



Spring 2022

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Because people die here.

I am writing this for anyone who has not heard about Jocelyn House and the Hospice support they provide, and to the staff, to let them know how incredible they all are.

Our father was diagnosed with terminal cancer and we were told he had six months, maybe more or less to live.

He was put on the palliative care program. It came to the point where it became unsafe for him to live alone in the community with his failing health. The feeling of not knowing how to care for our father not to mention our father's fears of being alone was overwhelming.

We were told about Jocelyn House Hospice and all our prayers were answered. Not knowing what to expect, we were greeted with such warmth. They welcomed our father into his beautiful new home. Within moments he was in the living room enjoying a cup of coffee in a comfortable lounging chair. They were all so attentive trying to find out what he enjoyed to eat and his daily schedule. The loving care that radiated from these people was undeniable.

It felt as if the weight of the world came off all our shoulders, we saw without a doubt that our father was safe and would be taken care of with such compassion and dignity.

Jocelyn House gave our father a quality of life in his end days that we never knew was possible. As his health deteriorated, the staff made sure he was kept comfortable and pain free. Our father said many times to me that everyone at Jocelyn House worked so hard to help make him comfortable. I don't think he ever expected to be fortunate enough to have such personal care in such a beautiful home at the end of his life. At this difficult time in his life, he never felt alone.



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As a family, Jocelyn House Hospice allowed us the peace in knowing all of our father's needs exceeded every expectation and helped us with our overwhelming emotions as well.

We will forever be grateful for the blessing of Jocelyn House.

Gratefully yours,

Velvet

Daughter of Hospice Resident, Heinz

Development Report

As I write this, the sun is shining and the world outside my window appears to be getting greener by the minute! After two long years and 8 cancelled fundraising events there is hope in the air that the worst is behind us. We are so very grateful to all of the individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations who stepped up their support of Jocelyn House Hospice during this challenging time.

Thank you to Craig & Ross, Chartered Professional Accountants, for their matching donation to our *Hospice Hero Monthly Donor Campaign!* For the last 5 years they have matched the annual amount of all monthly donors who sign up in March. Their continued support has inspired many people to become monthly donors, they truly are Hospice Heroes!

Thank you to our Monthly Donors! We appreciate each and every one including those who signed up or increased the amount of their donation during our 2022 Campaign and all our monthly donors for their ongoing donations.

Last fall the lower level of the hospice required some unplanned maintenance and renovations. Fortunately we received a grant from the Thomas Sill Foundation to assist us with some of the cost of the project.

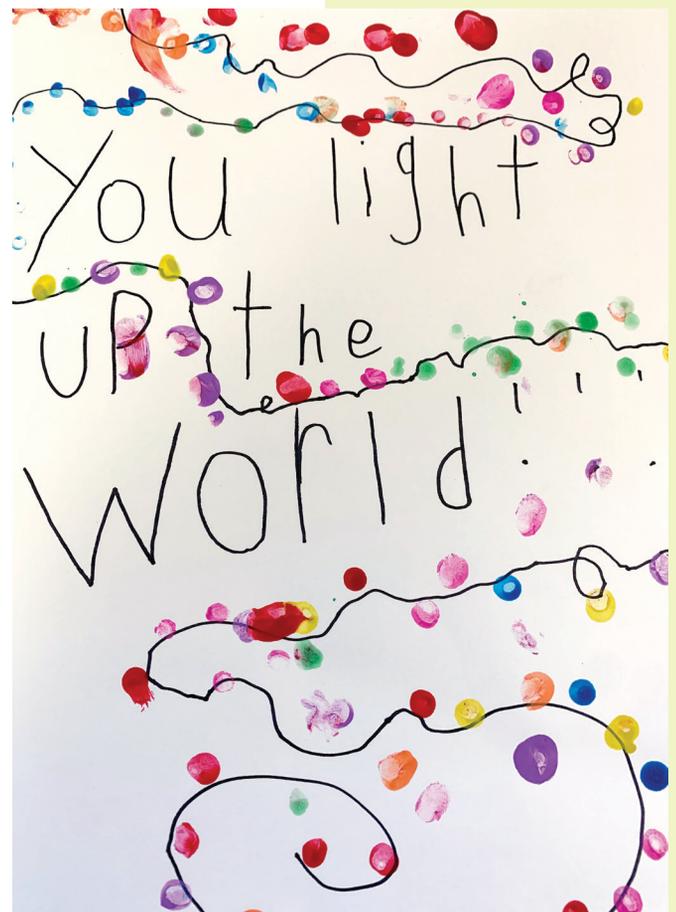


A LIGHT OF KINDNESS

In December, Ms. Pantel's grade 1/2 class from Glenwood School interviewed our residents and staff via Zoom for their *A Light of Kindness* project. The students each took turns asking questions to get to know us and then used that knowledge to create cards and gifts for everyone at Jocelyn House! Once they completed their creations they walked to the hospice to deliver them; what a wonderful gift.

Thank you to Ms. Patel and all the kids in her class for brightening the hospice with their compassion and kindness!

PICTURED RIGHT Card created by one of the students for a hospice nurse



Thank you to The Thomas Sill Foundation for their financial contributions to the hospice over the last few years.

This year we launched 2 new online fundraisers: *Deck the Halls for Hospice* and *Spring has Sprung*. These campaigns gave our supporters the opportunity to purchase gift cards, a lovely wreath, swag, planter or poinsettia for the holiday season or a bright hanging basket for summer. **Thank you to Lacoste Garden Centre** for the beautiful products and helpful support!

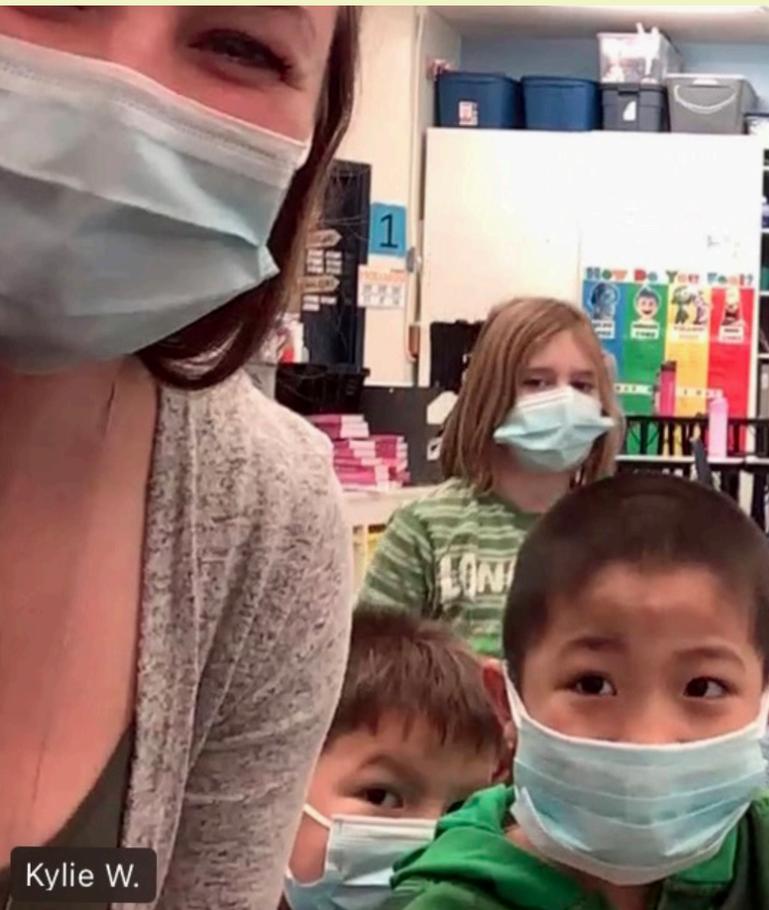
2020 marked the 30th Anniversary of Jocelyn House, however the pandemic and the restrictions that followed caused the cancellation of our celebratory plans. We are grateful to our dear friend, Bob Williams, who pledged \$20,000 as a matching donation to a Friends for Life Campaign in recognition of our important milestone. The following year, knowing the negative impact of the pandemic on fundraising, Mr. Williams pledged an additional \$20,000 for 2021 and 2022. **Thank you to Mr. Bob Williams** for the gift of friendship he extends to Jocelyn House Hospice.

It is my hope that we will be able to gather together in person, once again, soon. In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to Jocelyn House, in memory or in honour of a loved one, please visit our website at jocelynhouse.ca or by calling our office at (204)253-5898.

Thank you for helping us to provide care and comfort in our home-like setting. Together, with our compassionate care and your financial support we add life to final days!

With gratitude,

Jacqueline Bouvier
*Manager of Volunteers,
Spiritual Care and
Development*



Kylie W.



Executive Director Report

We've had to adapt and make some changes during the past two years at Jocelyn House, because of the pandemic and its subsequent restrictions. I'm very proud of the way our staff has adapted and gone above and beyond to ensure that our residents are well cared for and supported during some very difficult circumstances.

One of the most notable changes we were forced to make was to restrict our volunteer activities. Under "normal" times, we have a very enthusiastic army of dedicated volunteers who assist us with maintenance, yard work, companionship, pet, art and music therapy, massage therapy and meal preparation. Not only do these talented and energetic individuals provide vital services, they also bring an enthusiasm and sense of joy to the hospice, which contributes to the quality of life and experience for our residents and their family members.

In addition, we have not one, but two Boards, one for the hospice and one for the Jocelyn Hutton Foundation, whose volunteer Board members provide leadership and operational and fundraising support.

It is possible to operate the hospice without volunteers, as the past two years have shown, but we have done so without the ability to provide some extra enhancements that were welcome and much appreciated by residents. Pauline, one of our longest standing volunteers, provides

a gentle touch and soothing massage for the residents. Two of our most popular visitors to Jocelyn House were Kendall and her dog, Cookie, a very sweet pup who sat lovingly on the laps of the residents. Richard and Hans and other talented home cooks came regularly to prepare scrumptious dinners and fresh baked goodies. Ken and Frank provide handyman and maintenance work and have faithfully continued to support the hospice for many years. There are also a number of hardworking volunteers who keep our yard well maintained and looking beautiful. These and many others contribute to the essence of hospice care at Jocelyn House.

Not only are we very anxious to welcome back our existing team of volunteers, but we are also hoping to grow our team. If you are interested in supporting Jocelyn House with your time and talents, please contact our Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care & Development, Jacqueline Bouvier at jbouvier@jocelynhouse.ca or by calling (204)799-6130, for more details.

Together with our compassionate care and your kind support, we add life to final days!

Jackie Stephen

*Executive Director, Jocelyn House Hospice/
Jocelyn Hutton Foundation*

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

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Chai Tea

Dr. K's

One morning before his rounds at the hospice Dr. Kristjanson took some time to prepare a pot of his Chai Tea for the staff and residents. It was enjoyed by all so we are sharing the recipe so that you can make it too!

Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 2 black tea bags
- Spice Blend:
 - 1/3 tsp Black Pepper
 - 1/3 tsp Ginger
 - 1/3 tsp Cardamom
- 2 cups milk

Directions

Bring water, tea bags and ½ tsp of the spice blend to a boil (optional: add fresh ginger and fresh mint)

Once boiling add milk and bring to boil again, strain and serve. Makes 4 servings.



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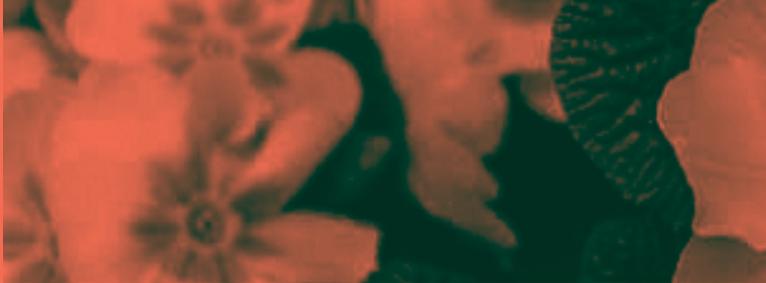
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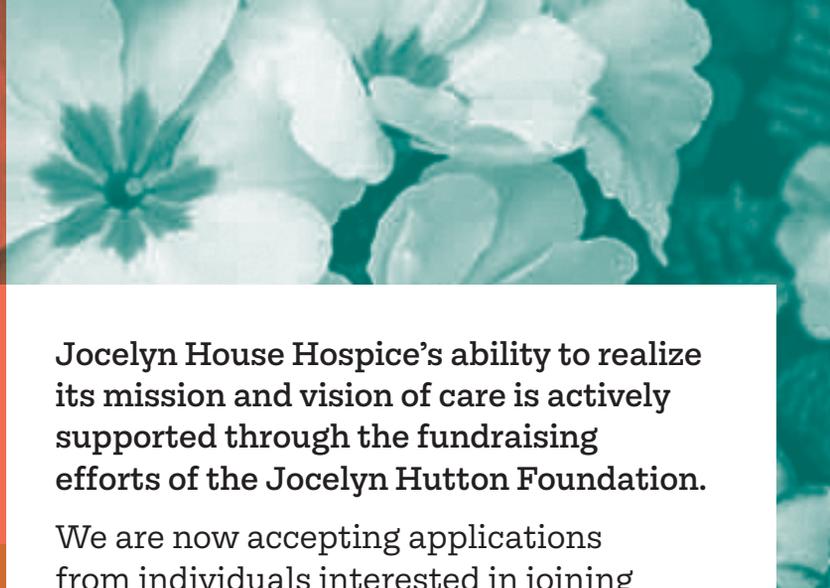
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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.



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.