

Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative

2010 has been an incredible year for Cottage Dreams.

- Together with our cottage owners, we hosted a record number of families in 2010.
- We settled into the new Haliburton office after a fire that left us back at square one.
- We welcomed our first ever Executive Director, Randy MacDonald.
- Founder Seana O'Neill began working out of Toronto to raise the organizations profile.
- We welcomed new members and a new Chair to the Board of Directors.
- Human Resources & Skill Development Canada awarded us 3 grants for staff salaries.
- More placements are taking place outside of Muskoka, Haliburton, Georgian Bay in communities that include Port Elgin area, Kawartha Lakes and Apsley/Peterborough.
- We saw an increase in individual donations and in-kind gifts.
- In 2010, Cottage Dreams hosted 2 honeymoon couples.

The total number of requests coordinated and confirmed by Cottage Dreams this year is **350**. Some families requesting a summer 2011 cottage week and with the past request deadline of March 1 being eliminated, we are receiving new families every week. Our goal for 2011 is 400-500 families celebrating cancer recovery at the lake.

Please send Debbie Cumber an email [here](#) to confirm your 2011 cottage week donation.

"We were thrilled to be able to participate in the Cottage Dreams experience. From the very beginning, all details were handled with professionalism and care. We felt that we were involved in a win-win situation. We would strongly recommend to anyone who has the capability to donate their cottage, to do so. By helping others, we were sharing our good fortune." - Cottage Donor Testimonial

Party Time

We have been busy hosting and attending special events all year with no rest in sight for 2011. The many sponsors, volunteers, guests, hosts, donors and support staff ensure the events are always a great time and that all funds raised go to increasing awareness of the opportunity to participate in the Cottage Dreams program. It is our goal to make the program a great experience for all everyone involved. This year's calendar was jam packed:



Happy Holidays

DECEMBER 2010

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Thank you for your ongoing support because we couldn't do it without you.



Getting The Word Out

Joseph Brant Memorial in Burlington, the Jurvianski Cancer Centre in Hamilton, Princess Margaret Hospital, Sunnybrook and Sick Kids in Toronto will see volunteers hosting lobby information tables during January & February to raise awareness and recruit more potential visitors for 2011.

- We Could'nt Do It Without You celebration, Chair-ity auction and booth at the Spring Cottage Life Show.
- Ottawa Cottage & Big Backyard Show.
- Mosquitos & Mojitos Toronto & Haliburton.
- 4th Annual Cottage Dreams Cottage Classic Golf Tournament.
- Muskoka In-Water & Cottage Show.
- Haliburton Cottage Show.
- Girls Getaway Weekend.
- National Health Show.
- Fall Cottage Life Show.
- Wine, Dine & Pine cocktail reception.

Winter 2011

In an effort to attract new supporters, we will be hosting 3 Apres Ski parties this winter as well as our 3rd annual Chair-ity hand painted Muskoka chair online auction during the Spring Cottage Life Show.

- February 5/11 Apres Ski Party @ Calendon Ski Club.
- February 24/11 Charity Ski Day @ Alpine Ski Club. \$10 per lift ticket sold goes to Cottage Dreams.
- March 12/11 Apres Ski Party @ Alpine Ski Club.
- March 26/11 Spring Splash @ Sir Sam's Ski Area.

Generously sponsored by:



If you can give a few hours a week in January, please join us. We hope that past visitors will come out and share their experience with others. For details, please email Victoria Houle at vhoule@cottagedreams.org. If you would like to suggest a location, please let Victoria know.



Cottage Dreams is not what it seems, for behind every cottage door there is so much more.

Families come to repair the damage done, by a thief in the night, leaving behind pain and destruction and families all a fright!

Mom's and Dad's long for a life shared with their children, filled with hopes, dreams and enough laughter to sew up the seams of what was once they're happy ever after...

Sitting on porches, dancing in the sunlight, catching big fishies, cancer doesn't haunt us!!!!

For just one week we come to take back what weeks of chemo and radiation took, and to close the book on what once took ...our hopes are dreams and our happy ever after.

Thank you Cottage Dreams for helping families to heal, rebuild and not only survive, but thrive.

In addition to the above events taking place again in 2011,
we are thrilled to introduce:

**The Ultimate Cottager Team Challenge:
A Family Triathlon with swimming, canoeing and bbq-ing**

**Muskoka, Summer 2011
A Fun & Friendly Event for Everyone at Your Cottage**

We are currently recruiting for our Triathlon Social Committee, Cottage Classic Golf Tournament and Mosquitos & Mojitos parties. We are also seeking tax receiptable products for our upcoming auctions.

Please email Vhoule@cottagedreams.org for more information

Please give generously to Cottage Dreams this holiday season.

Sponsor a Visit

Your family will sponsor another family for one week at the lake

you will receive a note from your family after their cottage getaway
\$500.00 per week

A Day at the Lake

**Your family will sponsor another family for a day at the lake
during their week away**

you will receive a note from your family after their cottage getaway
\$100.00 each day

A Host/Hostess Gift

Any amount

An End of Year Donation

Any amount

To donate online and receive an online tax receipt immediately, please [click here](#).
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