

November 13, 2008

Tracy Quon and Kathleen Fraser  
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Dear Tracy and Kathleen,

The Alberta Cancer Foundation is deeply grateful for the support of the Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. Your generous gift to establish an endowment fund with a principal balance of \$680,092 is now generating approximately \$34,000 in expendable funding each year. This annual funding is helping to support three unique programs that directly impact the quality of life for breast cancer patients treated at Calgary's Tom Baker Cancer Centre.

**Patient Financial Assistance Program**

Patients and their families often say that coping with a diagnosis of cancer is easier than dealing with the stress of financial concerns as a result of their illness. The Alberta Cancer Foundation Patient Financial Assistance Program is a lifeline for hundreds of cancer patients and their families, providing them with temporary short-term financial assistance so that they can focus on what's really important – beating cancer. Costs covered during treatment include everything from rent and utilities to medication, groceries and childcare. Each year, interest generated by the Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation endowment fund enhances this program and assists breast cancer patients receiving treatment at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre.

**Tapestry Program**

Many people who are dealing with cancer find that although their bodies are being well taken care of, their emotional and spiritual needs are equally important. Psychosocial programs, designed to incorporate a holistic approach to the well-being of the individual, provide a safe and nurturing environment in which to explore the experience of cancer. Tapestry Retreats, open to all cancer patients and their families, take place over five days at a Retreat and Renewal Centre in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Participants are offered an opportunity to enjoy the natural surroundings and spend time in group or individual sessions with professional counseling staff from the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. The Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation endowment fund provides funding each year for a Tapestry retreat designed specifically for breast cancer patients.

**Holiday Hamper Program**

The Tom Baker Cancer Centre Holiday Hamper program, supported by hospital staff and donors, provides a growing number of hampers for cancer patients and their families each year. Since 2006, the Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation endowment fund has provided dozens of hampers complete with thoughtful gifts and grocery cards for breast cancer patients who qualify for the program. Without this support the number of baskets provided would be substantially reduced.

The Alberta Cancer Foundation is proud to make these programs available thanks to the generous support of donors like the Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. They are an important aspect of cancer care that touches the lives of patients and families throughout Southern Alberta. Thank you again for your role in making them possible.

Sincerely,



Linda Mickelson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Alberta Cancer Foundation