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## 2008 Visitor Testimonials

- ◆ Words cannot express how thankful we are to have had this wonderful experience. We spent a week playing and relaxing as a family, with all medical concerns a million miles away. Well, at least for a week! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
- ◆ After a year of hard time going through surgeries, chemo & radiation treatments for my breast cancer, this week of cottage stay was truly an enjoyable and relaxing week for me both me and my husband, together with our two young boys. We really had a great time together! We are truly grateful.
- ◆ I wish to say thank you for your gift. It was a wonderful, memorable six days that I will always treasure. I had never been up to the Muskokas before. Now I know why they say it is such a lovely place. Memories like this are what help to sustain you when times are not so good. So, I am deeply grateful
- ◆ Thank you so much for your generosity and helping us create new family memories that don't include hospitals and doctors. This is a wonderful program.
- ◆ This was an amazing way for our family to rediscover the joy of simply being together and feeling good. Thank you.
- ◆ Our family was able to come together in a peaceful setting after our unsettling year. Thank you.
- ◆ Thank you so much for giving me this chance to spend time with family and to 'get away from it all' and reflect on how far I have come. I truly appreciate being to participate in this program.
- ◆ After my cancer ordeal, which impacted my son and me, it was wonderfully healing to have quiet time together in the beautiful, natural environment of the cottage. We could not have afforded a holiday on our own. Thank you so much.
- ◆ It's unbelievably rough going through cancer treatment. Rough on the patient, rough on the family especially – in our case, our son. A week at a cottage made our life feel normal again. So thank you for giving us a chance to laugh, joke, play, rest and remember together.
- ◆ My wife and I were placed in a beautiful cottage. There we rested, relaxed and shared a great deal. It gave us so much enjoyment to be so close to the water. To be able to continue my recovery in this way has been a great source of well being. Your kindness will be treasured with our wonderful memories of this time. We give you our humble but deeply grateful thanks for this opportunity to recuperate.

- ♦ These past few years have been very hard on our family as we tried to support each other through a very difficult time. Our Cottage Dreams experience over this past week has truly been a dream come true. Thank you.
- ♦ It had been a very tough year going through treatment for all of our family. This week, where we spent our time relaxing with each other, fishing, playing games and exploring the area, has really helped us to reconnect and enjoy each other. It has also given the kids a chance to spend some time with their Grandmas.
- ♦ We can only say 'thank you' for providing such a generous gift after such a hard fought battle.
- ♦ My husband and I just returned from a wonderful holiday which has done wonders to restore our spirits. Thank you so much for making Cottage Dreams a reality.
- ♦ I honestly don't remember too much about last summer (chemo-brain) but thanks to many wonderful people like you, I'm sure this cottage getaway will leave us with memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks once again!
- ♦ After months of chemotherapy and weeks of radiation, a respite from the city was exactly what we needed! Thank you so much.
- ♦ Our family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for providing us with such invaluable opportunity to spend time away together and celebrate cancer recovery at such a nice cottage. It was a great way of relaxing, recovering and creating family memories.
- ♦ My 'Cottage Dreams' week was all that I hoped it would be – peaceful, relaxing, fun and rejuvenating. I will take away many special memories.
- ♦ Our visit to the cottage allowed us some precious escape time with our daughter and my mother and sister. Thank you for helping us build these memories.
- ♦ I haven't worked since February 2007 so we cannot afford a vacation anytime in the near future. I was diagnosed with both inflammatory and triple negative breast cancer. My breast cancer has a poor prognosis and does not benefit from the latest post-treatment medication options. It is possible that this may be the last vacation our family has together. I have no words to express how appreciative I am that my family has had this special time together.
- ♦ We would like to thank you whole heartedly for helping make a dream come true for a family like ours through Cottage Dreams. This is a wonderful way to bring families together who are going through a rough time in life.
- ♦ My family and I are glad to have been honoured to be one of the families enjoying your program. Without Cottage Dreams this wouldn't be possible for us to sit back and relax. It was breath taking. The children couldn't believe that someone has the heart to give such a gift. They have never experienced a cottage. It's a gift they will never forget.
- ♦ This past year has been a trial for myself and my family. While at the cottage we were able to create some new and wonderful memories. I felt like it was finally a new beginning and time to put the past year into the past, where it belongs. Thank you so much!

- ♦ The time at the cottage was a healing time, a time to relax and think about what is important in life. Somebody once said as long as you and your family have your health you have your wealth, and anything else is secondary.
- ♦ Our family really appreciates the time and effort that Cottage Dreams has taken to arrange this week for us. Thank you so much for considering us for Cottage Dreams and all the best to the kind family that offered their cottage to us.
- ♦ Just wanted to let you know that we spent the week at the cottage. It was the most beautiful spot – we couldn't believe it. Thank you so much for all of your help in setting this up for us. We will never forget the time we spent there. Lots of new and wonderful memories were created. This is such a wonderful program and I hope that it can continue for many years to come, so that many families can experience what we did. Again – thank you!