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Our Friend Jane

THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD FRIEND in final days and hours has been well documented and Jocelyn House (JHH) is known by many as a place where new and special friendships can flourish. For a resident named Jane, friendships with staff and volunteers helped to make the house at 177 Egerton Road her home.

Jane took up residence at Jocelyn House in December 2014. At seventy-four years of age and living with cancer, she walked through the front door not at all certain about what to expect. But she brought with her a well-honed sense of humour and a lifetime worth of stories and over the days, weeks and months that followed, she also brought smiles and laughter to many who came to know her.

Sr. Jo-Ann, Manager, Spiritual Care & Volunteer Services, remembers Jane as someone who enjoyed being surrounded by people and being part of the conversations and activities going on around her. She was engaging and could be counted on to share a story, whether from her favourite armchair in the living room, at the dinner table, or out on the porch in the summertime. She loved to be entertained whether with music, a good story, a movie (The Sound of Music was her favourite) or a TV show.

Jane also loved to talk about her family and was filled with joy when they would visit from near and far. Family pictures could be found on the walls and tabletops in her bedroom. A visit from any one of her children or grandchildren was special to her.

Looking her best was important and Jane looked forward to having her hair freshly washed and set. Jackie, a JHH Health Care

Aide, would often make her day a little more special by giving her a manicure and a pedicure.

Diane, a JHH volunteer, recalls getting to know Jane "over an episode of The Price is Right. When Jane invited me into her room to watch that program with her, I knew we were going to be friends – and we were." Diane spent many a Thursday morning enjoying Jane's company and listening to her reminisce about family and her childhood in rural Manitoba. "Even today, when I walk through the front door at Jocelyn House, I think of Jane and remember that wonderful giggle. We shared important moments during our visits and it was not unusual for us to laugh or shed a tear together."

Jane passed away in September 2015. "I am grateful to have met Jane," says Diane, "and to have had the opportunity to be part of her life for even a brief time. She became a friend."



DEVELOPMENT REPORT



Colleen O'Rourke,
Director of
Development

2015 WAS A YEAR OF NEW MILESTONES

as we celebrated 30 years of providing care and comfort to vulnerable Manitobans and their families in this tranquil home along the Seine River in St. Vital. It was also an important time to reach out and introduce both the history of Jocelyn House Hospice and the need for hospice care in our community to new potential corporate donors and organizations to create new funding opportunities for the future. This is a critically important aspect of our annual development program along with recognizing and expressing our gratitude to our many long term faithful donors to ensure they are reminded of the positive impact of their generosity.

The past year brought some welcome support from a number of sources, including MCSC,

Manitoba Community Services Council, who donated a total of \$15,000 which will be utilized to replace our Hospice living room furniture with the balance of \$10,000 allocated to our operating requirements. We are very grateful for this generous contribution and much needed support.

We were delighted to participate in the 100 Women Who Care Winnipeg program this past year and to be selected as the non-profit organization to receive a \$3800 donation at their September meeting. **100 Women Who Care Winnipeg** is an organization of women designed to make an immediate and direct effect on the lives of Manitobans needing support. Visit www.100womenwhocarewinnipeg.com to learn more.

Very special thanks to Southside Golf Ladies League www.southsidegolf.ca who selected Jocelyn House Hospice as one of three charities to receive a portion of the funds raised at their Ladies League Opening.

We would be grateful to all groups and organizations who are looking for a very deserving charity to support through fundraising events or activities to contact us and become part of the Jocelyn House Hospice family of support. If you have an established event or are looking for a fundraising idea for your group, please call Colleen O'Rourke at 204-253-5898 or email corourke@jocelynhouse.ca



Left to Right: Jackie Stephen, Jocelyn House Executive Director; Karen Manitowich, Jane Meagher and Laura Kwiatkowski, founders and administrators of 100 Women Who Care Winnipeg; and Colleen O'Rourke, Jocelyn House Director of Development



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Jocelyn House Founder Honoured at Legislative Assembly

ON NOVEMBER 19, 2015, Jocelyn House founder, William Hutton, his son John, and hospice staff, were invited by Hon. Nancy Allan, MLA for St. Vital to hear her Members Statement in the Legislative Assembly. Ms. Allan's kind words recognized the efforts of Mr. Hutton and his family to open western Canada's first freestanding hospice in 1985. It was a very moving and heartfelt tribute to Jocelyn House Hospice on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Thank you to Nancy Allan for her ongoing and tremendous support!



Left to Right: Doris Smith, Colleen O'Rourke, John Hutton, William Hutton, Hon. Nancy Allan, Jackie Stephen, Rose Marie Reimer and Sr. Jo-Ann Duggan

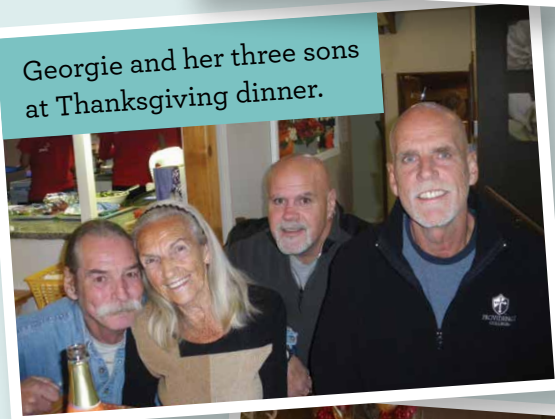


Winter at the Hospice

Joyce made and donated almost 90 toques for the homeless to Siloam Mission. ▶



Georgie and her three sons at Thanksgiving dinner.



Edmond joins in the sing along at the Christmas Tree Trimming event. ▶



◀ Margaret enjoying a visit with family.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Jackie Stephen

DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS

we have welcomed new residents, formed new relationships with family members and sadly, have had to say goodbye to some we had grown close to at Jocelyn House. We have gathered for the holidays and special occasions, created memories and celebrated life.

In September, we were honoured to attend a Gala where William Hutton, Founder of Jocelyn House, was named one of five Our Manitoba Heroes for 2015, for his tremendous contribution and dedication to our community.

On October 30th, local dignitaries and supporters, staff, volunteers, residents and family members came together at an Anniversary luncheon to celebrate 30 years of hospice care at Jocelyn House and to recognize and say thanks for the efforts of the Hutton family and the community who has supported them since 1985.

The celebrations continued on November 19th, when Nancy Allan, MLA for St. Vital recognized the 30th Anniversary of Jocelyn House along with Bill Hutton and his amazing accomplishments, with a Members Statement in the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Hutton and family and Jocelyn House staff were honoured to be invited to hear Ms. Allan's heartfelt words of appreciation for Mr. Hutton and the care we provide.

We were very excited and encouraged that a commitment was made in the Premier's Throne Speech for a partnership with Jocelyn House on a new 24-bed hospice expansion plan. We look forward to next steps as we get closer to realizing our vision for the future to expand Jocelyn House to meet the increasing need for hospice care in our community.

I have had a number of instances recently where people asked me the same question, "Isn't Jocelyn House a very sad place to work?" I had the same impression and fear before I joined this organization but the answer is a resounding, NO! One needs only spend a few minutes at the hospice to feel the warmth and to realize the positive impact it has on residents and their families. The sadness for me lies in the fact there is a severe shortage of hospice beds in our province and that so few have access to the compassionate and quality end-of-life care we all deserve.

Thank you to those individuals, foundations and businesses that generously supported our hospice in 2015 and to those who will join our Jocelyn House family this year.

Happy Spring!

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Special Events

BAND TOGETHER 2015

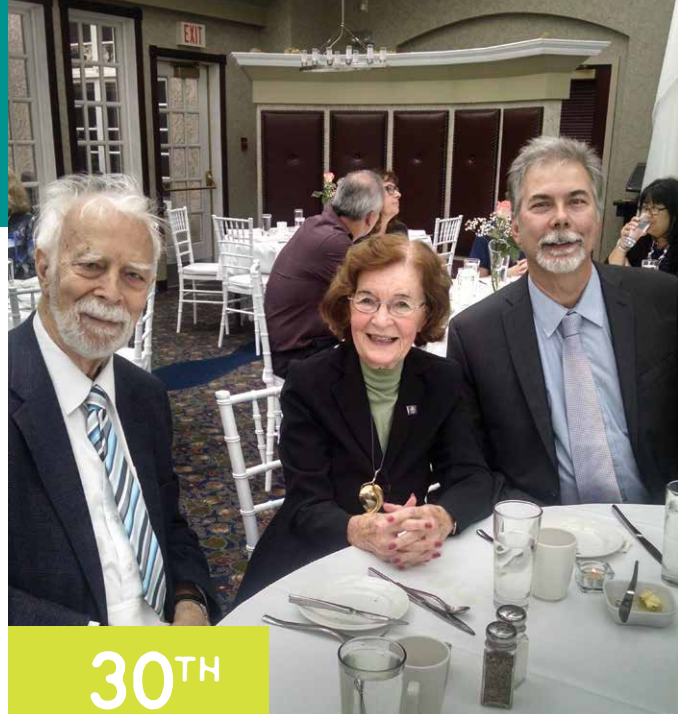
BAND TOGETHER 2015 was held October 8th and was another great fundraising success. A number of local bands and artists donated their time and talents as part of this 3rd annual event to support Jocelyn House Hospice. Thanks to Dave and Angie of POP Sports and Entertainment, our sponsors and attendees. Special thanks to Ed Gallos of

Master Roofing who provided a premium Jets ticket package during an impromptu auction during the event.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS was held at St. Vital Centre on Saturday, November 14th and realized record proceeds of just over \$4500 for Jocelyn House Hospice! This well organized event offers us an opportunity to sell tickets for our cause and participate in this annual after hours shopping extravaganza. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for assisting at the event.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



30TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Left to Right: Bill Hutton, Mrs. Wolfe and John Hutton

Thanks to all those who joined us for the **30TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON** held at the Pavillion Event Centre in Assiniboine Park on October 20th, 2015. October 20th was the exact date that Jocelyn House Hospice opened its doors to care for terminally ill men and women in 1985. We were so pleased to have Rev. William Hutton present along with his son and Jocelyn's brother, John Hutton, who shared his remembrances of his sister and the Hospice opening with the luncheon attendees. Board members from both Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Inc., and Jocelyn House Inc. were present along with local dignitaries, representatives from the WRHA, Jocelyn House Hospice staff and volunteers, long term donors and friends of the Hutton family. Also present was a current resident of Jocelyn House Hospice, Joyce, who kindly joined us to represent all residents, past, present and future.

Don't miss our popular Spring Fundraising Events

- **7th Annual Sunday Supper**, April 17th at The Gates on Roblin – Title Sponsor Johnston Group
- **2nd Annual Friends for Life Ladies Luncheon**, June 8th at the Fort Garry Hotel – Title Sponsor BMO

NEW THIS YEAR!

Purchase tickets online at www.jocelynhouse.ca

Coming Soon!

Jocelyn House Hospice
6045 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB

7th Annual Sunday Supper

Sunday, April 17, 2016
at The Gates on Roblin
6:00 pm - Reception
6:00 pm - Dinner
Tickets: \$150

Presented by JOHNSTON GROUP

2ND Annual Friends for Life Ladies' Luncheon

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The Fort Garry Hotel

IN SUPPORT OF
Jocelyn House Hospice & Misericordia Health Centre Foundation

Presented by BMO



STAFF PROFILE

Michelle Emms, LPN

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO JOCELYN HOUSE?

I previously worked as Agency LPN Nurse and had done several shifts at Jocelyn House as a replacement nurse. It took several years before I actually got a permanent position, when the staffing model changed in 2013 to add LPNs as well as Health Care Aides.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT JHH?

I see it as a different kind of nursing and we all work side by side to provide the best kind of care to our residents and their families. In addition to nursing duties, we share the daily tasks such as laundry, cooking and cleaning. It's like being at home, but with your extended family.

HOW DO YOU ADD LIFE TO THE FINAL DAYS FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

It starts with the first hello, welcoming the residents and their families during a time of big change for them. Sometimes it's the little things that mean most like just letting families know that we are there when they need an answer to a question, or someone to listen to their concerns, hand them a tissue or just give them a hug. Throughout the last 3 years of nursing at JHH, I have met a lot of special residents and amazing families that have been able to courageously share their loved ones' last days with peace and dignity.

WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR YOU OUTSIDE OF JOCELYN HOUSE?

My soulmate and I are parents to 4 children, 3 daughters and a son. I have a granddaughter, Leia and a grandson named Jackson. Things are about to get more exciting this summer as we are adding 2 new grandbabies to the family and only a month apart. I enjoy winter and summer fishing, reading, spending time with the grandkids and the family. I like to decorate for special occasions and some of my talents include quilting, painting, designing furniture, making mukluks, interior design and flower arrangements. Friends and family often wonder where I find the time and energy, and sometimes I wonder too. Nursing is my calling in life and was a request my father made to me before he passed away from cancer 11 years ago.



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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

PAULINE JOHNSON

“When I see the relief in the faces of family members and friends who come to visit, it almost brings tears to my eyes.”

I FIRST CAME TO JOCELYN HOUSE in August of 2013, when my good friend Alison moved in. She had suffered a recurrence of cancer, and sadly, a cure was not to be. The time came when she could no longer manage life at home, and by some miracle, a bed became available at Jocelyn House.

The staff and volunteers at JH cared for her as they would a member of their own family. Having compassionate, competent, and loving people around her at all times removed the fear and loneliness of being on her own. There was always a shoulder and a cup of tea, even in the darkest hours. Her every need was taken care of, whether it was physical, emotional, or spiritual.

When the end came, I was so grateful for the care and support that she had received that I decided that I would like to give back to this wonderful organization. Not gifted in the cooking department, (as my friends and family will gladly tell you!) I met with Sister Jo-Ann to see what else was needed. She suggested I put my skills as a Massage Therapist to use, and offer mini-treatments to the residents.

I have many cherished memories: former resident Bob sharing his musical choice for the day, Noreen with her many visitors chattering at the dining room table, and the wonderful community at the “family dinners” for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Jocelyn House really does feel like a home, and although the family members change from time to time, the feeling of closeness and support remains. It’s often a lively place, with knitters in the living room, bakers in the kitchen, and someone always around to put on a fresh pot of coffee.

When I see the relief in the faces of family members and friends who come to visit, it almost brings tears to my eyes. They experience the warmth of JH, and have the peace of knowing that their loved one is safe and in good hands—much as I did on that warm August day in 2013.

Thank goodness for the staff and volunteers at Jocelyn House - there really is no place like it.



At Jocelyn House Hospice, we have a very clear idea of the role we play in our residents’ lives and a vibrant vision for what our future holds...

Our Mission

To carry on the dream of Jocelyn Hutton: adding life to final days for the terminally ill, and their loved ones, by providing care and comfort in a home-like setting.

Our Vision for the Future

To enhance and expand Jocelyn House Hospice to meet the increasing needs for end-of-life care, while ensuring the mission and values on which our organization is founded are never compromised.