



How to fund a family's Cottage Dream

Since 2003, Cottage Dreams has been finding people willing to donate their cottages so cancer survivors can have a week of relaxation and refuge. This year, the charity is on track to best its goal of 100 placements. But organizing the program doesn't come cheap. That's why founder and president Seana O'Neill has launched a Sponsor a Visit drive, where anyone – a family, a lake

association, a workplace group – can donate \$500 to support the work needed to facilitate one family's week-long stay in cottage country. The money pays for cleaners and insurance for the donated cottage, plus costs incurred by the organization's team meeting the survivor families and cottage donors and making appropriate matches. Any size of donation is welcome (and eligible for an income tax receipt); for more information, go to www.cottagedreams.org.

Meanwhile, O'Neill has been honoured by Harlequin Enterprises, through its More Than Words charitable program, with a \$10,000 U.S. award for her work. As well, Harlequin is publishing a fictional cancer survivor's story based on the Cottage Dreams experience, in *More than Words, Volume 3*, due out in October. —*Blair Eveleigh*