



Fall 2021

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Because people ~~die~~ here.

A good place to be

Pat MacKay has known about Jocelyn House for over 30 years but never imagined it would become her Mom Eileen's home. As the Patient Assistance Coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society in the early 90's Pat would arrange rides for Jocelyn House residents to appointments. At that time she was struck by the story of the Hutton family and how they turned the tragic death of their daughter into a loving and gracious gift to their community.

One of Eileen and Pat's favourite ways to spend a day together is an outing to a casino. In March 2020 they had a day at the casino planned however the Coronavirus cancelled their plans. The pandemic and subsequent restrictions have impacted both their lives ever since.

After a fall and stay in the hospital it became evident that Eileen would not be able to return home, the Palliative Care Coordinator suggested Jocelyn House Hospice as an option. Pat was thrilled; she knew right away that it was where her Mom belonged. As a volunteer at CancerCare, Deer Lodge and Tuxedo Villa for many years Eileen has always cared for others, this would be an opportunity for her to be well cared for.

Before Eileen's move to Jocelyn House, Pat and her sister would phone their Mom multiple times a day to check in to ensure she was okay. If the phone was unanswered fear and panic would set in as Pat wondered if her Mom was alright. Since the move the daily check-in phone calls have been a hard habit for Pat to break. Now when the phone is unanswered it brings a smile to Pat's face knowing that means her Mom is not in her room; instead visiting with her housemates, encouraging staff to help her with a puzzle or sitting outside in the beautiful yard.

Eileen's move to Jocelyn House has been positive for both mother and daughter. Eileen appreciates the ways that she can continue to be independent by having input on the menu, where she eats her meals and control over her daily schedule. She feels safe knowing the staff is there 24 hours



a day to help her when she needs it. In some ways Eileen's move to Jocelyn House has been even more impactful on Pat, who has been able to relinquish the role of caregiver and enjoy being Eileen's daughter again. After a few years of sleepless nights of worry, both Eileen and Pat can finally sleep peacefully knowing that the staff at Jocelyn House is right there to provide compassionate care.

With restrictions easing Pat often comes by the hospice in the afternoon to have an outdoor visit with her Mom on the picturesque back deck. As they discuss living at Jocelyn House Eileen smiles and softly says "Jocelyn House is a good place to be." Pat shares, "When I was told my Mom could move here I held my breath and crossed my fingers. I can't believe my wish came true!" Even the mask Pat was wearing couldn't cover her enthusiasm and gratitude for her Mom's new home.

Pat and Eileen didn't get their trip to the casino, but Eileen's move into Jocelyn House makes them both feel like they've won the lottery!

The Men of Jocelyn House Hospice

Volunteers have been an integral part of the team at Jocelyn House Hospice since its inception. Over the years volunteers have cooked, baked, sewed, painted, planted, fixed, listened and so much more! In March of 2020, due to the pandemic and the resulting public health restrictions, volunteer activity was suspended within the hospice and has not yet resumed.

However, not even a pandemic could stop the men of Jocelyn House from looking after the place that's come to mean so much to them.

One of our neighbours, Frank, has been a steadfast supporter and volunteer at the hospice for 18 years. During the last 18 months he has continued to stop by regularly to check

on the property, take out our garbage and fill the birdfeeders outside the resident windows. Frank provides birdseed to ensure that our residents are graced with the sights and sounds of feathered visitors at their windows.

Hans, who was a regular "chef" with his friend Arnie before the restrictions, immediately pivoted and said, "I'm available

for whatever Jocelyn House needs". We have taken him up on his offer and he has washed windows, dealt with wasp nests, completed some repair work outside and cleaned up and cut branches after storms. Hans was a recipient of a Manitoba 150 Volunteer Award and chose Jocelyn House as the charity to receive the grant associated with the award.

Almost every Wednesday morning for 8 years volunteer Ken has arrived at the hospice ready to work. Over the years he has not only cared for the building, he has also brought a calm and gentle presence while he interacted with the residents as he worked in their home. He provides regular preventative maintenance on everything in the hospice, fixes things when they break and replaces them when they aren't fixable. With the restrictions, Ken has continued to support us by working to repair items outside and safely entering the hospice when an emergency repair needed to be done.



FROM LEFT Frank Kriz, Hans Lodewyks, and Ken Peddie

OPPOSITE PAGE (FROM LEFT) Richard Miller and Roger Bouvier

Thank you to Red River Co-op for their ongoing support. Our Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care and Development, Jacqueline, is pictured with staff from our local store on Vermillion.



Thank you!



Summer at the Hospice



For over 14 years “chef” Richard has been preparing supper a couple of times every week. Upon arrival at Jocelyn House, one of the first things that their housemates share with new residents is a description of the delicious meals created by “chef” Richard. When Covid kept him out of the kitchen, Richard suggested that he could BBQ outside; we gratefully took him up on his offer and he has created meals in the blazing sun, on cold windy days and even in the rain. When thanked he simply replies, “Anything for Jocelyn House!”

We are so very grateful to each of these men for their ongoing dedication to Jocelyn House and their commitment to our mission. We are excited to welcome back the rest of our volunteers in the near future.



The yard at Jocelyn House is a reflection of the serene environment inside. Volunteer Roger ensures that the grass on the large property is always nicely cut, right down to the river, so that residents and visitors can enjoy the yard. Roger cuts all the grass with a push mower, power walking up and down the property for about 3 hours to get it all done. Sometimes residents will sit in the sunroom to watch him care for their yard and always have the same observation, “look at him go!”

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OPPOSITE PAGE Our sunroom is the perfect place for residents to spend a sunny afternoon

LEFT Even the wildlife stopped by for a window visit during the pandemic

MIDDLE Eileen exploring her new neighbourhood

BELOW HCW Pat and Chessie play catch on a warm day





Summer is also barbecue season at Jocelyn House when volunteers show off their culinary skills to create very pleasing tastes and aromas from the grill. Residents often sit on the deck above the barbecue patio to get a close-up view of the action and a chance to visit and chat with Richard and our other “chefs”. Some of the favourites include beer can chicken, burgers, hotdogs and steak.

The comfortable screened porch is a favourite spot for residents to enjoy lunch, each other’s company, puzzles or an afternoon nap.

As special as this beautiful summer has been, we now look forward to autumn and the colourful changes that will occur outside Jocelyn House. We are hopeful as I’m sure all of you are, that the new season will bring a happy and healthy outlook for our community and loved ones.

Thank you for all you do throughout the seasons to support our residents and the work we do.

Take care!

Jackie Stephen
Executive Director

Executive Director Report

Summer at the hospice is always a special time, for this special place. The majestic and mature trees can be seen from every hospice window and provide endless entertainment as residents can view many species of wildlife in and around them. Birds sing and chirp as they flit from branch to branch and the red and grey squirrels are tireless in their constant quest to find food and nesting

materials. White-tailed deer are frequent visitors as well as rabbits, geese, ducks and sometimes beavers and even foxes.

Jocelyn House sits on the bank of the Seine River and as well as being a wildlife habitat, the river is enjoyed by a number of kayak and canoe paddlers.

The green grass and beautiful flowers provide

a picturesque backdrop for those who sit on the patio, swing or the deck to enjoy the sunshine, cool breezes and tranquility. Our little garden provides fresh tomatoes and peppers for the residents to enjoy. Egerton Road in Winnipeg’s Old St. Vital area is a lovely street for a walk where you’re sure to encounter many of our friendly and supportive neighbours.

Development Report

As I sit and write this we are on the eve of the loosening of restrictions due to Covid-19. I am excited to start planning the activities I will do and the people I will gather with. However my excitement is dampened by the knowledge that for the residents of Jocelyn House the future is not mapped out with milestones and rewards.

I feel honoured to have served Jocelyn House as a volunteer and board member before accepting the position with the long title; Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care and Development. Each role I’ve held within this special organization has given me a unique perspective on the valuable service we provide to our community.

Over the last eight years I have been inspired by our residents, the family and friends who love them, the staff who care for them and the volunteers who serve them. Each day I hear stories of the lives they have lived, observe compassion in action and learn from wisdom of others. I think we have all learned a lot of valuable lessons since the Coronavirus came into our lives, about the value of family, friendship, community and most of all, how precious time is!

It is my hope as things open up and we return to “normal” that we don’t lose sight of these important lessons.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you, our donors; your donations have allowed us to continue to provide quality end-of-life care during the most challenging of times. Over the last 18 months I’ve had the privilege to continue to interact with our residents and their loved ones and words can’t adequately express their gratitude for your support of Jocelyn House Hospice.

So I ask you to keep us in your thoughts as you return to doing the things you love. Please consider making a donation, organizing a third party fundraiser or joining our Jocelyn Hutton Foundation Board of Directors to help us raise money. Together, with your financial support and our compassionate care, we add life to final days.

With gratitude,

Jacqueline Bouvier
Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care and Development



LEFT Sensei Tanis Moore with the mobiles created for the hospice

The symbol of the crane embodies how hope and continuation become guideposts for the living in the wake of a dear one's passing.

In the midst of the pandemic, in June 2020 the Manitoba Buddhist Temple sent out a community message calling for help in creating a symbol of hope: 1,000 paper cranes. The call-to-action by Sensei Tanis Moore outlined the practice of origami folding as an easy, creative, and meditative practice that due to the intention behind the project can bring about feelings of optimism, sharing, community and goodwill.

We are honoured to be chosen as one of the organizations to display a mobile using paper cranes collected by this project.



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1000 Cranes Project

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The crane is associated with happiness, endurance, and a life well-lived. A paper crane is a symbol of peace, love, hope and healing during challenging times.

In 1977, the powerful legacy of the crane was brought to the attention of readers by the award-winning novel, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Canadian author Eleanor Coerr. This painfully beautiful narrative tells of Sadako, a young Japanese girl diagnosed with leukemia from radiation exposure in Japan post-WWII. After her

diagnosis, one of Sadako's friends tells her that she will be granted a wish if she folds 1,000 paper cranes. Sadako set out to achieve this as a life-saving hope to cure her disease, though, she does not reach this goal. However, Sadako's community, inspired by her willingness to be steadfast in her hope, despite all odds, completed the cranes for her. The image of the crane allows us to connect with the profound reaches of the human mind and body to endure, especially when faced with unanswerable and unchangeable pain.

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For more information please contact Jacqueline at 204-799-6130.



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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.