

Fall 2025

Life is not forever, *but love is!*

On October 20, 2025, Jocelyn House Hospice will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our official opening. The hospice was created out of a legacy of love; a gift from the Hutton family in memory of their beloved daughter Jocelyn, who lived and died within the walls of this welcoming home.

There have been many changes over the 40 years but the commitment to exceptional and compassionate end-of life care has never wavered. The hospice was created as a small not-for-profit to meet an important need in our community and Jocelyn House continues to be home to 4 of the only 16 hospice beds in Manitoba.

Jocelyn House has always relied on the generosity of community organizations and foundations along with individual and corporate donors and sponsors to operate. We often have many items on our “Wish List” but there has been one item that has been at the top of the list for a while.

In 2013, the staffing model at the hospice was changed to include a Licensed Practical Nurse 24/7 with support from a Health Care Aide for 8 hours each day. Since that time, we have wanted to increase the Health Care Aides to 24/7 however it was beyond our funding capabilities.

Last fall we received a generous gift created, like the hospice, out of love. Mr. Gavin Wood contacted us to inquire how he could have impact on the care that we provide at the hospice by making a donation in memory of his late wife, Joy. After visiting the hospice with his friend and long-time Jocelyn House Hospice donor, Mrs. Darlene Clark, Gavin experienced the warm and welcoming atmosphere and saw the positive effect the hospice had—not only for residents but also for their loved ones. He knew he had found the right place to create a legacy for his dear Joy.

Joy’s gift granted our “wish” and in November 2024, our staffing model was changed to ensure that two staff members, a nurse and health care aide, are present to care for our residents at all times.



ABOVE (Left to right) our Nurse Manager, Rikki with some of our caring health care aides Gabby, Roxanne and Autumn by Joy’s bench

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gavin for choosing to support Jocelyn House Hospice with a memorial gift in honour of Joy. Their gift has had a positive and profound effect on the lives of the people who come to reside at the hospice. We were pleased to dedicate the bench you see here to recognize the impact of their generosity. It has been heartwarming for us to watch visitors to the hospice take a moment to sit on the bench and enjoy the beautiful space. The bench, like the hospice, is a reminder of the significant impact that a person and their legacy can have on the lives of others.

On July 10, 2025, we gathered in our yard with Gavin, Joy’s family and friends to dedicate a bench to remember Joy, celebrate her life and the impact of their gift. Jocelyn House Hospice would not exist without the generosity of caring people like Joy and Gavin Wood. The inscription that Gavin choose for the bench is so fitting for his love for Joy and for the heart of the hospice, “Life is not forever, but love is”. Perfectly said Gavin!

My name is **Alana** and I'm currently a volunteer at Jocelyn House Hospice.

What brought me here?



PHOTO Alana (l) and Shauna (r) enjoying some time with their Mom in the backyard of the hospice

My mom had the opportunity to live at Jocelyn House, for a short stay, last summer. I'd like to share a bit of my experience.

I have to admit, as a family, we didn't know much about Jocelyn House. My mom had already been in hospital for a couple of weeks by the time the opportunity for hospice became available.

Our family, as you can imagine, had already been navigating an overwhelmed healthcare system and felt an increased emotional burden by the time we learned of my mom's terminal illness.

Our journey with Jocelyn House started with a palliative care nurse, Jen, who provided information, answered questions and dispelled any misconceptions we had about hospice care.

My sister and I had the opportunity to take a quick tour of Jocelyn House. The setting was perfect, an absolutely beautiful spot, we immediately felt a sense of welcome.

When we arrived at the hospice with my Mom, we were met with the most compassionate nurse. Alexandra was so caring, patient, kind and welcoming. The room was inviting and the staff was incredible. Any burden that we had been feeling about the healthcare system quickly vanished.

My mom had already started to lose her appetite, but that first night a volunteer, Donna, was preparing a meal. She made a delicious home cooked meal that reminded you of something you would have for a "Sunday Supper." The delicious aroma filled the air. My mom just had to try it! I was so surprised by the amount she ate. She said it was delicious and felt comforting because it was of her favourites. What a welcome!

It really is true that Jocelyn House often smells like "bacon and cookies."

I'm not a scientist, but I do know your sense of smell is linked to memory, and the smell of fresh baking can trigger an emotional response that brings you right back to your childhood or a significant event.

I saw this first hand, all the wonderful smells of the homecooked meals and baking had such a positive effect on my mom. Even when she couldn't eat, the aroma evoked memories and started conversations. As a family, having the support of amazing staff and volunteers allowed us to visit and spend quality time together.

I can't begin to describe the amazing staff at Jocelyn House Hospice are, they go above and beyond each and every day.

One of my mom's first requests was to be able to get her hair washed. This task proved to be difficult in the hospital. The health care aide, Roxanne made sure this was done and gave her a spa day. She felt like a queen. My mom enjoyed listening to country music and chatting with Roxanne about her family when they spent time together.

Jackie, the Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care and Development, was able to arrange for a stylist to come to the hospice for a haircut. Amazing! We had some good laughs along with the nurse, Kim, that day.

Dr. Daeninck, the hospice physician's expert care, compassion and humour made a lasting impact. We are so grateful for the care he provided! He, along with the staff provided such comfort and support, not only to my mom, but also to us as a family when we needed it most.

Ultimately, I wanted to give back in a small way, especially after the amazing care that my mom received.

A simple act of baking cookies is what I do. It's a humble reminder of the importance of connection and compassion. I smile every time I arrive back at Jocelyn House for my volunteer role.

I want to thank the Hutton Family; their home is such a gift. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers and everyone who supports the hospice in some way. I am now a part of the Jocelyn House family, I am so grateful.

Although the circumstances that brought us to the hospice were challenging, being at Jocelyn House made us feel like we won the lottery!

From the **Executive Director & Board Chairs**

Celebrating 40 Years of Compassionate Care

Dear Friends,

This year marks a milestone in our shared journey—40 years of hospice care in our community. It is a time to reflect on the thousands of lives touched, the families comforted, and the deep sense of compassion that has guided us since our doors first opened.

Over four decades, our hospice has grown from a heartfelt vision into a trusted place of care and dignity. This legacy is not the work of one person or one moment—it is the collective effort of volunteers, staff, donors, partners, and friends who believe that every life matters until the very last moment.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the Hutton family for their vision and generous gift of this welcoming home. We honour the pioneers who laid our foundation, the caregivers who walk alongside residents and families each day, and the community whose generosity sustains us. Your support ensures that our services remain available to all, offered with the same compassion and respect that has defined us from the beginning.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we also look ahead. Our commitment remains unwavering: to provide exceptional, person-centred hospice care, to expand access for those who need it, and to continue advocating for dignity at the end of life.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable story. Whether you've been with us for years or are joining our mission for the first time, you are helping write the next chapter of care, comfort, and compassion in our community.



ABOVE (Left to right) Stacey, John and Sandi

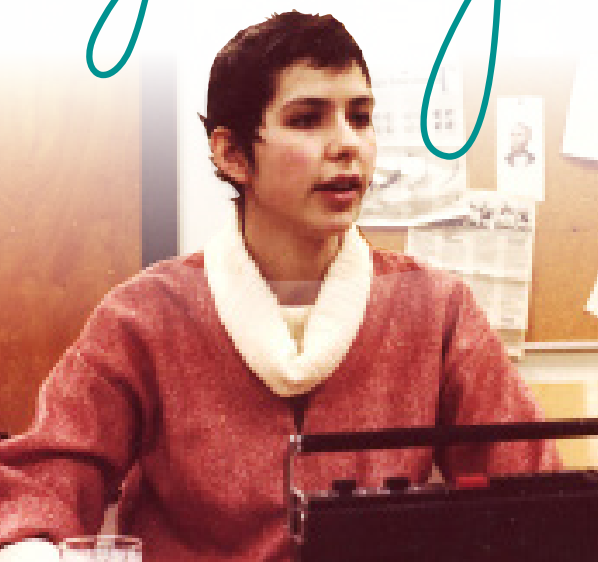
With sincere gratitude,

Stacey Grocholski, *Executive Director*

John Iacozza, *Board Chair, Jocelyn Hutton Foundation*

Sandi Mowat, *Board Chair, Jocelyn House Hospice*

Jocelyn



In order to celebrate the living that has occurred at Jocelyn House Hospice over the last 40 years, we want to take this opportunity to remember the inspiration for all we do.

In 1985 Bill and Miriam Hutton donated their family home to the community and founded Jocelyn House Hospice in memory of their daughter Jocelyn, who died of cancer at the young age of 17. A remarkable teenager, Jocelyn lived the last months of her life sharing her message of acceptance, purpose and faith.

This photo is from the Hutton family photo album and is accompanied by the caption: *Jocelyn, wearing a dress she designed and made, addressing a group of students studying cancer at Kelvin High School. She began by saying, "Hi, I'm Jocelyn and I'm dying of cancer." (February 8, 1980)*

It's 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.

WANTED HOSPICE HEROES NO CAPES REQUIRED!

What makes a hero? Someone with superpowers who is brave and selfless! Someone who is generous, compassionate and responsive! Someone who causes change or saves the day!

To celebrate our **40th Anniversary** we are seeking **40 new monthly donors** to become Hospice Heroes! These heroes will join our existing generous monthly donors in providing ongoing funding for the hospice, for less than the cost of a daily double double.

Visit our website at jocelynhouse.ca or call 204-253-5898 and become a monthly donor of any amount; we suggest \$40 in honour of our 40th Anniversary.

As a Hospice Hero, you will enjoy:

- Hassle-free monthly donations.
- Secure automatic debit from your credit card or bank account.
- The knowledge that your donation is immediately supporting residents and their families without having to worry about a postal strike or stamps!
- An annual receipt provided for tax purposes.

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



Thank you!

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Adopt-A-Room

Help us provide the comfort, care and support to residents at end-of-life.

Jocelyn House Hospice cares for individuals at end-of-life in a home-like environment, where families are supported and residents are provided with exceptional care. By supporting the Adopt-A-Room program, it allows you to help residents and their loved ones with compassion and care at a time when it's needed the most.

Your gift helps to ensure residents and their families have access to exceptional care and services at end-of-life. It's an opportunity to connect your name with comfort, care and compassion and impact the residents who call Jocelyn House Hospice their home.

What does Sponsoring a Room mean?

When you adopt-a-room, your donation helps us maintain a peaceful, comfortable and warm environment for residents and their loved ones. Your sponsorship contributes to:

- Room furnishings and upkeep
- Comfort items for residents (pillows, blankets, personal care products)
- Technology and accessibility items
- Thoughtful meals for often specialized diets

Sponsorship Options:

Flexible giving options available:

1 year - \$5,000

3 years - \$15,000

Your room sponsorship can be made in memory or in honour of someone special – a beautiful way to celebrate life and leave a lasting legacy.

Join us and make an impact for residents and their loved ones by showing how much you care. Partnering with Jocelyn House Hospice is easy.

To learn more about the program, please contact:

Stacey Grocholski, Executive Director
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177 Egerton Road

a home filled with love and compassion

John, a current resident, enjoying brunch at the dining room table (followed by a family game of dominos!)



Luba, our first resident moved into Room 1 on November 5, 1985



Jocelyn in the living room in 1980



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For more information please contact Jackie at 204-255-1781 ext. 229.



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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.