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Dear Friend,

It is hard to believe that six months have passed since I joined the Cancer Assistance Program as Executive Director. I am constantly in awe of the many clients, volunteers and donors that stop by our office daily. Whether it's to say "hello," return a piece of equipment, or register for CAP's programs and services, it is amazing how these interactions between strangers develop into so much more.

In the case of our client Khalihah Elliot, strangers do in fact become instant friends, as she quickly discovered each time she stepped into the car of a volunteer CAP driver.

The amiable chatter that CAP's "amazing" drivers greeted her with each time became a welcome distraction from the purpose of those rides — to treat breast cancer. For eight months in 2017, Khalihah relied on this "invaluable" transport to and from her Binbrook home and the Juravinski Cancer Centre. "When you're going through treatment, you don't always have the means or support of someone to take you back and forth, which can be stressful to think about," she said.

As a newcomer to the city, knowing she wouldn't have to figure out how to traverse through unknown territory also eased her stress. "It was one less thing to worry about because Lord knows, at a time like that, you don't need any additional stress."

This is why Khalihah carries with her the CAP brochure that a social worker initially gave to her, so that she can share information with other patients about CAP's "truly wonderful" services. In addition to CAP's Drive & Ride service, Khalihah also benefitted from a supply of oral nutritional supplements.

"While all the drivers were cheerful, encouraging and pleasant to be around," among her favourites was Dan Penrose, a volunteer driver and drive co-ordinator at CAP.



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The retired Stelco worker has been with CAP for 16 months now and is “loving every minute of it,” he says. Dan dedicates every Monday and Friday — and then some — to driving patients to and from their medical appointments. He also helps schedule other volunteer drivers to do the same. His jovial nature and penchant for pleasant conversation was instantly appealing to Khalihah.

In 2017, nearly 1000 members of our community registered with CAP's Drive & Ride program, receiving 5225 rides. This was a 9% increase from 2016 and we predict that 2018 will see continued growth. Despite over 120 volunteers, of which 50 are designated Drive & Ride volunteers, this service provided by CAP continues to see a daily waiting list. Unlike other drive programs, CAP is FREE and will take you to all of your cancer-related appointments. This service reduces the stress of finding parking and navigating side streets. We also welcome caregivers to accompany our clients when they are able to do so.

CAP relies on the generous support of those we call our 'friends'. With the incidence of cancer increasing at a rate of one out of every two individuals, we know that the need will continue to grow, which is why we are writing today to ask you to consider making a gift in support of the Cancer Assistance Program.

“For all of the help CAP gave to me, I hope to one day pay it forward,” adds Khalihah, “And I will be calling Dan to join this wonderful group of volunteers.”

This April, we ask you to consider making a gift to help Khalihah and the nearly 1000 clients that use CAP's Drive & Ride program to ensure that they continue to receive the support they need. Your gift will ensure that we continue to offer FREE rides and help to ease the emotional and economic impact of those in our community affected by cancer.

Thank you for joining our group of friends and supporters!

Sincerely,

Debbie Logel Butler  
Executive Director



Volunteer Driver, Dan Penrose

Thank you to Melanie Cummings for her contribution to this letter.

YES, I WANT TO MAKE A MONTHLY GIFT TO THE CANCER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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