

Bobby's Hospice has been open for nine years and has cared for nearly 950 people during this time. Everyone who comes to our home is special and becomes part of our family. Because I don't work on the patient floor, I don't get to meet every person who spends time at Bobby's Hospice. But, all of us at Bobby's Hospice have our special memories of different people and we share them often with each other. We never forget the people we are so privileged to care for in their greatest hours of need.

For me, Cathy was a special person who lived with us for 8 months. She was a tiny person with a big heart, a wonderful smile and an incredibly bright spirit. I would often see her out at the nursing station or in the family dining room. Just being in her presence made you feel happy. She celebrated life every day!

On the days when she felt well, I remember her going out to The Hospice Shoppe and coming home with pretty sweaters and special finds that she would wear to brighten her days. When her son was home from Winnipeg to visit her, he took her to the Casino in Moncton for a day of fun which she really enjoyed. And, when the Price is Right came to Saint John she insisted on trying out. Karen McCavour of Whitetail Fisheries had a family member at Bobby's Hospice at the same time as Cathy was with us and she helped create a costume for Cathy to wear to try out. They had a lot of fun getting ready for that event. Cathy was disappointed that she didn't get selected to be on stage, but she had a lot of fun trying out.

In my position, I am often taking people on tours of Bobby's Hospice – sponsors, donors, supporters, politicians, etc.- to help them understand how important our care is to people in our community and encourage their support. Cathy happily served as our "Public Ambassador" and insisted that I always stop by her room or introduce her to our guests. She would tell them what a special place Bobby's Hospice was and what a difference it made in her life and the lives of others who came to be cared for at Bobby's Hospice. She was so good at her job as "Ambassador" for Bobby's Hospice that she played a starring role in our first ever corporate video which is on our website.

Cathy has been gone for some time now, but her spirit lives on in our home and in all of us. We are grateful that we had the opportunity to know her and learn from her. She embodied our slogan "Compassionate Care that Celebrates Life!"

Sandy Maxwell
Chief Executive Officer

