

## George's House – Palliative Care Program Application Information

George's House is a five-bed palliative residential care home based in west central Edmonton. This established program, run by the George Spady Society, serves patients with a life limiting illness (prognosis approx. less than 6 months) and who are affected by one of the following: unstable housing, living in poverty, history or active substance use disorder AND/OR those that would benefit from a non-institutional setting for care. Goals of care M and C accepted.

A specialized team of health care professionals and support workers provide 24-hour care along with the support of an interdisciplinary team during business hours. This team concentrates on easing the physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering that may accompany the end-of-life journey.

Residents live in the home until they pass away, no longer require palliative care or their needs exceed the programs capacity of care.

Program services include:

- Assistance with the tasks of daily living
- Clinical assessments
- Medication management
- Medical care with the assistance from Palliative Home care
- Nutritional requirements (three meals, and snacks)
- Clean, hygienic environment

Care plans are highly personalized and may include spiritual supports, family supports, harm reduction supports, and medical assistance in dying. The intent of the program is to provide a safe, comfortable home for participants at end of life.

Each participant is provided a private, non-smoking room. Rooms are fully furnished with hospital beds and televisions in each room.

Common areas include:

- Kitchen
- 2 Living rooms
- Bathroom
- Outdoor patio (smoking is permitted)
- Back yard

Applications will require a medical assessment by a palliative care provider (can be completed by program). The understanding that the participant will become a client of Palliative Home care, as well need to transfer all medication to the Community Members Pharmacy MINT.

The program manager will review all applications and provide interviews to participants and their support workers when occupancy becomes available.

For more information please contact George's House Program Manager Michelle Valiquette 780-934-4102 or 780-758-2066