with them.”

Kennelly picked up hearts and pillow cases from the students Monday.



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