

## MANITOBA NEIGHBOURS

# Jocelyn House Hospice

*Adding life to final days*

Since 1983, the mandate of Jocelyn House Hospice has best been defined by their philosophy:

*Because people live here.*



Our mission is 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 provides comfort, care and compassion for people who are living the end of their lives; those who can no longer stay in their own home but choose not to spend their final days in a hospital. Not only do the staff and trained volunteers provide a positive and supportive environment that adds a good quality of life for people in the final stages of terminal illness, but they also offer support and guidance for families and loved ones. In order to best meet the needs of each resident, they actively involve family and friends in the caring process. They believe there is comfort and relief for the dying when they know that the people they care about most are included in the nurturing arms of the Jocelyn House family.

Jocelyn House Hospice understands how difficult it can be both for the individual and his or her fam-

ily when this time comes. To that end, they strongly adhere to the Golden Rule: One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself. Working together, staff, volunteers, families and residents create and foster an environment of trust, respect, support and acceptance. Maintaining dignity is of paramount importance.

This is further emphasized by the bright atmosphere and the scenic, peaceful surroundings. The residence has 4 bedrooms and is located at 177 Egerton Road on the Seine River in St Boniface - St Vital area, nestled within the trees and the solitude of the riverbed. The house itself is welcoming; people are instantly greeted by friendly and smiling faces and the aroma of a delicious, home-cooked meal.

Residents are allowed to come and go as they please, as they would in their own homes, and to keep as active as they like. There are opportunities both for sharing the company of others and to enjoy times of solitude. Jocelyn House Hospice is intended to feel like home - warm and comfortable, and it is, primarily because of the remarkable people who strive to make it so.

Families are encouraged to participate: to ask questions or express concerns. Both families and residents have the information, knowledge, control and power to make decisions about care.

Staff and volunteers understand the special and sensitive nature of their work and are deeply committed to end of life care. They possess the skills, training and support to be outstanding at their tasks. They have time to spend with residents and families. They respect confidentiality, through which they also foster trust.

Jocelyn House Hospice works hard to make a difference and considers it both an honour and



Legacy Quote for Dorothy and Irvin Klepatz

*"Let us work as if success depended upon ourselves alone, but with heart felt conviction that we are doing nothing, and God everything."*

– St. Ignatius Loyola

Legacy Quote for K&W Trucking / Ben and Hope Wiebe

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

– Winston Churchill



For My Parents

Doris (1996) and John (1998) Williams  
*Thank you for the memories. The trips through the mountains, the early morning fishing jaunts. The water fights that included the whole neighbourhood. The look on your faces when you saw your granddaughters for the first time. All these and many more experiences I have enjoyed and now have passed your legacy on to our children.*

– With Love, Jacqui Tirschmann



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a privilege to care for the people who enter their doors. They also take pride that residents and their families appreciate and acknowledge the special treatment they receive.

**Said Daniel:**

*"I came down the driveway and said 'I'll take it'.  
This is paradise for me. This is my home  
and people here are like family to me."*

**Said Clifford:**

*"Being here at Jocelyn House just makes it easier.  
It took a little time to get used to it  
but the people are so friendly and everything we  
need is always here for us."*

**Said Leslie MacMillan,  
daughter of Judge Ronald Morlock:**

*"I came to see the house and I fell in love with it.  
As soon as you walk through the door there's  
something there . . . some magic."*



Jocelyn House Hospice was founded by Bill and Miriam Hutton in 1983. It was established in memory and in honour of their daughter Jocelyn who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer at 17. Jocelyn's final wish was to live each day to the fullest and to die surrounded by family, friends and her community. When Jocelyn passed away on April 18, 1980 her wish had been granted.



Shortly afterward Bill and Miriam (who has since passed away) decided to use the house as a hospice. Despite some doubtful and negative responses from people who didn't think the project could or should be realized, Jocelyn House Hospice opened its doors in 1985 and since then has been an instrumental part of our well rounded healthcare system. Jocelyn Hutton was the inspiration for the first freestanding hospice in Western Canada. This has been due in no small part to tremendous community support, from both people and organizations that saw the worth of the project. Bill, however, also acknowledges a little "help from above".

Yet to maintain the high level of quality care and support that Jocelyn House Hospice provides remains dependent on community resources. There are many ways one can provide support, by donation or through planned giving options. By contributing to Jocelyn House Hospice, you are helping them to carry on with their mission and ensuring that their vision for the future, including an expansion, will become a reality.



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Legacy Quote for Dale Gryba

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."*

– Melody Beattie

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