



## News Release

### **ST. JOSEPH'S PLANS TO OPEN HOSPICE RESOURCE CENTRE**

SARNIA - St. Joseph's Health Care Society is pleased to announce that it will establish a Hospice Resource Centre to serve the community of Sarnia Lambton. This resource centre will initially facilitate linkages between individuals, families and appropriate community services and provide general information and education on palliative care issues as required by individuals, families and groups.

Hospice Palliative Care is the accepted terminology to describe a variety of services that are brought together to relieve the suffering and improve the quality of life for persons living with or dying from a terminal illness. These services are also available for family members of these individuals.

St. Joseph's Health Care Society is a Roman Catholic organization which works in the ministry of Catholic health care in the Diocese of London. It is the former owner and sponsor of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Sarnia. After St. Joseph's Health Centre withdrew from the Lambton Hospitals Group, its volunteer board of directors conducted a review of health care needs in the community. A Hospice Resource Centre was identified as an area of need and it fits well with the past service direction of St. Joseph's in the community.

As a first step, a volunteer Board of Directors will be recruited, who, when assembled, will conduct a search for an Executive Director. After this has been completed, the program of services will be developed and relationships with local health care providers will be established.

It is the vision of the St. Joseph's Health Care Society to carry on in a new way the 57 years of tradition of service of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph's organization to the community.

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