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Annual Report

April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025



St. Joseph's
Hospice
Sarnia Lambton

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St. Joseph's Hospice of Sarnia Lambton Our Mission, Vision, Values

Mission

Guided by the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph, we offer exemplary grief support, palliative and end of life care in partnership with all individuals and their circle of care in Lambton County.

Vision

An empowered community compassionately supporting the grieving, the dying and those caring for them.

Values

S Stewardship
E Equity
R Respect
V Volunteerism
I Innovation
C Compassion
E Education

A Message from the Board Chair



St. Joseph's Hospice has been an important part of the Sarnia Lambton community for 20-years since the Resource Centre opened in 2005. A few years later, in 2009, the Residence opened with 10 beds. To date, we have had the privilege of caring for 2,455 residents. The legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph continues through the work of the Hospice by providing dignified hospice palliative and end-of-life care.

In December 2024, we were proud to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospice Residence. Since welcoming our first resident in 2009, this milestone reflects the

extraordinary dedication of our founding capital campaign members, volunteers, Board of Directors, committee members, staff, and the unwavering support of our community. Together, we have built a lasting legacy of compassionate care, one that continues to make a profound difference.

Many in our community have personally experienced the comfort and compassion Hospice brings. Whether it is in our Residence or in the many programs and services provided by the Community and Supportive Care Team, the feeling of warmth, belonging, and dignity is created for every resident and family that Hospice services.

Our dedicated physicians, staff, and volunteers offer excellent support to the entire community, welcoming individuals of all backgrounds with dignity and respect. The warmth and home-like atmosphere of our Hospice is built on compassion, kindness, and the outstanding medical care we

provide our residents. With the support of our Fund Development and Community Relations team and our unwavering community supporters, St. Joseph's Hospice was able to reach our annual fundraising objective of \$2.4 million in order to continue providing high-quality hospice care.

We thank you, the Sarnia Lambton community, for your generosity through donations, fundraising events, volunteer hours, and goodwill which ensures that Hospice remains a vital resource for those facing life's most difficult moments. Your support is the foundation of our Hospice family and enriches the caring spirit of our community.

Warmest Regards,

Lorri Kerrigan

Lorri Kerrigan
Board Chair
St. Joseph's Hospice



Board of Directors 2024-2025

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A Message from the Executive Director



As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the extraordinary journey we continue to share as a community. This year, we celebrated an incredible milestone of 15 years of providing comfort, care, and dignity at the end-of-life through our Hospice Residence. This was not only a celebration of our history but also a testament to the strength of our community and the countless lives touched by your generosity.

Thanks to your support, we are in the final stages of our major renovations to our Residence, ensuring that our home remains a warm, welcoming, and accessible

space for all who come through our doors. These improvements symbolize our unwavering commitment to excellence and our shared vision of an empowered community compassionately supporting the grieving, the dying, and those caring for them.

This year also marked the launch of our new Strategic Plan (2025-2028). Guided by our mission and values of *Stewardship, Equity, Respect, Volunteerism, Innovation, Compassion, and Education*, this plan lays a strong foundation for the future. It focuses on expanding access to holistic and equitable care, strengthening community partnerships, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our programs and services.

None of this would be possible without you, our donors, volunteers, staff and partners. Your generosity and trust have built this Hospice, sustained it through challenges, and allowed it

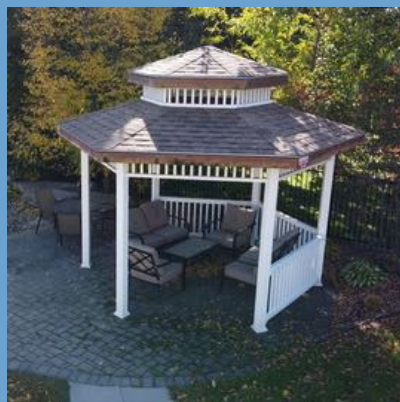
to grow. Whether through financial contributions, volunteer hours, or acts of kindness, you make it possible for us to deliver exceptional care to individuals and families during life's most difficult moments. Truly, we would not be here without you.

As we look to the future, I am deeply hopeful. Together, we will continue to honour the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph while embracing innovation and growth. With our community by our side, St. Joseph's Hospice will remain a place of compassion, connection, and comfort for generations to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Kelly Chartrand

Kelly Chartrand
Executive Director
St. Joseph's Hospice



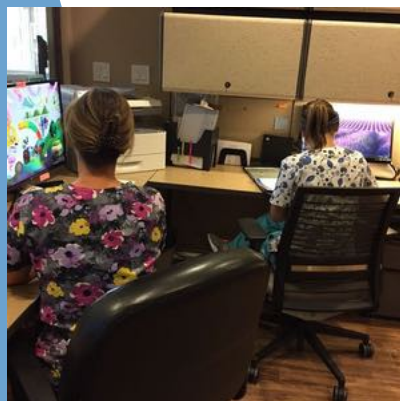
Gazebo



Great Room



Resident's Suite



Nurses' Station

Hospice Residence

In 2024-2025, our Hospice Residence experienced a year of both excitement and transition. Renovations to the residence began in December 2024, a project that signaled renewal but required us to temporarily reduce the number of available beds. Despite this, we remained committed to providing compassionate, high-quality care to every resident and family we served.

Over the year, we cared for 98 residents. Of these, 72% were diagnosed with cancer and 28% with a non-cancer diagnosis. 57% of admissions came from hospital and 43% from home, underscoring our role in both acute and community-based transitions.

Our team continues to be deeply dedicated to providing quality care, ensuring that every resident is treated with dignity, respect, and the comfort they deserve. We recognize how difficult it is to make the decision to come to hospice, and we strive to ease that transition by supporting residents, families, and caregivers throughout this important part of life's journey.

This year also marked a milestone, our 15th Anniversary. With it came the opportunity to refresh and renew our residence. Renovations began in December 2024, and are projected to be completed by June 2025, when we look forward to welcoming residents and families into our newly updated space. We extend heartfelt thanks to the contractors and businesses whose generosity and dedication made this transformation possible.

We are also deeply grateful to the physicians who provide ongoing care and expertise to our residents: Dr. David Kim, Dr. Allison Crombeen, Dr. Orla MacSweeney, and Dr. Evan Lily. Their commitment ensures that each resident receives the best possible medical and supportive care during their stay.

15th Anniversary Celebration



Community and Supportive Services

St. Joseph's Hospice offers community support programs to people who are living with a serious illness, their families and caregivers and those who are grieving the death of a significant person. Regardless of the cause of death, or location of death, services are available to anyone living in Sarnia Lambton at no cost. Our services are delivered by a dedicated team of professionals and trained volunteers and are offered through four main programs: Wellness Program, Adult Bereavement Program, Caring Hearts Children's Program and Public Education.

Statistics:

420 individuals served with 254 group sessions provided.



Wellness Program:

Volunteer Visiting:

- 127 sessions provided & 20 clients served.

Caregiver Telephone Support:

- 12 sessions provided & 5 clients served.

Caregiver Group:

- 15 sessions provided & 12 clients served.

Social Club:

- 33 sessions provided & 22 clients served.



Adult Bereavement Program:

Adult Bereavement Support Groups:

- 13 groups provided & 82 clients served.

Next Steps:

- 23 sessions provided & 32 clients served.

Walking Group:

- 25 walks provided & 18 clients served.

Grief Education Series:

- 12 sessions provided & 71 clients served.

Grief Holiday Open House:

- 1 event & 5 clients served.

Monthly Bereavement Activity:

- 2 events & 15 clients served.



Caring Hearts Children's Program (CHCP)

Bereavement Groups:

- 3 sessions provided & 16 clients served.

Kids' Grief Summer Camp:

- 5 Day Summer Camp with 11 clients served.

CHCP SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mother's Day Event:

- 3 clients served.

Father's Day Event:

- 2 clients served.

Holiday Event:

- 1 family served.



Public Education:

18 Presentations & 354 attendees.



Caring Hearts Children's Program Holiday Event



With the generous grant from Plains Midstream Canada, we were able to assemble Family Holiday Grief Packages for our Winter Holiday Family Event to support families who were commemorating and mourning the death of a loved one.

Community and Supportive Services Offered:

Wellness Program

Social Club - A program for those living at home or in our Hospice Residence with a serious illness. In this group environment, clients engage in various activities such as art, pet therapy, supportive sharing, and entertainment.

Volunteer Visiting - Individuals with a serious illness are matched with a Hospice trained volunteer to receive companionship, emotional and practical support. Visits are either provided in the home or by telephone.

Caregiver Phone Support is also available to those who are caring for someone living with a serious illness.

Caregiver Support Group - Caregivers of those with a serious illness are invited to a support group that provides peer support and covers topics that are specific to the experiences of caregivers. Education, guest speakers, supportive sharing and activities that promote self-care are all incorporated into this group.

Cancer Support Group - An essential way for those living with Metastatic Cancer to connect with others who understand the challenges and life changes after a serious diagnosis.

Walking Group - Offers a sense of camaraderie, connection, and support for caregivers and those who are bereaved. Walkers are guided on a gentle walking path through Canatara Park.

Adult Bereavement Program

Adult Bereavement Support Groups - Peer support groups are offered to those who have experienced the death of a significant person. These closed groups are facilitated by staff and volunteers and are 8 weeks in length.

Next Steps - Group support for those who have completed an 8 week Bereavement Support Group. These sessions provide peer support and ongoing encouragement to address grief-related issues or concerns.

Grief Education Series - These 90-minute workshops are designed to gently introduce common themes in griefwork. This series is meant to encourage thought, to provide education and to offer support during difficult times.

Monthly Bereavement Activity - A monthly activity is offered to inspire and encourage those who are bereaved on their grief journey. Activities include chair yoga, journalling, music therapy, painting and more.

Caring Hearts Children's Program

This program provides children, youth, and teens ages 6-18 in Sarnia Lambton with support through education, assessment, resources and referrals for anticipatory grief support as well as bereavement support groups.

Bereavement Support Groups - 6-week bereavement groups for ages 6-9, 10-13 and 14-18.

Anticipatory Grief Support - Support for children, youth, and teens who are experiencing the serious illness of a loved one.

Special Events - Preceding major holidays and are offered throughout the year (ex. Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Kids' Summer Grief Camp).

Public Education

Workshops/Presentations - Topics related to caregiving, advanced care planning, grief and bereavement, palliative care approach, supporting children in their grief and more are provided regularly throughout the year.

Spiritual Care

Spiritual Care is foundational to the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Mission, Vision and Values of St. Joseph's Hospice, and remains an integral part of the day-to-day operations at Hospice. Our Spiritual Care coordinator is a trained professional who provides direct and on-going spiritual care for our residents and their families regardless of their faith or life stance. Working as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team, the Spiritual Care Coordinator provides a compassionate, non-judgmental and culturally sensitive approach while collaborating with residents and their families. Collaboration with community spiritual affiliations is arranged based on the resident's needs and/or requests. When the death of a resident occurs, we light our Living Life Fireplace and a candle outside the resident's door; each remains lit for 24-hours.



Service of Remembrance

We warmly invite families of past residents to join us for a special evening of reflection, connection and music as we come together to honour their loved ones and the time they spent with us at Hospice.

During this fiscal year, quarterly services were held in the Education Room, inviting 135 families to participate with a total of 42 families and 166 family members attending the services. These gatherings continue to be made possible thanks to the heartfelt support of our staff and volunteers, who generously give their time to help create a meaningful experience to everyone who attends.



Our Volunteer Areas

Community & Supportive Care Volunteers

- Caregiver Volunteers
- Hospice Volunteer Visitor
- Day Hospice Volunteers
- Adult Grief & Bereavement Volunteers
- Caring Hearts Children's Volunteers
- Pet Therapy Volunteers
- Complementary Therapy Volunteers
- Service of Remembrance
- Music Care Volunteers
- Community and Supportive Care Events

Residence Volunteers

- Residence Reception Volunteers
- Direct Support Volunteers
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Maintenance Volunteers
- Gardening Volunteers
- Laundry Aid Volunteers
- Sewing Volunteers
- Hairstylist Volunteers
- Compassionate Care Volunteers

Resource Centre Volunteers

- Resource Reception Volunteers
- Program Team Office Support
- Board Members
- Committee Members
- Event and Fundraising Volunteers
- Gala Committee Volunteers
- Gala Event Volunteers
- Golf Committee Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer with St. Joseph's Hospice or are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call us at 519-337-0537.

Volunteer Program

At St. Joseph's Hospice, our dedicated volunteers embody care and compassion. Their diverse expertise provides assistance in over 25 roles, including warmly welcoming residents and clients. Additionally, they provide essential bedside care alongside our professional staff, meal preparation, and gardening. Their invaluable support extends to assisting in fundraising events and leading bereavement groups, offering solace to those navigating grief. Each act of their kindness enriches the community's experiences here at Hospice.

Our volunteers embody passion and dedication, allowing us to deliver vital programs, services, care and compassion. Their unwavering commitment fuels our mission and vision, making a profound impact in our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each volunteer for their invaluable contributions and support. Together, we are making a difference!

Our volunteers are equipped with continuous training and support tailored to their specific roles, empowering them to effectively assist staff in providing essential care to residents, clients, and families. Our ancillary goal is to cultivate a meaningful volunteer experience.

Volunteer Hours

Total 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Volunteer Hours: Over 16,257

Caregiver Group Facilitator	24
Hospice Volunteer Visitor	155
Day Hospice Volunteers	81
Adult Grief & Bereavement Facilitators	403
Caring Hearts Children's Program	200
Pet Therapy Volunteers	39
Complementary Therapy	62
Service of Remembrance	62
Music Care Volunteers	49
Residence Reception Volunteers	4,066
Direct Support Volunteers	1,273
Kitchen Volunteers	3,277
Maintenance Volunteers	212
Gardening Volunteers	212
Hairstylist Volunteers	0.5
Laundry Aid Volunteers	102
Sewing Volunteers	8
Resource Reception Volunteers	2,023
Program Team Office Support	332
Board Members	458
Committee Members	92
Event and Fundraising Volunteers	2,295
Fire/Evacuation Drill Volunteers	16
Education & Training	615
Compassionate Care Volunteers	251
Community & Supportive Care Events	42



Financial Support

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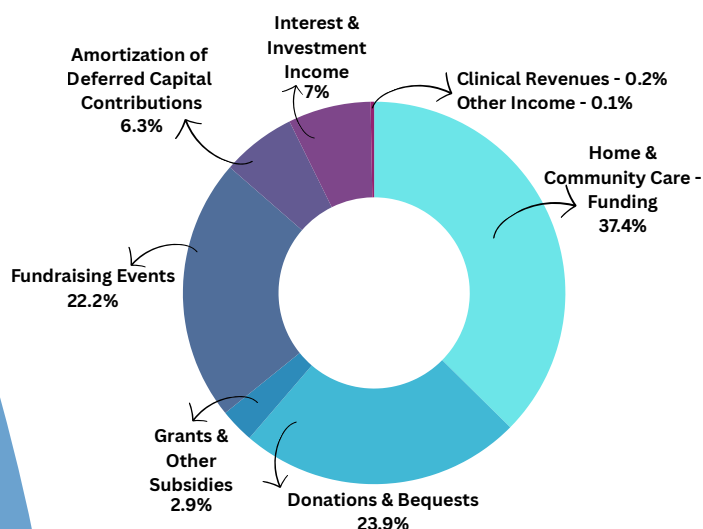
Revenue

Home & Community Care - Funding	\$1,652,438
Donations & Bequests	\$1,056,148
Grants & Other Subsidies	\$126,200
Fundraising Events	\$982,031
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	\$279,981
Interest & Investment Income	\$310,029
Other Income	\$3,457
Clinical Revenues	\$9,298
	<u>\$4,419,582</u>

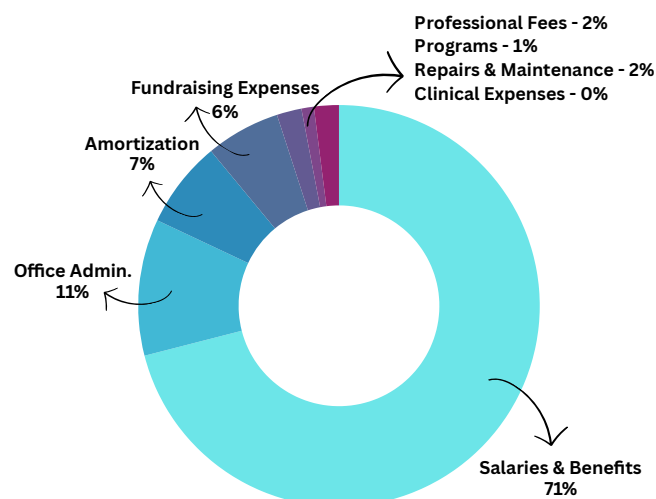
Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,911,290
Office Administration	\$437,851
Amortization	\$289,548
Fundraising Expenses	\$243,563
Professional Fees	\$100,105
Programs	\$47,275
Repairs & Maintenance	\$69,657
Clinical Expenses	\$6,499
	<u>\$4,105,788</u>

Revenue



Expenses





Alan Day Charity Open



Sarnia Golf & Curling Club Charity Pro Am



Lambton Metal Service Golf Tournament



Irish Canadian Golf Tournament



Suncor

Fund Development

Fund Development, or fundraising, is an important strategic area for St. Joseph's Hospice. It underwrites more than half of St. Joseph's Hospice annual operating costs and is crucial for the ongoing operation of programs and services. This past year, St. Joseph's Hospice raised \$2,164,379 dollars. This remarkable accomplishment was made possible by the generous contributions received from a variety of channels, including a fall newsletter, holiday mail appeal, fundraising events, individual giving, memorial gifts and bequests. We prioritize expert palliative care for our residents, and delivering professional programs and services to meet the unique needs of each family, ensuring they have access to these vital resources at no cost. By enhancing community awareness through public presentations and collaborative community events, we create a network of support. Together, we foster understanding and compassion, making quality care accessible to all.

Our community came out in great numbers again this year to raise funds for Hospice through events including our signature events and community events. Our 18th Annual Dancing Under the Stars Gala continued to be a significant revenue source, as it raised over \$231,000. Our Annual Alan Day Charity Open Golf Tournament was a sold-out event raising \$68,493. We are so fortunate to have had such successful events this fiscal year, with unwavering support and generosity from our community.

Our 2024 Annual Holiday Mail Appeal exceeded expectations and raised over \$168,012. Special thanks to Calum McCaskill and the entire McCaskill Family for allowing us to share their personal story with the community of Sarnia Lambton.

Community events are fundraisers held on behalf of Hospice and organized and managed independently. In total, 29 community events raised over \$206,518 for Hospice. For example, included in this total, the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club hosted their Annual Charity Pro Am Golf Tournament and donated \$55,816 in net proceeds.

Our 14th Annual Face to Face Campaign, which ran from May 1st until June 30th, is a fundraiser where we ask 100 volunteer canvassers to ask 10 people for \$10. This past year our goal of \$10,000 was surpassed by raising \$32,464. Since 2010, our Face to Face Campaign has raised a total of \$277,827.

Thank you to all who selected St. Joseph's Hospice as their charity of choice and encouraged friends and family to donate. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our amazing team of hard-working staff and volunteers, all businesses, service clubs and churches who supported us with donations, sponsorships, gifts-in-kind and fundraisers.

2,189 Memorial gifts made in memory of a loved one.

4.2K Followers on St. Joseph's Hospice Facebook.

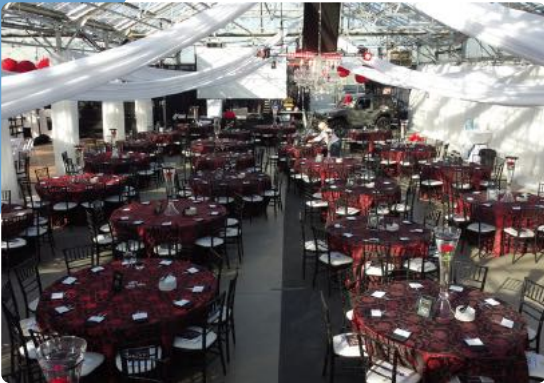
491 Holiday Mail Appeal gifts.



Our Signature Events

2024-2025

A sincere thanks for supporting all our Signature Events at Hospice. The invaluable contribution from our sponsors and supporting partners, the hard work and dedication of the organizing committees, volunteers, and all who participated in these special events has helped to raise over \$322,978. Your generous contributions will have a lasting impact on the people served by St. Joseph's Hospice.



18th Annual Dancing Under the Stars Gala

Our Dancing Under the Stars Gala was held on Saturday, November 2nd. We had a wonderful evening as we celebrated our 18th Annual Gala. Over 800 guests and over 102 volunteers arrived at DeGroot's Nurseries to an elegantly decorated venue. The 2024 Dancing Under the Stars Gala raised over \$231,000 in net proceeds to support Hospice programs and services. Special thanks to our Supernova Sponsor: "Kel-Gor Limited."



Bill Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament

This year the Annual Bill Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club was once again SOLD OUT! There were 148 golfers, we raised over \$65,000 in net proceeds and had an outstanding day. Special thanks to our donors, sponsors, participants, and Joe O'Driscoll, Tournament Convenor, for all your support! A very special thank you to our title sponsor: The Judith & Norman Alix Foundation.



13th Annual Ladies Fore Hospice Charity Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual Ladies Fore Hospice Charity Golf Tournament was held on September 5th at St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. The event was sold out with a total of 144 golfers. This year we raised \$26,978 in net proceeds for St. Joseph's Hospice. Thank you to our sponsors, silent auction donors, purse donors, and golfers who helped make this day such a success.





Every day, ordinary
people become
donor champions.”

~ Anonymous

Recognition Levels

Bronze Leaf - Friend

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Silver Leaf - Companion

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Gold Leaf - Supporter

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Bronze Butterfly - Benefactor

\$25,000 to \$49,999

Silver Butterfly - Patron

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Gold Butterfly - Visionary

\$100,000

Stone - Founding Donor

\$500,000+

Donor Tree of Life

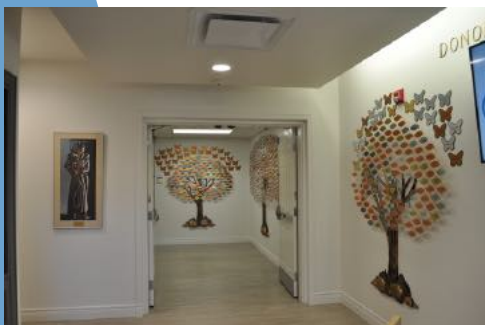
Our Donor Recognition Wall, located at the entrance of our Residence, recognizes the generosity of those who financially support us and our mission, vision, and values. The steadfast contributions extend compassionate care to our residents, their families, and throughout our community.

Rooted in Hospice's core commitment stands our Donor Tree of Life - a powerful symbol of life, strength, and stability. It reflects the selfless contributions made in memory of loved ones and the lasting impact those gifts have on our residents and families. Each name engraved on the leaves, butterflies, acorns, and stones represents a legacy of love and generosity, preserving cherished memories and supporting those in our care.

Endowment

A gift to St. Joseph's Hospice Endowment Fund is an investment in the legacy of care, compassion, and community.

An endowment is an essential component of the financial plan for St. Joseph's Hospice. Just as individuals save for the future and prepare for unforeseen economic conditions, St. Joseph's Hospice is building its nest egg in order to ensure its ability to provide high-quality end-of-life services for generations. With a strong Endowment Fund, Hospice is able to offset the increasing costs of providing care amid decreasing provincial funding. The principal of the endowment is invested, and a portion of the interest earned can be made available for discretionary use by St. Joseph's Hospice. Donors can designate funds for a specific purpose or request that support be directed where the need is greatest. Donors can support the Endowment Fund with a minimum investment of \$50,000 through a donation of cash, securities, or a bequest in a will.



Holiday Mail Appeal

What would you do to fill your loved one's last days with their favourite things?



During Debby McCaskill's final days, her family remained by her side at St. Joseph's Hospice, ensuring she was never without the comforting presence of at least two of her family members. They filled her days with music, laughter, and cherished moments outdoors.

"The nine of us lost someone very close to our hearts," says Calum McCaskill, his wife of 44 years and mother of their eight sons. High school sweethearts, Calum and Debby met through the Legion Pipe Band as teenagers and realized they both went to the same school.

When they married, Debby worked and attended Lambton College to pursue a career in early childhood education, stepping away when they decided to start a family. She homeschooled the boys until they reached high school. With only 13 years between the oldest and youngest, Debby often found herself teaching the older boys while caring for five sons under the age of five.

"Mom was always 100% behind everything we tried to do," says oldest son Alasdair. "I could tell her I wanted to join the circus and she'd say, 'you'd make a wonderful clown'. When I was living in Australia, even though she had 7 other mouths to feed at home, she still sent money."

"Our mom was and still is the main glue of our family as the level-headed one, who kept us all calm," notes son Malcolm. "Growing up, we had no complaints - we didn't have unlimited money, and didn't take fancy vacations, but we were always outdoors and active, at local parks mom would take us to, or in our yard." Debby had a very deep abiding faith in God, from the time she was a young girl. It was evident to all who knew her. Music was also always part of their life. With her pipe band experience, she was instrumental in starting a drum line at the boys' high school. While her sons participated, she helped with equipment, uniforms and choreography, and even wrote a musical with drums.

"One of her first significant health issues was in 2010 right before one of our performances," recalls son Calum Jr. She went into serious sudden fibrillation, and the family was told to say their good-byes. Debby rallied, however, and received treatment for congestive heart failure (CHF). Between 2010 and 2024 she had some really good days and they were on top of the world. She became a grandma and as her boys moved out, she changed empty bedrooms in their house to suit her grandchildren.

Her battle with heart disease caught up to her in June 2024. "Up to this last year, she had ups and downs, with some drastic issues, including double bypass surgery, but she came out on top, and we had 14 years with her that we

Thank You!

St. Joseph's Hospice would like to thank Calum McCaskill and the entire McCaskill Family for allowing us the opportunity to share their personal experience with the community of Sarnia Lambton.

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Watching a loved one die can be incredibly difficult. Thanks to our community's commitment, we have the privilege of supporting families and enhancing their loved ones' dignity and quality of life by providing round-the-clock end-of-life care in a setting that feels like home. Our large, private rooms allow family members to visit any time, 24-hours a day, and stay with their loved ones throughout their final moments.

You can play a part in ensuring Hospice remains an option for those seeking dignity in dying. We rely on the generosity of our community to financially support our yearly fundraising goal of \$2.4 million. We receive provincial funding only to cover nursing care and personal support workers, so every gift and memorial donation, monthly or annually can help provide comfort and support to our residents, their families and friends. In fact, due to recent generous donations, we purchased cuddle beds which afforded Debby the opportunity to enjoy her last days outside.

never thought we'd have," explains her son Brandon.

Malcolm and his fiancé moved their plans to come from Scotland for a visit, as her health deteriorated. "It really threw me for a loop how quickly things changed," he explains.

"Towards the end of her time with us, mom became unable to leave her bed, and eventually would spend her last months stuck in a hospital room. We obviously knew this was not the way our mom would like to spend her final days, and it broke our hearts to watch our bright and vibrant mom slowly slip away from us while being stuck in a hospital room. When we got word that a room had opened at Hospice, we were ecstatic - although we knew our time with our mom was coming to an end, we felt like we had just won the lottery. It was what a mother who had provided her eight sons with so much love and support deserved," Alasdair shared.

The evening Debby and her family arrived there, the staff and volunteers didn't hesitate in making them feel at home. Alasdair recalled, "after a few moments the nurses came in and asked if we would like to take mom

out into the garden. We all jumped into motion, moving furniture, opening doors and assisting in carefully guiding her bed outside; with the setting sun on her face, and her family around her, mom opened her beautiful blue eyes one last time. She knew she was finally free."

Debby stayed at Hospice four days in total, much of it outdoors in the beautiful gardens with family listening to the birds and the bubbling fountain; days that the McCaskill family will cherish forever. "At Hospice you feel like family," states Brandon, "and if you have a need, they want to find a way to meet it." In fact, Debby liked a specific kind of nightgown, and for weeks the family couldn't find them anywhere in Sarnia. As it turned out Hospice had a stack of them! "Every morning the staff got her into a fresh nightgown and all dolled up," adds Calum.

Debby and her family spent the evening of her last day in the outdoor oasis until the sun set, telling stories, laughing and listening to music. Her boys holding her hands, kissing her face and telling her how much they loved her. Although their hearts were broken, her time at Hospice helped ease their unbearable grief.



98

Residents cared
for at Hospice



3,134

Resident
Bed Days



**St. Joseph's Health
Care Society believes...**

"Now, as always, the
mission of the
Sisters of St. Joseph
is to respond to the
needs of the people
with gentleness,
peace and joy."



72%

Living with a
cancer diagnosis



28%

Living with a
non-cancer diagnosis

\$2,164,379

Dollars raised for
St. Joseph's Hospice
and those we serve



Over

16,257

Volunteer
hours served



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