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PALLIATIVE CARE HOSPICE LIKE DYING AT HOME FAMILY GIVES BACK TO HOSPICE FOR CARE AND SUPPORT RECEIVED

Hospice palliative care is about seeing someone with a life limiting illness as a living person, not a dying patient. It is about adding life to days and supporting the caregivers, family and friends.

- Peter Mansbridge, Honourary Chair, National Hospice Palliative Care Week and Hike for Hospice Palliative Care

Edmonton – Many people do not understand what hospice and palliative care is and how it can benefit people, until they need it themselves. Lisa Seguin lost two of her sons to cancer. Both spent their last days surrounded by family and friends in the comforts of home. Only one experienced the benefits of a palliative care hospice. Now she wants to share her family's experience with others to help break down the barriers of understanding what hospice and palliative care is and how it can make a stressful time more comfortable.

"There are no words to describe how wonderful these people were in caring for and supporting our family," says Lisa Seguin. "This was as close to home as it could be."

In recognition of National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 2nd to 8th, the Seguin family is making a dedication to the Palliative Care Hospice at CapitalCare Norwood in memory of their son Darren:

When: Tuesday May 4, 1 p.m.

Where: 1st Floor, Dr. Angus McGugan Pavilion, CapitalCare Norwood, 10410 111 Ave.
(across from the Royal Alexandra Hospital)

The dedication includes a framed cycling jersey worn by a friend of the family and autographed by donors. When Darren passed away last May at the age of 46, the family sent the jersey to their home town of North Bay, ON, and asked people to remember Darren by making a donation to the hospice. They raised \$800 for the unit.

"This is our way of repaying the kindness we received," says Mrs. Seguin.

The Palliative Hospice at CapitalCare Norwood is currently fundraising to support a music therapy program.

A demonstration of the music therapy program will accompany the dedication ceremony.

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