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COTTAGE DREAMS CANCER RECOVERY INITIATIVE INC.

Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

To the Cottage Dreams Community:

As winter is slowly finding its way into our weather and the cottage season is winding down, Cottage Dreams has been able to enjoy a little less of a hectic schedule. I say a little less because as this season ends our Program Manager, Debbie Farrell, is getting ready for the 2018 season, which is only a few months away.

Cottage Dreams has been helping Cancer Survivors and their family and friends for over 14 years. Cottage Dreams has placed over 10,000 families in cottages around Ontario and parts of Quebec, generously donated by their owners. The responses we and the cottage owners have received has told us that this opportunity to "Recover together from the trauma of cancer" is so very much appreciated and important to the recovery of the Survivor and their families.

Unfortunately the number of people diagnosed with Cancer is growing rapidly. Fortunately the number of Cancer Survivors is growing at an even faster rate. We at Cottage Dreams want to be sure our program is available to every qualified Survivor who wishes to have the opportunity for a week away to rest, relax and re-connect with family, friends and life.

It is for that reason we are asking for your help.

Cottage Dreams is looking for Cottage Owners and Guests who would be willing to volunteer a few hours a month to help Cottage Dreams.

We are specifically looking for individuals who have experience in the following areas:

- 1) **IT:** Our set up is beyond archaic, any and all help is appreciated.
- 2) **Event Planning/Fund Raising:** The life blood of every non-profit is funding. Presently Cottage Dreams has no one well versed in this critical area at all. We would certainly welcome all who can help us in either area.
- 3) **Marketing:** We have relied entirely on exhibiting at the Cottage Life Shows, Pri-Med Conferences, and a few presentations at support groups but it has been mainly word of mouth. We need to make the Cancer Survivors more aware of who we are, what we do and how we can help them.
- 4) **A Medical Practitioner:** We are looking for some one who can help us navigate the medical system (Oncology) to ensure we are reaching our target market, the Cancer Survivors, Support Groups and Social Assistance departments. To also help us review our eligibility criteria and ensure it is up to date and current with the present day medical advancements.
- 5) **Property Management:** This is a bit of a stretch. Assistance here would be as we move forward to streamline our application process and try to enter the 21st Century.
- 6) **Friends Of Cottage Dreams:** Individuals who will help to introduce Cottage Dreams to Cancer Support Groups, Cottage Associations/Lake Associations, social groups and all other interested parties.

If you are interested in volunteering, have some experience in any of the above areas or just want further information please contact Debbie Farrell, Program Manager at Cottage Dreams, program.info@cottagedreams.org or 705-457-9100.

Sincerely:

Board of Directors
Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative Inc.