



# THE JOURNEY

2015-2016

## DEAR FRIENDS,

It has been another wonderful year at Compassion House Foundation as we've been able to support more than 300 women on their cancer journey. The majority of the women who stay at Sorrentino's Compassion House are in Edmonton for breast cancer treatment. However, changes in the way breast cancer is treated has allowed us the opportunity to offer accommodation to women with other cancers. We want to thank everyone for their continued support in helping these women on their cancer journeys.

Every woman comes to Sorrentino's Compassion House with her own unique story to share. Just like travelling, while many experiences are shared with others, each person has memories and experiences to call their own. We are so happy to provide a haven to these women where they don't have to worry about expensive hotel or accommodation costs while staying in the city for treatment.

We know the women's journey doesn't end with us, so the Board of Directors is working on the next phase for the Foundation to continue support after they leave the house. We are aware that there are very few post-treatment resources available, especially for guests in smaller, rural or remote communities, and there is an opportunity to play a role in the ongoing journey of these women. We look forward to further developing our vision as we strive to ease the distress of the cancer journey for women. We invite you to support our development as we continue to learn and grow from each of our houseguests.

The 2016 Compassion House Foundation community report reflects the journey our guests undergo. From diagnosis, to exploring options, planning their stay in Edmonton and making the trip for treatment, each guest has a unique perspective to share. Staff, volunteers and houseguests provide limitless support, creating a positive environment to help the women through this time in their life. We are excited to share with you a pair of Support Socks as a reminder of the role the Foundation plays in the lives of these women and ask you consider supporting their individual journeys.

Debra Wooding  
*President*



Melissa Kraft  
*Executive Director*



# PLANNING

Every journey begins with a plan.

## How did our guests hear of us?



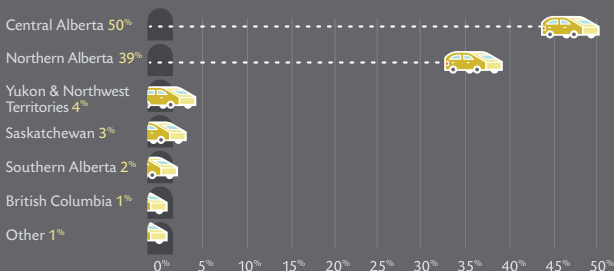
- = 73% from medical professional or the Cross Cancer Institute
- = 21% from former houseguest
- = 6% from other

## Total guests helped this year?

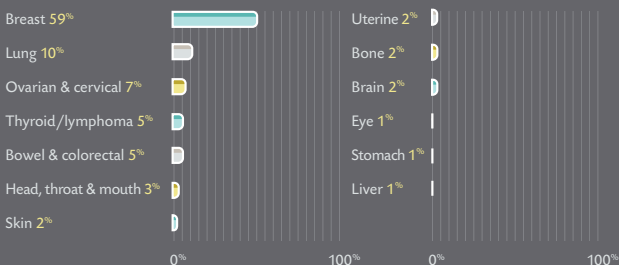


- = 165 new guests
- = 146 repeat guests

## Where did our guests come from this year?



## What types of cancer treatment were our guest receiving?

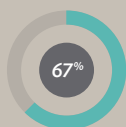


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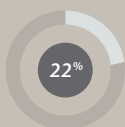
*Arriving at a new destination is always full of mixed feelings.*

*Upon arriving at Sorrentino's Compassion House, guests said they felt:*

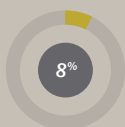
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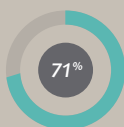
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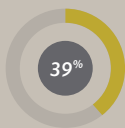
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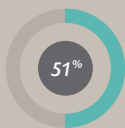
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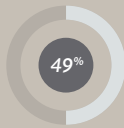
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CONNECTED



HOPEFUL



INFORMED

***Sorrentino's Compassion House is a wonderful place. My husband found it easier to leave me there because he knew I would be safe and help was close by if I needed it.***

## STAY

### *Volunteers*

We are so fortunate to have a team of dedicated and caring volunteers to welcome and support our guests during their stay in Edmonton. This year there were 25 individuals who volunteered regularly at the house, as well as 14 groups from the community, who prepared meals, completed yard work and hosted activities. Volunteers provided activities for guests including nutrition, yoga and meditation.

### *Programs*

Activities play a big role in supporting our guests' physical and emotional health while they stay at the house. Guests' feedback indicated that involvement in activities helps them feel better physically and/or emotionally (78%) and decreases stress levels (62%). Activities also provide an opportunity to connect with other women in the house.

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***The ability to cook my own food, not have to stress about where to find laundromats and knowing that my room and bathroom were my private domain alleviated an immense amount of stress. Plus having other women to talk to about their treatments (comparisons) made it okay. I no longer felt so alone in being "sick," so it became not such a HUGE deal.***

## DEPARTURE

*Goodbyes can be hard, but they can also be filled with joy and anticipation for the continued journey.*

*After leaving Sorrentino's Compassion House, guests said they felt:*

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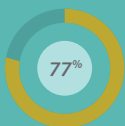
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## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

*Compassion House Foundation offered a retreat for 30 former guests. The women gathered in Edmonton to work on topics related to survivorship.*

We know the cancer journey doesn't end with the conclusion of treatment. Each year Compassion House Foundation offers an annual former guest retreat where the women gather to work on topics related to survivorship. At our 9th annual retreat in June 2016, 30 former guests explored topics on body image, sexuality, fitness, coping and personality.

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*There were lots of tough times throughout the treatment process and as I look back on the last year, some of the best times were had at my Sorrentino's Compassion House experience. I will forever cherish my time there. It had such a positive impact on my life and was such a wonderful way to finish the treatment process. The people connected with Sorrentino's Compassion House care and that makes all the difference.*

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