



A Gift of Time Away with Family,
Celebrating Cancer Recovery

Cottage Dreams
Cancer Recovery Initiative

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Spring & Summer Newsletter

New Program Deadline for Fall & Winter 2009

As a way to use the many cottages offered from September to December and impact more survivors, we will offer a new application deadline of July 12, 2009 for visits from September 1 – December 31, 2009.

The summer program deadline has passed but there is lots of time to prepare for a visit when the leaves are changing or when it's a winter wonderland.

Please pass the word along to anyone who is in treatment or works in the healthcare field.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

We have received many cottage week offers and a record number of visitor requests. Our goal is to offer over 200 placements this year and with visit weeks extending back to December 31, we hope that more visitors will choose a fall or winter week. We know that 80% of our families prefer a July or August week but also understand that offers for summer weeks are limited. If you have a summer week, we will guarantee a family this summer!

Corona Chairs for Charity In Support of Cottage Dreams

Please join us at the 2009 Spring Cottage Life Show to see in person the Corona Chairs for Charity.



BENEFITTING COTTAGE DREAMS
CANCER RECOVERY INITIATIVE

We invite you to bid on 6 original, hand painted chairs created especially for this unique fundraising event. The chairs will be a great addition to your home or cottage. Bidding starts March 22 at 8:00pm via eBay. You can get to the eBay Chairs for Charity site via www.cottagedreams.org.

The chairs will be on display at the Spring Cottage Life Show from Friday March 27th to Sunday March 29th at the Dock Party Booth 2604, Hall 4A.

Thank you, Corona!



Thank you to Sirius Satellite for their sponsorship of the "We Couldn't Have Done It Without You" event at this year's Cottage Life Show.



The Perfect Steak Company
When you purchase any meat product or steak marinade at their Spring Cottage Life booth, they will donate to Cottage Dreams. Please visit them when you are at the show!

"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." - 2008 Visitor

New Faces

We have some new faces in the office and we have said goodbye to some familiar faces. Hilary Elia and Kristy Bourgeois have left to pursue other opportunities while Rebekah Gunning and Debbie Cumber have joined us to coordinate the program placements. Becky is our new Visitor Coordinator and Debbie is our new Cottage Coordinator.

Becky can be reached at program.info@cottagedreams.org and Debbie at program.support@cottagedreams.org. The application deadline was March 1st and we have begun to process each request. Debbie will be in touch soon to ask for you to offer a week or if you have already, she will confirm a family visit. We understand it is very busy but as our matching process kicks into high gear in April for our June visits and May for July and August and advance notice is great.

Once the leaves begin to bloom, we will start to visit cottages that have not been seen by our Site Reps. We are looking for volunteers across Ontario to visit new cottages, take pictures and meet the owners.

"After my cancer ordeal, which impacted my sons 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" - 2008 Cottage Visitor

GOLF Update

3rd Annual Cottage Classic



We are gearing up for the 3rd annual Cottage Classic golf tournament on Monday June 8th, 2009. As our landmark annual fundraising event, we hope to raise \$100,000 to support the extended 2009 program. We only have a few foursomes left to sell! Please join us at the ultra-exclusive Tom Fazio designed Coppinwood Golf Club for a day of fun in the sun at ScoreGolf's #2 ranked course in Canada. It is a great opportunity to play a very private course. If you are interested in joining us, donating prizes or becoming a corporate sponsor, please email golf@cottagedreams.org.



COPPINWOOD



Your Lake Associations

If you are a member of your lake association, we ask that you name Cottage Dreams as a beneficiary of funds raised at your upcoming events. We have a prepared email request with all the details that we can send to you. Please contact Donna Gagnon at 705-457-9100 or email at donna.gagnon@cottagedreams.org



Viceroy Homes will join us as corporate partners once again in 2009. They will participate in a matching program that will see the Viceroy corporate office match donations from participating Viceroy Dealers based on units sold. Last year, they raised almost \$23,000 for Cottage Dreams!



You can support Cottage Dreams when you take your boating exam. Boaterexam.com will donate \$5.00 per exam online or at one of the many community events they attend. They will be at the Spring Cottage Life Show and the Ottawa Cottage and Backyard Show on Easter weekend or online at www.boaterexam.com.

Pass The Word!

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW 2009 FALL AND WINTER PROGRAM!

To find out more go to our website at www.cottagedreams.org



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 1st winter Stars under the Stars outdoor screening on February 13th as part of Haliburton's Frostfest.

It was a very cold night but the bonfire and bright stars made it more enjoyable. Thank you to Sirius Satellite Radio for their sponsorship and to the volunteers and staff for all their hard work.

Volunteers

It's that time of year again when we hit the ground running and begin to meet each applicant, plan cottage visits and plan special events.

With many cottages awaiting visits, we are in need of additional Site Reps to help us meet new cottage donors at their property to answer questions and take photographs. Areas include Haliburton, Bancroft, Sudbury, North Bay, Collingwood, Grand Bend, Kawartha and Parry Sound/Muskoka and site rep visits will begin once the leaves are budding. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at program.support@cottagedreams.org.

If you are available to meet applicants and discuss how Cottage Dreams can help them by answering their questions and outlining the program, please contact Becky at program.info@cottagedreams.org. Volunteers are especially needed in: Toronto, Hamilton, Oakville, Brampton, Markham and Northern Ontario.

Any special event volunteer questions can be directed to Donna at donna.gagnon@cottagedreams.org

2009 Calendar of Events

March 22	Corona Chairs for Charity	Spring Cottage Life Show & eBay
March 27-29	Spring Cottage Life Show	Mississauga
April 9-11	The Cottage & Backyard Show	Ottawa
June	Trash 'n Treasures Sale	Haliburton
June 5-7	Haliburton Cottage Show	Haliburton
June 8	3rd Annual Cottage Classic golf tournament	Uxbridge
	Coppinwood Golf Club	
July 24-26	Muskoka In-water Boat & Cottage Show	Gravenhurst Wharf
August	Stars under the Stars outdoor movie	Muskoka & Haliburton
September	1st Annual Muskoka Cottage Classic golf tournament	Utterson (near Port Carling)



Please give generously to support the 100+ applications we have already received! You can donate to us through the United Way at your workplace by simply naming Cottage Dreams as your charity of choice.

Visit us online at www.cottagedreams.org for more information. Please pass along this newsletter to someone in treatment. We may very well have a

cottage for them!