

Cottage Dreams and lake groups help cancer survivors

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Today I give the floor, er, deck to [Seana O'Neill](#), the irrepressible force behind [Cottage Dreams](#), a program that supports recovering cancer patients. This spring, Seana is asking lake associations for their help to bring the cottage experience to cancer survivors. Over to you, Seana:

Dear Lake Association Member,

With spring just around the corner and all of us thinking about time back on the deck and dock with our loved ones, I wanted to say a brief hello and introduce a new way for your lake association to give a family, recently impacted by cancer, a week away through the Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative program.



The Cottage Dreams Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are reaching out to lake associations to request that Cottage Dreams be designated as your charity of choice this year and a portion of money raised at summer event(s) be donated to sponsor an individual family visit. You can sponsor a day at the lake for \$100 or an entire Sunday to Friday week for \$500.

All money raised will be used to coordinate each visit from application intake to post-visit survey and to promote the program to hospitals, doctor's offices, and cancer support centres. This year we are aiming to place over 200 families who are celebrating the move from cancer patient to cancer survivor.



Since 2003, thousands of men, women, and children have enjoyed time away through this program. And with 63,000 Ontarians being diagnosed in 2008 and over 400+ cottages in our cottage inventory, Cottage Dreams can provide a great many people with the cottage experience.

Your association will be listed on our upcoming Lake Association Donor web page as a way of publicly thanking you and challenging other associations to take up the cause. You will also receive a recognition certificate as well as a personal note from your sponsored family after their visit.

If you would like to have an information package sent to you or if you have any questions, please e-mail me at soneill@cottagedreams.org.

Sincerely,

Seana O'Neill, Founder & President

Cottage Life has been a supporter of Cottage Dreams since its inception and this spring we are proudly stepping up (sitting down?) as a sponsor of the [Chairs for Charity](#) auction. The six beautiful cottage chairs will be on display at the Dock Party in Hall 4 of the [Spring Cottage Life Show](#).