

Dear Friend,

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." These words from Abraham Lincoln resonate deeply with us at the Cancer Assistance Program (CAP), as we face the growing need to support cancer clients and their families. The responsibility of tomorrow begins today. For over 30 years, CAP has provided FREE essential and practical services to those diagnosed with cancer, ensuring EVERYONE in our community has access to the resources they need. However, meeting this demand has become increasingly challenging.

I am sure you can imagine a cancer diagnosis is overwhelming; it brings fear, endless questions, and life-changing decisions. **Questions that are hard to answer; decisions that are beyond your control; appointments that seem endless and treatments that impact how you feel, how you look, how you make it through each and every day.** For many, it affects not only their own lives but also those of their family, friends, and loved ones. It impacts your world. CAP's services are here to help everyone in your world.

No one wants to manage their cancer journey from a hospital room. We all know that there is nothing more comforting than sleeping in your own bed, being near our own things. But cancer treatments can leave you feeling weakened and unsteady. The home safety equipment CAP provides ensures you can be, and remain, at home securely.

*"I needed a lot of equipment to be able to go home safely and that's always been my priority, to recover at home. I needed a transport chair. I needed a toilet elevator. I needed a bath bench. They (CAP) were able to get me all my equipment, every single thing I needed to be at home safely." CAP Equipment Client*

Cancer treatments can also compromise patients' nutrition. CAP delivers nutritional supplements like Ensure, helping clients maintain their strength. Our nutritional program reached an all time high this year with a 60% increase in demand, which is 1,561 more 6-packs of ensure being issued. As one recipient noted,

*"I deeply appreciate CAP, everyone has been so awesome to me, whether it is the volunteer drivers taking me to my appointments or the delivery to me at home of Ensure and some needed personal care items. Cancer can be so overwhelming, and CAP has made a huge difference for me." CAP Personal Care Client*



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

☐ \$150 ☐ \$200 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to Cancer Assistance Program.

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**Thank you for helping us meet the needs of tomorrow.**



Our Drive Program ensures patients reach their appointments safely without burdening loved ones. As one client shared,

*“Not only could my husband continue to work on my treatment days, but even when he came with me, we did not have the stress of trying to find parking.” CAP Drive Client*

And just imagine if you lived alone.

*“I was advised to get rid of my car for medical reasons. I have no remaining family and live alone, with neighbours and family with limited free time. That left no alternative. There is no comparison between that and your reliable transportation. Your volunteers are always there and ready for the return drive – even when sometimes the appointment takes much longer.” CAP Drive Client.*

This program is more than just a ride; it’s peace of mind.

With the demand rising, averaging 30 new registrants per week, these services are more vital than ever. And maybe, just maybe, for the first time in your life you are more dependent on others than you could have ever imagined.

**Our job at CAP is to be there when you need us but that is increasingly difficult.** We absolutely cannot continue to meet the needs of every cancer client and their families who walk through our doors without your help. The number of clients in need of your support is growing beyond our capacity and we are currently experiencing waitlists for drives, an average of 32 a month, where some clients are not receiving rides.

As our Transportation Specialist puts it, *“One of the hardest parts of this role is calling clients to tell them we don’t have a drive available. For many of our clients, we are their only way to get to their critically important treatments and appointments. It’s a weighty reminder of how critical our services are.” Daniel, Transportation Specialist*

The reality is that cancer is unrelenting and touches more lives each year. Two in five Canadians will be diagnosed, and one in four will succumb to the disease. Advances in treatment and screening have improved survival rates, yet the physical and emotional toll is immense. For many, the journey doesn’t end with remission but involves living in fear of recurrence.

To continue supporting these programs, we need your help. Your generosity enables us to provide the care and support our clients depend on. A donation of \$150 can help provide 18 rides to a needed treatment, 13 six packs of nutritional supplements to provide strength, and so much more.

**Please help us meet the needs of tomorrow by giving today.**

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**Thank You for helping us meet the needs of tomorrow.**

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- ☐ Volunteering for the transportation team
- ☐ Volunteering for the client services team
- ☐ Volunteering for the equipment team
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