



THE FACTS ABOUT JESSICA'S HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

Vision: To create a 'home away from home' for residents and their loved ones when care at end of life is needed
Mission: To provide compassionate, high-quality care for residents from the time of diagnosis through their palliative and end-of-life journey
Values: Trust, Dignity, Respect, Compassion and Collaboration

History:

Began in March 2016 as an initiative of the South Huron Hospital Foundation

- A volunteer community Steering Committee donated their expertise, time and passion collaborating with many community and healthcare organizations
- An amazing fundraising campaign raised ~\$3.4 million to build Jessica's House and support the daily operations for 2+ years
- Jessica's House opened its doors June 18th, 2018

Operations:

- Receives no government funding; 100% funded by community donations
- No cost charged to residents/families
- Open 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Staffed by Executive Director, Tracy Snell, RN, who handles daily care, 8 am – 4 pm, Monday to Friday and remains on call 24/7
- Contracted St. Elizabeth nursing staff work evenings, nights and weekends
- 54 trained volunteers assist 9 am – 9 pm in 4 hour shifts, 7 days/week, (2200+ hrs given to date)
- In house bereavement counselling available with Kim Winbow, VON Coordinator of Hospice & Bereavement Services
- Jessica's Operations Committee members (community volunteers) meet monthly reviewing operations and future needs, direction & fundraising
- Aiming at 2-3 main fundraisers per year to raise Jessica's House daily operation costs.

Doors are open to all:

- Have served **45** families since June 2018 from **South Huron, Zurich, Parkhill, Strathroy, Mitchell, Seaforth, Grand Bend, St. Marys, London, Brantford ...** and the area continues to grow
- Resident referrals are welcome with no geographical boundaries
- 3 large, private ground floor rooms with state of the art pressure relief beds, outdoor patios, garden views, fully accessible ensuite bathrooms, large screen tv, sofa bed for family, mini refrigerator.
- Let Jessica's House ease the burden on caregivers.
- Beautiful family room, kitchenette, reflection room available to family and visitors.

Jessica's House was a wonderful place for my mom to spend her remaining time. She felt safe, comfortable and at home. Everyone was extremely warm and caring. We are so lucky to have this facility. We cannot thank you all enough

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warming testimonials and
photos



What a beautiful setting for our dad to be in his final days. We were blessed to have the support of the staff and volunteers who so caringly made sure dad was comfortable and allowed us to share stories, sing songs, and just be together while we celebrated his life. We were able to take him outside in his bed so he could feel the sun on his face and hear the birds sing.

This place and the people who have made it happen are a true testament to what this community is all about

