

Adding life to final days

# Because people die here.

## SPRING 2015 🔊

# Jim's Gift to Jocelyn House

#### In the last 30 years, many people have called Jocelyn House, home.

Each has been a cherished member of our community, remaining true to themselves in their last days. Just as Jocelyn House has added life to their days, some like Jim, have added life to Jocelyn House.

Jim came to Jocelyn House Hospice in the early fall, determined to fend for himself as long as his health allowed. As sometimes happens, Jim's health improved after a short time at the hospice and he found the energy to reach out to others.

A former chef on Via Rail, Jim liked to be in the kitchen, making lunches and sharing his skills and creations. Inspired by the story of Morley, a former resident who loved to walk the neighborhood, Jim decided he too would get to know the neighbors and began walking the streets near Jocelyn House. He enjoyed outings with his friends to play pool and became the hospice 'card shark', with crib being his game of choice. At the Band Together concert in October, he took to the floor dancing with his daughter during a particularly

rousing rendition of a hit from the past. He enjoyed the company of others and fully embraced the essence of life at Jocelyn House, living each day fully.

Jim commented one day to Jackie, the Executive Director that he was not really sleeping well. Thinking this might be due to his illness, Jackie suggested he speak with the nurse who might provide some medications to help him sleep.

"That's not the problem," said Jim. "It's the mattress. It's terrible." From the different corners of the house, other residents and staff echoed Jim's complaint and agreed the mattresses were uncomfortable.

Clearly new mattresses must be found thought Jackie, but how was Jocelyn House going to manage this unforeseen need.

"Have faith," said Sr. Jo-Ann, Manager, Spiritual Care & Volunteer Services. "Something will turn up."

A few hours later, Father Phil of St. Timothy's parish came to visit Jim. During their conversation Father Phil asked Jim if there was anything he could do for him. Jim didn't miss a beat, and immediately replied, "I'd like St. Timothy's to buy new mattresses for Jocelyn House."

Before the end of the day, Father Phil returned to Jocelyn House with an anonymous donation to cover the cost of four new mattresses.

Within days, each resident had a comfortable new mattress and Jim was able to sleep more peacefully in the weeks before his death in November.

Jim's incredible spirit and love for life are well remembered by relatives and friends. Recently, his colleagues at Via Rail honoured his life and memory with a donation to Jocelyn House.

Jim's time at Jocelyn House was brief. His thoughtfulness brought comfortable mattresses, and more importantly his life brought laughter, joy and comfort to the residents of Jocelyn House.

## Executive Director's Report



I am inspired everyday by the actions, sentiments and compassion of those who are dedicated to Jocelyn House. Employees are not merely caregivers, but trustworthy and knowledgeable companions to hospice residents and their families. Together with assistance from a team of

committed volunteers, employees meet and often exceed the needs of residents as they tend to the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of those entrusted to our care.

We are very thankful to our loyal donors who support Jocelyn House's vision and purpose through generous contributions. Their gifts often arrive with a personal note that expresses their gratitude for the care we provide. Some have been directly affected by Jocelyn House. Others are from people who wished their loved ones could have spent time in our hospice during their final days.

Seeing firsthand the difference we are making for residents and the peace of mind it gives to family members, inspires the team at Jocelyn House to do everything we can to add life to final days.

This year, as we celebrate 30 years of hospice care at Jocelyn House, we remember those we have met and cared for, and who gave us so much in return. Memories of moments shared with our residents are plentiful and cherished. The essence of Jocelyn House is the sense of community created by the kind gestures of many, who understand the positive impact of quality hospice care.

We are inspired and dedicated to exploring ways to expand Jocelyn House to provide hospice care for more terminally ill patients in our community. We will keep you posted on the latest developments in our Fall newsletter, or feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Jackie Stephen 204-253-5898 jstephen@ jocelynhouse.ca

## Welcome Colleen

We are delighted to welcome Colleen O'Rourke to the newly created position of Director of Development for the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation.

Colleen brings a diverse and extensive background in business development, strategic planning, marketing, and special event planning to her new role. She will be working closely with the Foundation Board and the Executive Director to raise Jocelyn House Hospice's profile, and achieve the Foundation's fundraising goals and objectives to ensure the hospice remains accessible to many.

"I am honoured to have been given this opportunity and am deeply committed to the wonderful work being done here for the terminally ill and their loved ones" Colleen stated.

She understands the sorrow that is part of the end of life journey and is deeply motivated by Jocelyn Hutton's legacy and the contentment and comfort that adds life to final days for residents at Jocelyn House Hospice. She looks forward to making her contribution to ensure this exemplary model of care can continue for many years to come.

Contact Colleen O'Rourke at 204-253-5898 or corourke@jocelynhouse.ca













in support of Jocelyn House Hospice

# **News from the Foundation**

Fundraising has been a vital component of Jocelyn House's ability to serve the needs of hundreds of individuals and their families since it was established in 1985 as Western Canada's first free standing hospice. Throughout the years, special events and annual drives have funded everything from patient care to the necessities of daily life, special holiday events and spiritual programming.

Today, fundraising has become increasingly important to enhancing life at Jocelyn House. In January 2012, Jocelyn House Hospice recognized the importance of formalizing its fundraising practices and activities to respond to growing needs, and officially moved to incorporate the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation, signaling a new phase in its mission to carry on Jocelyn's dream to add life to final days.

Since 2012, the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation has raised \$525,000 with the generous help of individuals, community organizations, businesses, foundations and special interest groups who believe in the value of hospice. All funds raised are granted to daily operations and special programs for residents of Jocelyn House Hospice. In addition to providing food, heat, light, and the usual necessities of life, donations make it possible to recruit and train volunteers and to offer skilled and professional spiritual support to residents and their families as they embark on their final days together.

The Foundation's work is never done as the needs of residents and the house itself are ongoing. As Jocelyn House Hospice imagines how it might expand its special brand of life lived fully, the role of the Foundation and its supporters will be even more important. The Jocelyn Hutton Foundation is eager to partner with individuals and organizations interested in making it possible for people to live their final days in comfort, with dignity, and surrounded by love.



## **Volunteer Profile:** The Handy Men of Jocelyn House Hospice

Priends for Life

LADIES' LUNCHEON

June 18, 2015 12:00 noon Fort Garry Hotel

in support of Jocelyn House Hospice & MHC Foundation

We believe in each other's story. We believe in your stories. We believe that the gift and power of friendship absolutely changes every one of our days and each of our lives – for life!

Misericordia Health Centre Foundation and Jocelyn House Hospice joyfully come together in friendship and our commitment to provide dignity, comfort and meaning to individuals and families entering into end of life care in our community.

We invite you to join us on this journey.

Please join us at our *Friends for Life* Luncheon. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy some scrumptious food and wine. All in support of a very special cause.

## Tickets \$75 each. Corporate Table \$1000 (table of 10)

RSVP and tickets call: **204.788.8469** or email: **vmirosh@misericordia.mb.ca** 

www.misericordiafoundation.com/ladiesluncheon

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#### LEONARD GIRARDIN

Jocelyn House Hospice has been honored to have Leonard Girardin as a volunteer hands-on maintenance man since 1998. Leonard contributed over 2300 hours of volunteer services before gracefully retiring recently due to health challenges, and the simple passage of time. A caring compassionate and

skilled person, Leonard was always available to respond to urgent house repairs or to spruce up the grounds. Jocelyn House staff, residents and volunteers look forward to his visits, his gentle smile and caring spirit.

Thank you Leonard for your commitment to the dream of Jocelyn Hutton.



#### FRANK KRIZ

Since 2011 Frank Kriz has been our faithful evening and weekend volunteer guardian. A wonderful neighbour, he checks in to ensure the staff and residents are safe and sound in Jocelyn House Hospice.

A recently retired electric technician from Manitoba Hydro, Frank brings

a wealth of knowledge and experience to support Jocelyn House's operational needs. Frank's care and compassion for the residents are evident in his visits. Thank you Frank, for keeping a "neighborhood watch" for us on Egerton Road.



#### **KEN PEDDIE**

In April 2014 we welcomed our newest volunteer, Ken Peddie, to support the maintenance needs of the house and yard. Ken comes to Jocelyn House as a skilled and talented "handy man" with 17 years of experience as a pilot for WASAYA Airways, flying to the very remote northern communities. In his own quiet but present manner, Ken

comes prepared on Wednesdays to tackle the weekly "to do list". Ken is very methodical and committed "to keep Jocelyn House in good repair." He believes we must "keep doing what we are doing...this is a wonderful atmosphere for the residents."

Thank you Ken, for keeping Jocelyn House Hospice in ship shape condition!



## Join our Monthly Donor Program

Did you know you can send your gifts throughout the year using the monthly donor program instead of writing a series of cheques? This program allows you to make monthly installments with ease. If you would like to learn more about the monthly donor program, please phone us at (204) 253-5895 or email Jocelyn House at inquiries@jocelynhouse.ca



### JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE

## **Jocelyn House Hospice**

# Annual SUNDAY SUPPER

## Sunday, April 19, 2015

at The Gates on Roblin 6945 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB

> 5:30 pm - Reception 6:00 pm - Dinner

> > Tickets: \$150

PRESENTED BY JohnstonGroup

For more information, please call (204) 253-5898 or email corourke@jocelynhouse.ca

# Commitment to Giving

Long-time donor Katherine Klassen was captivated by the story of Jocelyn Hutton and the work of Jocelyn House Hospice twelve years ago. In the years since, inspired and touched by the experience of friends who came to live their last days at Jocelyn House Hospice, Katherine has remained a generous and faithful donor. The kind and considerate support of people like Katherine and others, helps Jocelyn House Hospice continue its mission of providing care and comfort to the terminally ill and their loved ones in a peaceful home-like setting.



## A Great Train Robbery for Hospice



## JHH Loves BMO

"We love Jocelyn House...when we opened it was a no brainer to have them as our pet charity. They are in our area and the services they provide are so wonderful. I just wish we could do more."

- Stu Eckert, Branch Manager, BMO St. Vital

An example of great corporate citizenship, BMO St. Vital gives back to the community by supporting a non-profit organization in the neighbourhood they serve.

Before the new BMO Bank of Montreal location across from St. Vital Centre opened in the fall of 2014, the Branch Manager announced it had adopted Jocelyn House Hospice as their charity of choice.

At the branch's grand opening September 2nd, 2014, Manager Stu Eckert presented Jocelyn House Hospice's Executive Director, Jackie Stephen with a \$5000 donation. Since then BMO employees have organized other fundraising efforts in support of the hospice, including a bake sale and the sale of their Angels for Hospice during the holiday season.

From all of us at Jocelyn House, thank you BMO St. Vital for your generous support!



(I-r) The Prairie Dog Central's 2014 Great Train Robbery event raised \$6507.64 for Jocelyn House. Jocelyn House Hospice's Sister Jo-Ann Duggan and Rose Marie Reimer accept a cheque from the Prairie Dog Central Railway's Director Bryan Harmer and Marketing Manager Catherine Duffinger at the Vintage Locomotive Society's Annual Awards Banquet.

## Thank You Club 373!

On January 14th, Colleen O'Rourke, Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Director of Development, accepted a generous donation from Club 373.

Established in 1959 by a group of men belonging to the Canadian Order of Forester, Court St. John 373, Club 373 was incorporated as a non-profit organization to support charities and communitybased initiatives. Its main fundraising activity is a thrice weekly bingo, held every week of the year. Thanks to the active involvement of Bingo participants, organizers and volunteers, Club 373 is able to make 2 donations every month from the profits, supporting more than two dozen organizations on an annual rotating basis. Jocelyn House Hospice is grateful to be a recipient of Club 373's generosity.

## Jocelyn House Hospice Launches New Website!

Visit our new interactive website for up to date information about Jocelyn House activities, events and more. Sign up for newsletters, hear about donation opportunities and find out how you can support the mission of Jocelyn House Hospice.

### www.jocelynhouse.ca

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## **Shopping for Charity**

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to the 2014 **Behind Closed Doors** after hours shopping event at St. Vital Centre on November 15th. As one of the participating charities, Jocelyn House Hospice received \$3208!

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## **Board of Directors 2015**

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## Your Gift TODAY will add Life to Final Days

YES, I would like to help Jocelyn House with a gift of: 🗅 \$50.00 🗅 \$100.00 🗅 \$150.00 🗅 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## Help celebrate 30 years of hospice care at Jocelyn House!

With the help of family, friends, club members or co-workers you can make a difference to the lives of those who come to Jocelyn House Hospice by hosting a third party event.

#### The possibilities are endless...

Interested? Need help with an idea?

- 50/50 Ticket Sales
- Plant Sale
- Car Rally
- Golf Tournament
- Bingo Bowling

### Pool Tournament

- Garage Sale
- Jewellery Party
- Team Fitness Challenge
- Bake Sale

#### • Donation instead of Secret Santa

- Blue Jean Donation Day
- Bingo
- Donate a Dollar Event

We would love to help you with suggestions for fundraising ideas and events. Have fun and reap the benefits of knowing your efforts have made a difference and helped such a deserving cause.

Call us at 204-253-5898 or email corourke@jocelynhouse.ca



## **BAND TOGETHER**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Band Together concert featuring the Songs of Motown, Soul, R&B was held on October 9th at the Park Theatre to mark World Hospice Day. The event attracted more than 200 guests, featured 30 local musicians who donated their time and talent and raised \$8000 in support of Jocelyn House.

Thank you to all those who made this evening a success.

#### **Band Together Sponsors:**

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## **MISSION & VISION**

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.