

## **Press Release – February 20, 2015**

### **Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw Update**

Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw has completed the application process to receive Charitable Status by Information Services of Canada and is currently awaiting final approval.

In May 2014, Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw held a public forum at the Heritage Inn. More than 175 people attended this meeting, bringing enthusiasm and encouragement to the 12 board members of Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw. This meeting motivated Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw to apply for Incorporation, followed by an application to become a not-for-profit organization. With the help of professional legal advice, we published the Bylaws of Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw and were able to apply for not-for-profit status.

Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw continues to meet monthly. It is a fledgling organization, focused on both community education and research. Some members of the board will be attending the Provincial Hospice & Palliative Care Conference this spring, with a mission to meet one-on-one with the hospice organizations from Swift Current, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina. The Board also plans to continue the organization's mission of community education and discussion by making presentations to many charitable organizations in early 2015. The Board is also in discussion with potential partners regarding the establishment of a Heartland Hospice facility in Moose Jaw.

Hospice Care takes place in an environment where the care approach is holistic and helps families face life-limiting illness with dignity and comfort surrounded by a circle of support. This care can take place in the home, hospital, or in a designated hospice facility. Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw is committed to providing compassionate, holistic care to those nearing the end of their physical life. Our vision is to support, educate, and empower hospice clients and their families through networking, public and professional education, advocacy, and community involvement. More information can be found on our website at [www.heartlandhospice.ca](http://www.heartlandhospice.ca).