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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Celebrating family and memories!**

(London, ON, February 20, 2018) - St. Joseph's Hospice is celebrating! Today, February 20<sup>th</sup>, marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first resident arriving at St. Joseph's Hospice.

The Hospice is a 10 bed residence on Windermere Road east of Richmond Street. It's housed in the Sisters of St. Joseph's residence and opened to the public in 2014 following a capital fundraising campaign to renovate the space in order to offer end-of-life care for palliative residents. Since opening it has run at over 90% occupancy serving 539 individuals and families.

"Dignity, compassion and respect is at the core of our work" says Julie Johnston, St. Joseph's Hospice Executive Director. The residence is a comfortable home-like setting where families can focus on their loved one while being supported by expert medical health professionals. "Our priority is to provide quality compassionate care for our residents, their caregivers and family members" says Johnston. "Whether receiving complimentary therapies within our Wellness Centre, one on one counselling through supportive care or specialist medical attention – we want all residents and their loved ones to make Hospice their home."

We invite you to 'Share the Journey' of St. Joseph's Hospice. We welcome you to visit our residence to better understand what makes Hospice a special place for those we're honoured to serve.

For more information:

#### **About St. Joseph's Hospice:**

In addition to clients under our care at the residence St. Joseph's Hospice has been serving clients in the community for more than three decades. Trained volunteers offer support services to clients and their loved ones such as our Volunteer Visiting Program and complimentary therapies in the comfort of their home. Grief and bereavement services are also offered free of charge to clients in both one-to-one sessions and in groups. **All services of St. Joseph's Hospice are provided free of charge. Fundraising makes up about 52% of the operating budget while the remainder is picked up through government and community support.**

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