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Jocelyn Hutton... *an inspiration for over 30 years*

ON OCTOBER 20TH, 2015, Jocelyn House Hospice will celebrate its 30th anniversary. It was 1985 when Bill and Miriam Hutton donated their family home and founded the hospice, in honour of their daughter Jocelyn who passed away at the age of 17. Jocelyn lost her battle with cancer but during her final months, was an inspiration to others as she shared her message of acceptance, purpose and faith. Jocelyn House is the result of Jocelyn's wish to die at home, supported by her family, friends and community.

David and Lynn Pate were longtime and close friends of the Hutton family and they spent a lot of time with Jocelyn. David remembers Jocelyn as being "incredibly courageous". "She knew she was dying for quite a long time but was always upbeat whenever anyone visited her in hospital or at home."

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Jocelyn House has been home to hundreds of residents during the past 30 years and continues to provide excellence in clinical, spiritual and emotional care for residents and their family members. Jocelyn House Nurse Manager, Rose Marie Reimer described the essence of Jocelyn House, "The spirit of Jocelyn continues to inspire the life, the community and the care that takes place in this home. Jocelyn took a real interest in people and she was an advocate for the right to live one's final days with dignity. Likewise, in order to meet each individual's unique needs, the staff and volunteers of Jocelyn House learn about the residents' past, their interests, their gifts and values, and these are what direct us in planning together, for their clinical, spiritual and emotional care."

John Hutton, Jocelyn's brother was the first employee of the hospice, prior to its opening and he remembers the outpouring of support from the community. He said there were many people who shared the vision and wanted to contribute. "My parents were the founders of Jocelyn House, creating and serving on the first board, but

Jocelyn Hutton... Continued...

stepped back after the first few years to allow the organization to develop and find its own way forward.”

Jocelyn House still relies on the community for support. Volunteers contribute over 2000 hours each year, providing companionship, home-cooked meals and fresh baking, massage, pet and music therapy as well maintenance and yard work. Jocelyn House Hospice also depends on the community for financial support through donations and special events.

Thinking about Jocelyn House today, John Hutton remarked, “It’s tremendous to see how close Jocelyn House remains to the original vision after 30 years. That, and its success is due to the hard work and dedication of so many staff, volunteers and board members. Jocelyn House is also the product of those who lived the end of their lives there, bringing dignity, courage and strength to the house, as Jocelyn did herself.”



First resident, Luba.

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- JOHN HUTTON



1985 Dedication Ceremony

The Thomas Sill Foundation

WE ARE GRATEFUL to the Thomas Sill Foundation for their very generous \$15,000 grant to Jocelyn House Hospice, awarded in March 2015. These funds were allocated to the replacement of two electric beds and new recliner lift chairs for each of the resident rooms. There were many smiles to go around the day that the new equipment arrived and made a difference in the lives of our residents.

Thomas Sill lived his entire life in Winnipeg and practiced as a chartered accountant for many years. He was an astute investor who built a fortune which became the basis for the Thomas Sill Foundation. In his will, he established the foundation which bears his name. His will, a measure of his astuteness, contained only this instruction: “I have decided to create an entity for charitable purposes.”

The Thomas Sill Foundation provides capital, operating and project grants to qualified Manitoba non-profit organizations in the areas of Community Support, Health, Education, Arts and Culture Projects, Heritage, and Environment. In their most recent annual report (2013/2014) they reported a record annual grant total of \$1.6 million.

THE
THOMAS SILL
FOUNDATION
INC

One of our residents, Jane, relaxing in her new lift recliner chair.



STAFF PROFILE

**MaryAnn
Oliver**
Health Care
Aide

AFTER RETIRING AS AN RN FROM ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL, I visited Jocelyn House and was offered a job as an RN to relieve the nurse manager at that time. In 2011 when I did not renew my nursing license I decided to continue working as a casual health care aide at Jocelyn House.

I am married, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. My son and his family live in northern BC so we go to visit them once a year for several weeks. I am involved in a number of things at our seniors program in our apartment block. I volunteer at our church as the Kids Club coordinator. I also volunteer at a program for immigrants to help them learn English.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Jackie Stephen

AN ANNIVERSARY is a time for celebration and reflection. As we look back on the history of Jocelyn House, we are reminded of a young girl's strength and her courageous battle with cancer that was the impetus for Western Canada's first free standing hospice.

Jocelyn's spirit lives on in Jocelyn House and continues to provide inspiration to carry on her dream to provide quality end of life care in a home-like setting.

Over the years, there have been many residents, with many stories, providing many cherished memories. Jocelyn House is, and always has been full of life... with laughter, conversation, companionship and love. It is much more than a healthcare facility, it is a home.

This fall, as we celebrate our 30th anniversary, it will be with pride for all that has been accomplished in caring for hundreds of terminally ill residents and their families on their end of life journeys. The Boards of Jocelyn House and the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation also have a vision for the future; to enhance and expand Jocelyn House to meet the increasing need for end of life care in our community.

The need for hospice care has grown in the last 30 years and will continue to grow as the baby boomers age. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has determined that currently, there is a need for an additional 70 hospice beds in Winnipeg, where only 16 exist today; 12 at the Grace Hospice and 4 at Jocelyn House.

In April of 2015, Jocelyn House and the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba submitted a proposal to the WRHA for an expansion of Jocelyn House with a new 24 bed facility in St. Boniface. I am pleased to report that the proposal was approved in principle by the WRHA's regional operations committee for submission to the Minister of Health and then hopefully on to Treasury Board.

With any luck, we will have another reason to celebrate this fall at Jocelyn House. The expansion project will mean that more Manitobans will have access to the quality end of life hospice care that was the dream of Jocelyn Hutton and her family over 30 years ago.

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Summer *at the* Hospice

Jocelyn House residents enjoy the sun, fresh air and pampering.

Edmond enjoys the feel of the cool grass under his feet.



Looking dapper, Robert takes a swing on a sunny day.



Georgie loves to soak up the sun and read her books.



Jane gets her hair done by Health Care Aide, Jackie.

6th Annual Sunday Supper – April 19th

THE WEATHER MAY HAVE BEEN RAINY and chilly outside but inside 165 attendees felt the warmth of Spring with bright colourful displays of lovely daisies and touches of yellow and green in the Gates on Roblin event centre. Delicious food and wine, great surprise bags, and live auction all added up to a great event. Thank you to our many generous donors, sponsors, and supporters for making this year's Sunday Supper the best ever, with \$53,000 raised in support of Jocelyn House Hospice.

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Join us for the 7th Annual Sunday Supper Sunday **April 17, 2016** at The Gates on Roblin.

Friends for Life Ladies Luncheon – June 18th

MISERICORDIA HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION and Jocelyn House Hospice came together in friendship and our mutual commitment to provide dignity, comfort and meaning to individuals and families entering into end of life care in our community. 220 women joined us on this journey and enjoyed delicious food, beautiful surroundings, the chance to win a fabulous \$5000 raffle basket packed with prizes, and thought-provoking and inspiring stories of love and friendship.

Thank you to our generous Table Sponsors:

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Please join us for the second annual Friends for Life Ladies Luncheon - Wednesday **June 8, 2016** at The Fort Garry Hotel!

If you would like to make a difference, organize a club or employee fundraising event or donation, please contact Colleen O'Rourke, Director of Development at the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation: (204) 253-5898 or email corourke@jocelynhouse.ca



Thank You PAMELA STANTON

PAMELA IS A VALUED PART TIME LPN at Jocelyn House Hospice. In addition to working occasional weekend overnight shifts, Pamela attends and supports our fundraising events. She was recently honoured by her full time employer, the Royal Canadian Mint, with their 2014 Volunteer and Community Involvement Award. As part of this recognition, Pamela received a \$2000

cash award to be donated to the charity of her choice and chose Jocelyn House Hospice which she calls "Heaven's Waiting Room". In accordance with Pam's wishes we used these funds to benefit our residents in a permanent manner and purchased a new upgraded electronic call system. We are very grateful for the generosity of supporters like Pamela Stanton and the Royal Canadian Mint.

Pictured (left to right): Lisa Gasper, Senior Manager Human Resources, Royal Canadian Mint; Pamela Stanton; Rose Marie Reimer, Nurse Manager, Jocelyn House Hospice.



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CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF
JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE

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INVASION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

BRENLEY TOFFAN

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Why did you choose to become a volunteer at Jocelyn House?

I wanted to find a setting reminiscent of my first experience with a hospice when my Grama was in palliative care, and Jocelyn House had that familiar and caring atmosphere I was looking for.

What are some of your memorable occasions at Jocelyn House Hospice?

Firstly, getting to know the nurses each shift. Most of my time at JH was spent on the Saturday morning shift which, especially through the winter months, could be very quiet. There were many occasions where I was able to learn about the nurse's experiences in the hospice and then compare with my own. For the same reason I also learned to bake which is more gratifying than I imagined as some cookies were specially requested by residents. It makes me happy to know that if they could, they would make those cookies, but since they are unable, I can fulfill that wish. And of course my most memorable moments are talking to residents, sharing stories, and miraculously finding many things we have in common. Sometimes a simple hug from a resident makes me so eager to return for more chats and laughter.

How have you "added life to final days" with our residents?

I think the best way I can add life to the final days of a resident is by prompting and letting them talk about their lives. Telling me stories of old pets, family gatherings, favourite movies or showing me pictures, puts a twinkle in their eyes. I also find laughter is the best medicine which is why I joke around with the residents.

Besides volunteering, I have two main passions in my life. I coach gymnastics at Springers, gymnastics being a huge part of my life for 14 years. And my main focus would be school. I will be starting in the Radiation Therapy joint program with U of W and CancerCare Manitoba this fall (well I've actually already started some of the summer prep work). Similar to my involvement with JH, Radiation Therapy offers the patient care I long for while using components of science like physics, human anatomy, and psychology. I couldn't be happier to experience all three of my passions this year!



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.