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Celebrating Milestones at Jocelyn House Hospice

MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK OF 63 AS A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY but for Elizabeth Wotton it was exactly that! Before she moved to Jocelyn House Hospice Elizabeth was told that she would not live to celebrate her 63rd birthday on December 29, 2019 and that date became very important to her.

Elizabeth was diagnosed with cancer in 2008 and was scared that it would stop her from doing all the things she loved. However, she was determined not to let that happen and she continued to embrace life head on as she always had.

Elizabeth came to live at Jocelyn House on August 13, 2019. When she arrived she had many of the familiar items you would expect as one moves into a new home although some of her belongings are not things we typically see at Jocelyn House. She brought her bike, her sewing machine and her craft supplies and we knew immediately that Elizabeth would embrace everything that we had to offer and continue to live each moment of her life fully, and she sure did!!

Elizabeth was a generous, energetic and outgoing woman who loved people and animals of all kinds. She enjoyed volunteering at St. Leon's Garden Centre, making pencil cases for CHKV (Canadians Helping Kids in Vietnam), sewing bibs and pillow cases to donate to Children's Hospital and creating blankets and chew toys for the Winnipeg Humane Society. She loved music and nature and was a proud member of Margaret's Choir and the Manitoba Naturalists. Elizabeth certainly wasn't going to let her illness and a change of address dampen her enthusiasm for all of those activities!

Elizabeth was happiest when family and friends dropped in to visit. Crafting, games of Yahtzee, working on a thousand piece puzzle or sharing some sweet treats

were some of her favourite activities in her new home. She loved to go on outings and often convinced visitors and volunteers to join her for a walk around the neighbourhood or take her down the road to St. Leon's or a local thrift shop to source materials for her projects. During the Christmas season, Elizabeth recruited anyone who entered the hospice to help her decorate three gingerbread houses to put on the fireplace mantle.



Elizabeth surrounded by fellow members of Margaret's choir at our Evening of Christmas Carols

Celebrating Milestones at Jocelyn House Hospice Continued...

In December, Elizabeth invited members of her choir to perform an Evening of Christmas Carols and loved every moment. Before she went to bed that night she said, "I love doing what I do and I'm so happy that I can keep doing it here."

You can imagine Elizabeth's delight as we welcomed her family and friends to Jocelyn House to celebrate her 63rd birthday. The milestone occasion was marked exactly as she hoped; in her home decorated with balloons and filled with people she cared about, enjoying a meal of pizza, salads, cake and berries! As her health declined in the weeks that followed, she continued to be surrounded by all of the love and friendship she so openly shared during her life.

As we celebrate 35 years of Jocelyn House Hospice, Elizabeth and the life she lived at JHH until her death on February 5, 2020 is a perfect example of how we Add Life to Final Days.

We gratefully acknowledge these generous donors of \$1000+:

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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Jacqueline Bouvier

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE ROLES at Jocelyn House Hospice is the opportunity to share our mission and stories with community organizations, corporations, groups or at events. Following each presentation audience members or guests share their connections to our hospice. I am in awe of the vast number of people whose lives have been impacted by Jocelyn House Hospice over the last 35 years. They include many individuals who had a family member/friend live at Jocelyn House Hospice, knew Jocelyn and are moved by her legacy or live in the neighbourhood and admire the generosity of the Hutton family in creating the hospice. I love to hear those stories!! However what moves me the most are the

people who share a story of a loved one who wasn't able to live their final days somewhere like Jocelyn House. Usually with tear filled eyes, they thank me for what we do and how we do it because they truly understand the value of being able to live fully until you die. I receive that gratitude on behalf of each of you, our donors and supporters!

We have been a part of our local community for 35 years and we truly appreciate the support and the ability to connect with our neighbours! I would like to thank **Red River Co-op** (*Cakes for a Cause*), **St. Timothy Chapter of the Knights of Columbus** (*Pancake Breakfasts*), **Maranatha Church** (*Women's Wellness Day*) and **First Unitarian Universalist Church** (*Share*

the Plate) for the opportunity to join your communities, share stories of what we do and learn the effect hospice and palliative care has had on your members.

The ways to support quality end-of-life care are as diverse as the people who have called Jocelyn House Hospice home. If you have a JHH story you would like to share or have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact me at **jbouvier@jocelynhouse.ca** or **204-799-6130**.

With gratitude,

Jacqueline Bouvier
Manager of Volunteers,
Spiritual Care
and Development



Become A Monthly Donor

\$35 to Celebrate 35 years

Sign up in March and your donation will have **2X** the impact!!

Join **Jocelyn House Hospice** and **Craig & Ross, Chartered Professional Accountants** in celebrating 35 years of Adding Life to Final Days by becoming a monthly donor!

Here's how it works:

- Visit our website at www.jocelynhouse.ca or call 204-253-5898 and become a monthly donor of \$35 in honour of our 35th Anniversary.
- Your monthly donation will be matched by the generosity of **Craig & Ross, Chartered Professional Accountants** in the annual amount; when you sign up to donate \$35/month, they will make a donation of \$420!!

There are numerous reasons why supporting end-of-life care is important; each as unique and individual as the residents who have called Jocelyn House Hospice home over the last 35 years.

No monthly donation is too small; collectively we make a big difference.



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location). Donate a Car Canada will look after all the details to make it easy for Jocelyn House Hospice to benefit from your generosity. After your vehicle donation is complete, Jocelyn House Hospice will send you a tax receipt and will put your gift to good use, adding life to final days. For more information please contact Jacqueline at 204-799-6130.

Don't miss our Spring Fundraising Events

- 11th Annual Sunday Supper, April 19th at The Millennium Centre
- 5th Annual Friends for Life Luncheon, June 18th at the Fort Garry Hotel.

Coming Soon!

IN SUPPORT OF JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE | CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

The 11th Annual
Sunday SUPPER

Sunday, April 19, 2020
RECEPTION - 5 PM
DINNER - 6 PM

PRESENTED BY **Johnston group**

TICKETS: \$150

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

IN SUPPORT OF JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

5TH ANNUAL
Friends for Life LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

The Fort Garry Hotel
TICKETS: \$75

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

Tickets can be purchased online at www.jocelynhouse.ca or at 204-253-5898



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Jackie Stephen

THIS YEAR marks the 35th anniversary of Jocelyn House Hospice and as we celebrate, we remember the names and faces of the hundreds of terminally ill patients who have called our hospice, home. Each brought their own unique qualities and left a lasting impression on our staff and volunteers who had the privilege to know and care for them. As I recall some of our residents, I experience a range of emotions; awe and admiration, in remembering how so many battled courageously to live life to the fullest, for as long as they could, and joy, as I recall how humour has always been a constant and the everyday sounds of laughter. Sadness and sympathy are also emotions I experience, but mostly for the friends and family that the residents left behind. The hospice is not a sad place, it is warm and inviting, and filled with activity and lively conversation. After all, for our residents, dying occurs on one day, the rest of the time is living.

We are very proud of the work that's been done over the past 35 years and the many lives we've touched and enhanced. As

a small non-profit however, we face a number of challenges. The greatest challenge at the hospice is funding. We receive government funding that only partially covers our operating expenses, therefore leaving us with a reliance on donations from the community and proceeds from our fundraising events. Another big challenge for us is the size of our team – we are few, but mighty and work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to provide this invaluable service for our residents.

Overseeing our organization, we have two Boards; Jocelyn House Inc. and the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Board. Each is made up of dedicated members whose expertise and commitments, valuably support our operation. We currently have openings on the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Board and are looking for individuals with strong community connections, who are interested in assisting us with our fundraising efforts. Please contact me at (204) 253-5898 or at jstephen@jocelynhouse.ca if you would like more information about joining our Board.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Jocelyn House and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020. We look forward to some exciting events this year, in celebration of 35 years of hospice care.



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Becky Parkes

Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Board Member

When I was approached to join the Board of the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation by the Executive Director, Jackie Stephen, I wasn't really aware of what Jocelyn House Hospice was. Now that I know what they offer to the residents and their families I am happy to help in any way I can.

For most of my life I had never had many people around me become ill or die. However, in the last five years or so I have had too many. They were all able to be at home and surrounded by the love of family and friends. That is a very special gift not given to everyone. That is why **Jocelyn House Hospice has become so important to me!**

One of my favourite memories of my time at Jocelyn House Hospice is when they celebrated Folklorama by having a cooking series over the summer offering food from different countries and enjoying the meals together. I was invited to participate and I researched my task and helped cook and prepare the food. I love to cook and eating family style is such a great way to enjoy a meal!

Become a Board Member - Make a Difference!

IT IS OUR MISSION AT JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE 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. **Jocelyn House Hospice's ability to realize its mission and vision of care is actively supported through the fundraising efforts of the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation.**

We are now accepting applications from individuals interested in joining the **Jocelyn Hutton Foundation** Board of Directors. If interested, please contact our Executive Director, Jackie Stephen at jstephen@jocelynhouse.ca.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Jocelyn House Hospice; together we add life to final days.





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STAFF PROFILE

KIM WIEBE

Hospice Care
Worker

I HAVE BEEN WORKING at Jocelyn House Hospice for one year and working in hospice care has been life changing for me! I am honoured to work with such courageous people in a house that is cozy, friendly and full of love! Jocelyn House Hospice is a gem!

The people who live within the walls of this home bring out the best in me. I cherish the moments when we laugh and when we cry and adore that Jocelyn House Hospice is so full of life.

In my spare time I enjoy tending to my plants and baking; I bring my passion for these pastimes to work too! I have a green thumb and I love my plants and I can tell they love me in return. My favourite things to bake for our residents are pumpkin cookies and date squares and I believe the residents can tell they are made with love!

Working at Jocelyn House Hospice doesn't feel like work to me, it is a privilege to be here. I come to serve the residents and enjoy my time with them. The feeling of love is so evident at 177 Egerton Road; what a blessing!

Please remember Jocelyn House Hospice in your Will. Choosing to leave a legacy brings meaning, dignity and purpose to a life well lived. Your gift is your opportunity to participate in community charitable work and enable worthy causes such as Jocelyn House Hospice to be well supported now and long after you have gone. Personal philanthropy through leaving a gift in your Will can be an additional way to ensure that your memory lives on.



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Thank you for your support of our fundraising events

Band Together | OCTOBER 24

supporters enjoyed songs from the 80's, 90's and Whatever at Band Together, in support of Jocelyn House Hospice. Talented local musicians Casati, Dan Deeds, Double the Trouble, Encore, Jennifer Hanson, Curtis Newton, Pushing Daisies and Those Guys donated their time to entertain our guests with an amazing show!

A huge round of applause goes out to our supporters and sponsors: Emcee Beau & 99.9 Bob FM, The Bob Williams Foundation, City Councillor Brian Mayes, Never Alone Foundation, POP Entertainment & Management, Tache Pharmacy, Terracon Development Ltd., Teshmont Consultants LP and WOW! Hospitality Concepts Inc.

Mark your calendars and don't miss the 2020 Band Together Concert on Thursday, October 15!



Garage Sale | ON THE WETTEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR

Jocelyn House Hospice held its first ever Garage Sale. The community supported us with an incredible amount of items and we are sincerely grateful to Globe Moving for generously moving all of the donations from the collection depot to the Garage Sale site. When the rain wouldn't stop and we thought we might have to cancel, our event partner Sunrex Management Ltd. stepped in and provided two indoor spaces and we can't thank them enough! The event would not have been possible without the support of WOW! Hospitality Concepts Inc. who provided the space for our collection depot. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for their enthusiastic dedication to ensure the Garage Sale was a success!



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.