



Dear

The holiday spirit – that being the **spirit of generosity** – is vividly displayed in the classic Charles Dickens story, *A Christmas Carol*. Through the transformation of Dickens’ character Scrooge, we are urged to pursue the quality of humanity and to live it in our hearts every day of the year.

“I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach.”

– Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Although it may be cliché to say, the holiday season is a time for giving; the time of year that our actions of generosity can and will remind us of the difference we can make in the lives of others and in ourselves.

It is especially during this season that we are reminded of the **importance of giving**. The season that provides us with the moments to reflect on all we have, and on all that those around us may need. It is the time of year that makes it so easy for us to give in both small ways and big.

While acts of giving are encouraged during the holidays, the message in Dickens’ story reminds us that giving can occur in many different forms, at many times throughout the year. Giving can be of our time, our talents, or our financial support. It can be a one-time gift, or gifts that keep on giving throughout the year.

“Both my wife and I personally have had two encounters with cancer. In my case, my first encounter required 39 treatments. It was through that experience that I learned and observed firsthand the very practical needs of cancer patients and their families. Like many, I was treated for my cancer as an outpatient. I was on my own to get to my appointments and to safely manage my care at home. I was one of the lucky ones as I was able to drive myself to appointments, and if needed, could rely on my family... but admittedly, that just added another layer of stress to an already very challenging time. As I managed my treatments, I observed many others who were not so fortunate. I saw many who were so sick they couldn’t get to appointments without the assistance of equipment and transportation services. I witnessed the stress on the faces of family members as they tried to assist their loved ones – which I know was exacerbated by their need to re-schedule their own lives to ensure their loved one could get the care they needed.

(PLEASE TURN OVER)



**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.
- Please sign me up for electronic communications from CAP (be sure to include your email address).
- Visa    Mastercard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

During my cancer journey, I was fortunate to be introduced to CAP by a colleague who is one of the founding members of CAP. Having experienced the need and seen the true impact of a lack of resources, I did what I could at that time in my life and volunteered as a driver for CAP. Driving patients made me even more intimately aware of the needs of individuals from all corners of our city. Their absolute gratitude for that simple act of kindness was so overwhelming that I knew I had to do more. So, I took on a leadership position on the Board of Directors, helping to grow CAP into the organization it is today, while also involving my family in all that we could be a part of. I'm pretty proud to say that the Burroughs family have been the lead contributors to the annual CARE Walk, challenging others to step up their fundraising goals. **CAP gave so much to me that it just made sense to make CAP part of our family, participating and giving back in as many ways as we could."**

– Don Burroughs – CAP volunteer, client, and supporter

At CAP we rely on the generosity of our donors to help us continue to provide free, practical, and tangible services to cancer patients and their families. Never has this been so important than during this past year and a half with cancer patients being especially vulnerable to the impact of COVID due to compromised immune systems and health care system challenges. It is our donors and our volunteers who give of their time, their talents, and their financial support that allow us to continue to meet the needs of so many in our community year-round.

**A gift to CAP, no matter the size or form, will ease the burden of someone in need.** A one-time gift at this time of year will help those like Don's family, ensuring they are getting the much needed supports they require. A monthly gift can ease the burden of someone every single day by ensuring that we at CAP can continue to provide a ride, a parking spot, nutritional supplements, personal care items, a doorstep delivery of food and supplies, or some home safety equipment – **all at no cost to them for as long as needed.**

**So please, during this season of giving, give what you can and directly impact those in our community who lean on CAP for support.**

"I can assure you that there are many ways to donate and support the mission of CAP. We need you as donors, monthly and one-time gift givers, to support our ever-growing financial needs. But we equally need the time and energy of you as volunteers to deliver these services. Whatever you choose, we welcome you to join CAP, alongside my family and so many others, in providing help when it is needed most."

– Don Burroughs – CAP volunteer, client, and supporter

Thank you and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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.

Visa  Mastercard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank You!**

An official tax receipt will be issued for all gifts of \$20 and above. Monthly donors receive one tax receipt at the end of the year for the full amount.