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United Way Elgin Middlesex Invests in St. Joseph's Hospice

(London, ON, April 4, 2018) - United Way Elgin Middlesex continues to support residents and their caregivers living with a terminal illness. The United Way Community Fund has committed \$401,940 over the next three years to support St. Joseph's Hospice Volunteer Visiting Program - an increase of 1.5% towards this vital aspect of community care.

"This is critical funding to an important community program," says Julie Johnston, Executive Director St. Joseph's Hospice. "The United Way has supported our Volunteer Visiting Program since 1989, allowing us to support individuals living with a terminal illness while also supporting their caregivers. Terminally ill clients, living at home, are matched with trained Hospice volunteers who provide companionship, comfort, and practical support" says Johnston.

In 2017, more than 100 volunteers dedicated more than 2,100 hours of service towards this vital program. While trained Hospice volunteers visit clients in their homes and in the community throughout London, caregivers are able to receive respite allowing them to take care of themselves while we take care of their loved one.

"On behalf of our clients, volunteers and support staff we want to express our gratitude to the United Way Elgin Middlesex for investing in this important community program through the United Way Community Fund," says Johnston. "It helps to remind our volunteers the important role they have in the lives of their neighbours."

About St. Joseph's Hospice:

St. Joseph's Hospice provides quality of life at the end of life, offering compassionate holistic care and support to people living with a terminal illness, their caregivers and the bereaved. Whether in the community, Wellness Centre, or 10-suite residence, St. Joseph's Hospice provides specialized programs and care with a person-centred approach. For more information, please visit www.sjhospicelondon.com.

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