



Dear

It's been a year, but a year that has seemed like a lifetime. Who could have imagined the mix of emotions we would all experience as we tried to manage a world so different than what we were used to? But also, who could have imagined that amongst these emotions we would also see and experience such profound human kindnesses? Gestures that ranged from neighbours clearing snow for neighbours, to health care workers working around the clock to care for COVID patients. As vaccines become available for all of us, our despair is turning to hope. Hope that in the not-too-distant future our world will right itself and we can go on living like we once did.

For cancer patients, the emotions that we have experienced this past year are not new. Upon hearing "it's cancer," they are immediately challenged by fears and loneliness, sadness, and frustration; fears that have been escalated by the potential impact that contracting the COVID virus would have for them. But like we have seen during this past year, they are also struck by the wealth of human kindness around them. At the Cancer Assistance Program, we work every day to bring some of that kindness to our clients who are managing a cancer diagnosis. Although there were times this past year when we had to close our doors, we did not stop supporting cancer patients and their families. We continued to provide home safety equipment, nutrition and incontinence products, and COVID-safe drives to cancer appointments when we could. We enhanced our services by partnering with Zarky's Fine Foods to bring contactless delivery of food bags with personal care items and nutritional supplements to our clients' doorsteps weekly. With the provision of pandemic funding, we have been able to lease a van so we could also deliver and pick up home safety equipment. We know how much our services are needed and at a time when cancer patients are even more vulnerable, we were not about to halt service. In fact, over 700 **new** cancer patients registered for the services we provide last year alone. We simply could not stop meeting their needs.

**"At the age of 63, I met the most wonderful woman. Shirley and I cruised the world together making memories that I cherish. Regrettably, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer shortly after we met, yet we continued cruising – always two-week cruises or longer, and always to European destinations like the Greek Islands or the French Riviera. Shirley loved to ballroom dance and cruising gave us the chance to dress up and dance the night away. When her cancer treatments became too much, we stopped cruising, but we didn't stop living. We converted her balcony to a comfortable outdoor space with carpeting, lights, a table and chairs. With the home safety equipment provided by CAP, we made her apartment safe. The balcony then**

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**ONE-TIME DONATION:** Yes, I want to make a gift to ensure cancer patients and their families get the help they need.

\$50    \$100    \$150    \$200    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I have enclosed my cheque made payable to **Cancer Assistance Program**.
- I authorize CAP to charge my credit card in the amount indicated at left.
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became home to many lovely dinners and our evenings would round out with a game or two of scrabble that she would always beat me at. I took Shirley to all her appointments, and we simply couldn't manage without the walker, and then wheelchair, that CAP lent us.

When Shirley died my world got a whole lot smaller, but I realized that to keep on living I needed a purpose. **I couldn't do what I used to be able to do, but I still wanted to make a difference. I wanted to leave a mark... I still do!** As I reflected on the difference CAP made to Shirley and I as we were managing her cancer, I realized that there was no better place to help make a difference. I don't have a lot to give, but I could give a little every month, and so my monthly giving began. This monthly gift has kept me connected with the kind people at CAP. When I drop by for a coffee and cookie, I continue to be more than touched by the cancer clients they support. I've been witness to many getting fitted for a walker or a family member picking up incontinence products and Ensure with such gratitude that I know my monthly gift is making a difference."

– Bill Boxall (88), Monthly Donor

Cancer is not going away. In fact, the sad reality is that due to the fear of contracting the virus, many people have postponed appointments, delayed cancer screening tests, and limited doctor visits. As a result, cancer diagnoses are on the rise with more of the diagnoses being at advanced stages. At CAP, we are already experiencing the impact of this post-pandemic surge as **new** client registrations are growing weekly and demand for our free services climbing to levels like we have never experienced. Through this we continue our commitment to supporting **all** cancer patients with home safety equipment, nutritional and incontinence supports, personal care items, parking, and drives to appointments at no charge because we know that managing cancer is not just emotionally and physically challenging, but it is also expensive.

Today we are asking that you help us support our commitment to cancer patients in our community by joining our **CAP Monthly Giving** program. Like Bill, your monthly gift will make a huge difference in the life of a cancer patient and their family.

**A donation of just \$50 a month will provide 24 rides to medical appointments and a gift of \$100 a month will provide 120 six-packs of nutritional supplements for cancer patients.**

A cancer diagnosis changes a person's world forever. Please help us continue to bring a little kindness to these cancer patients as they manage their cancer journey by becoming a CAP Monthly Donor! Your support means the world to us and even more to our clients.

Thank you,



Debbie Logel Butler  
Executive Director



**MONTHLY DONATION:** Yes, I want to join the **CAP Monthly Giving** program to ensure cancer patients and their families get the help they need.

I authorize CAP to charge my credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on or after the 15th of each month, commencing in the month after I date my request.

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**Thank You!**

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