

ANNUAL REPORT 18-19



OUR



MISSION

Compassion House Foundation supports women who must leave their homes for cancer care.

VISION

Compassion House Foundation strives to ease the distress of the cancer journey for women.

VALUES

Compassion, Community, Respect, Sustainability, Understanding, Excellence



CHAIR MESSAGE:

A life, in shambles.

Somehow a cup of hot tea and someone else in that kitchen, another who relates, gets her through the night.

Providing lodging and a place of comfort for women battling cancer brings many opportunities to be blessed by the unexpected. It connects women with other women, during their most trying times. In 2018, Sorrentino's Compassion House had the privilege of providing a home for 396 women during their cancer treatments from March 2018 to March 2019. Women from 268 different communities. In total, that's over half a million kilometres travelled.

Despite the unbelievable work ethic of our staff and board and the generosity of volunteers and donors, the slower economy impacted both the Foundation and the house guests. We've had to be mindful of each detail—of what is necessary to run the house. As you look through this Annual Report, you'll see compassion comes at a cost. That's why we're incredibly thankful that Sorrentino's Compassion House sees a lot of people working together to combat these challenges, all to help the women who need it most.

The most important fundraiser to support the operation of Sorrentino's Compassion House is Syncrude presents Fashion with Compassion. We celebrated its 22nd year in October 2018, with the proceeds providing a full year of 24/7 onsite staffing. This has lent peace of mind to all guests and families—a powerful commitment to providing exceptional care and the best guest experience possible.

Of course, the cancer journey does not end when treatment is over. Beyond operating Sorrentino's Compassion House, the Foundation now provides ongoing support to women post treatment through the quarterly We Can Workshops.

Our public-facing events have been memorable and beneficial, but internally this past year, we grew stronger. The Compassion House Foundation welcomed Dianne Balon, Karissa Anderson, Kevin Kozak, Barry Reid and Debra Tumbach to our board. We said goodbye and thank you to retiring board members and celebrated their incredible accomplishments during their service.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our former board chair Debra Wooding. Your stewardship of our organization is so vitally important. Thank you also to our committed directors Sandra Huculak, Laura Freeman and Zahra Somani—your contributions as board members have enhanced the profile of the Foundation and helped ensure the great work of the Foundation will continue for many years.

No matter how you have helped, thank you for supporting Sorrentino's Compassion House over this past year. It means together we are able to continue fulfilling our mission: to help women with cancer.

IN THIS HOUSE, NO ONE BATTLES ALONE.

On July 24,

2017, Jayleen found a lump in her breast. Ten days after that, she would find out if it was cancerous or not.

"One night to go before my life would change forever...sitting in my garage, eyes blurred over in emotion, body numb, heart heavy. I looked over and noticed a pile that had been swept on the floor and not picked up. In it was a blue rubber bracelet that read "Drop Every Fear." In an instant my heart slowed down, my eyes cleared, my body felt lighter and a smile fell upon my face. From that moment on, regardless of what was to come, I knew things were going to be ok."

When friends, family and Jayleen's community learned of her breast cancer diagnosis, they rallied.



"It began with a brand new set of luggage dropped at our door and then a phone call—a woman I have spoken to in passing many times over 20 years but never really knew, calling to ask if she could come by. This woman was a cancer survivor who had stayed at Sorrentino's Compassion House. A higher power was at work—the House had a place for me to stay. Now things were becoming real."

The costs of compassion are what allowed Jayleen to have the experience she did. Her healing journey centred around the house and its guests—and therefore, our donors who keep it running.

"My first night I struggled to sleep and got up to make myself a cup of tea. While I was in the common area, a beautiful spirit approached me and asked my name. I fell apart. This was the first time I felt fear and faith at the same time. This was the first time I could really cry without holding back. We hugged and comforted one another and I went back to my room. From this point on I had trusted that I was exactly where I was meant to be."

In the words of Jayleen and so many other houseguests, Sorrentino's Compassion House allows women to be women. No pressure, no timelines. Whether that means retreating quietly to your own room, or being out amongst the other women sharing, or just listening.

"A community of love, compassion and understanding, it is a place where women can be vulnerable and feel safe, where there is mutual respect and understanding. Sorrentino's Compassion House is a home where women inspire, encourage and love one another. By donating to this incredible cause, you will impact the lives of women like me who need the support during a very difficult time."

Jayleen Potter, Breast Cancer Survivor

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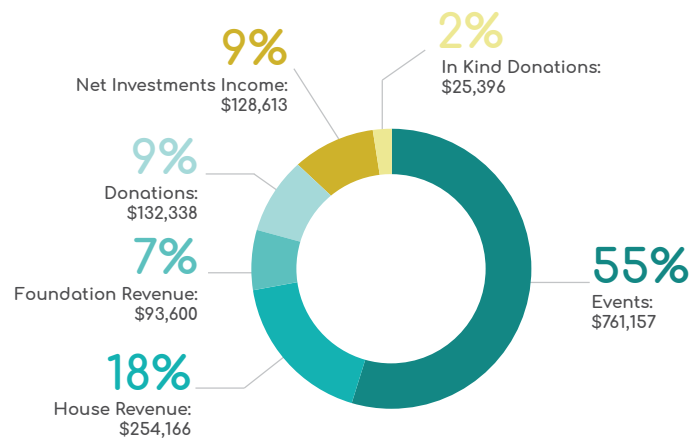
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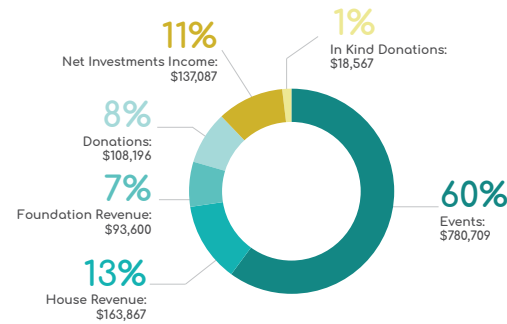
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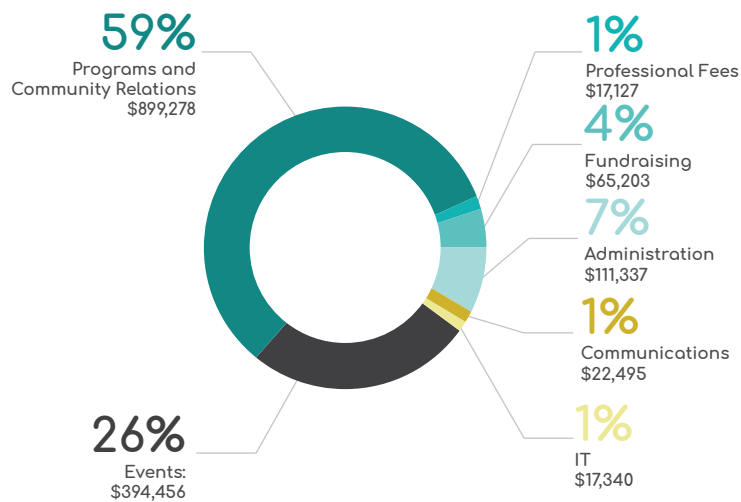


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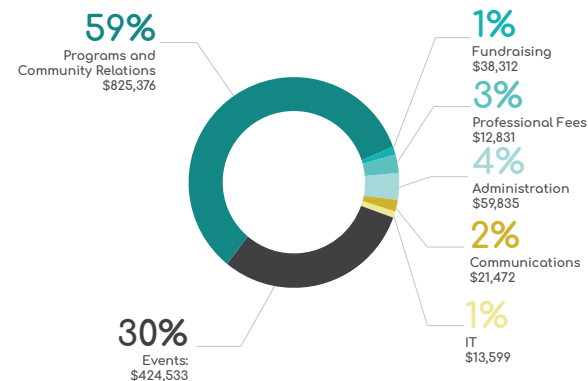
REVENUE

2019:
\$1,527,236.00



EXPENSES

2018
\$1,395,958.00



BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

	2019	2018
Cash	\$177,530	\$176,812
Marketable Securities	\$4,745,419	\$5,440,452
Accounts Receivable	-	\$3,400
Goods and Services Tax Recoverable	\$11,747	\$11,110
Prepays and term deposits	\$7,118	\$5,510
	\$4,941,814	\$5,637,284
Long Term Marketable Securities	\$250,000	-
Tangible Capital Assets	\$4,523,183	\$4,247,633
	\$9,714,997	\$9,884,917

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accruals	\$50,527	\$46,220
Deferred Contributions	\$293,871	\$242,532
Deferred Capital Contributions	\$3,025,444	\$3,119,004
	\$3,369,842	\$3,407,796

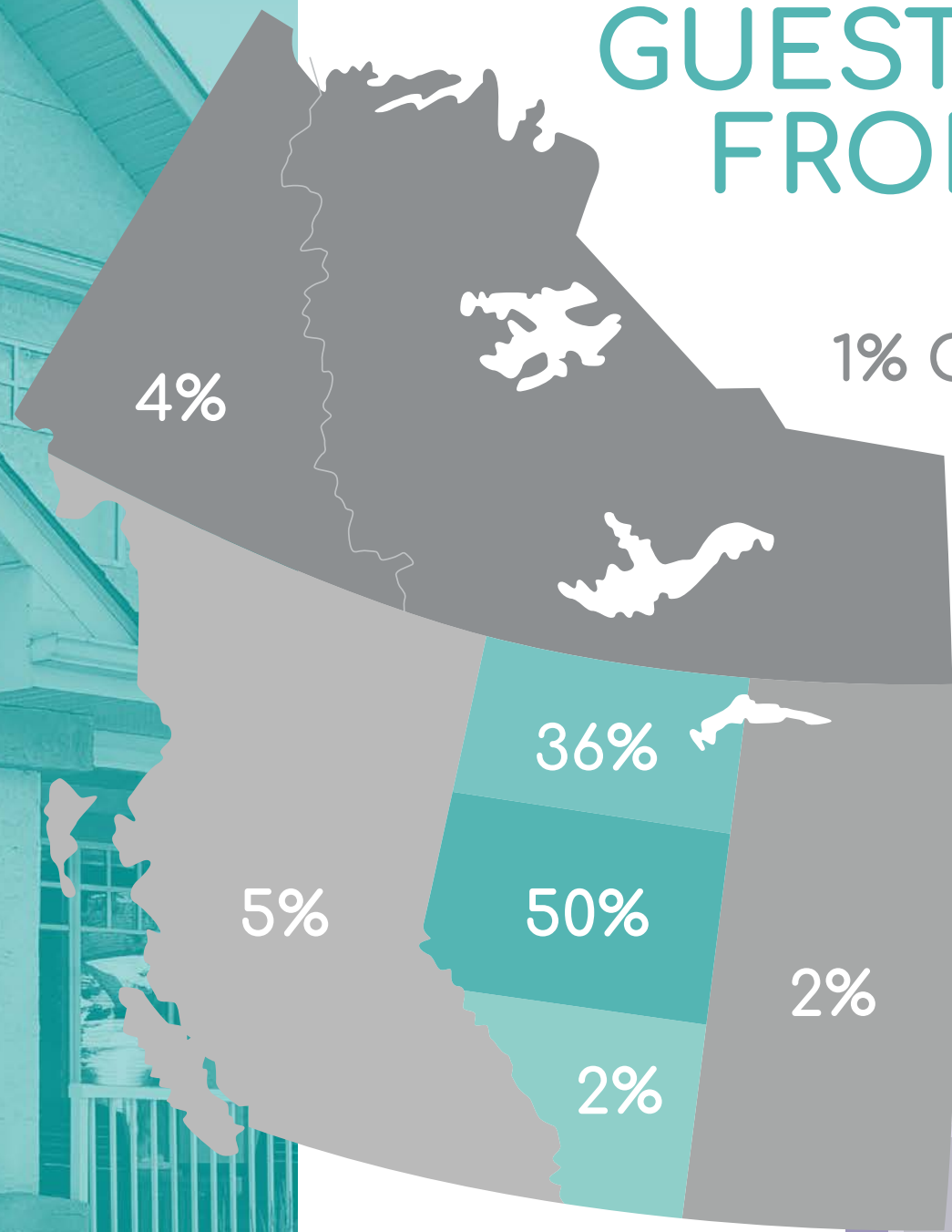
NET ASSETS

General Fund - Unrestricted	\$2,710,039	\$3,220,855
Deferred Contributions	\$1,497,742	\$1,128,592
Deferred Capital Contributions	\$2,137,374	\$2,127,647
	\$6,345,155	\$6,477,121
	\$9,714,997	\$9,884,917

DO NOTIONS



GUESTS FROM



Make the House a Home

Being mindful of each detail is what makes this home the compassionate, supportive and safe haven it is. What does it take to keep it running? From the little things to the big things—it all matters for the guests who come through our doors.



THE COST OF COMPASSION

From toilet paper to upholstery cleaning to light bulbs to detergent pods, it takes many, many items to keep the house running smoothly for our guests.

SAFE SPACES HAVE THE THINGS OF COMFORT.

Many items provided by our donors make stays so much more comfortable for our guests:

- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Map with number of first stays
- Family Pantry (donated non-perishable comfort food for our SCH pantry)
- Save-on certificate
- Supplies for craft night
- Bobbie Sock mascot
- Chemo caps

THE RIGHT COFFEE IS PART OF A HAVEN.

On average, when the house is full and all 15 suites are booked, we use:

15 Keurig coffee pods/day = 5475¹⁷ /yr
 10 teabags /day = 3650 /yr
 52 cans of ground coffee/year

WIPING TEARS (for laughter too).

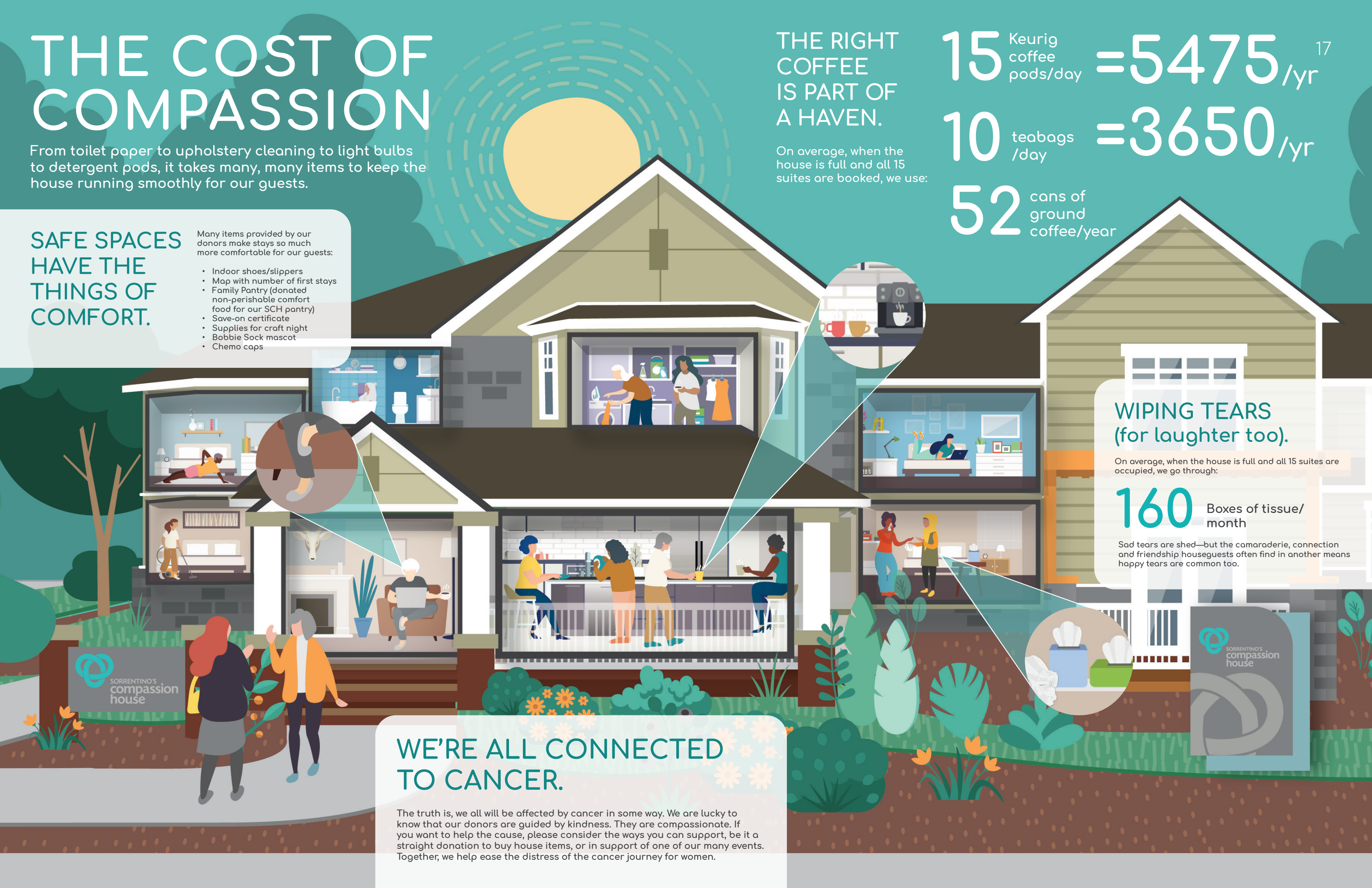
On average, when the house is full and all 15 suites are occupied, we go through:

160 Boxes of tissue/month

Sad tears are shed—but the camaraderie, connection and friendship houseguests often find in another means happy tears are common too.

WE'RE ALL CONNECTED TO CANCER.

The truth is, we all will be affected by cancer in some way. We are lucky to know that our donors are guided by kindness. They are compassionate. If you want to help the cause, please consider the ways you can support, be it a straight donation to buy house items, or in support of one of our many events. Together, we help ease the distress of the cancer journey for women.



SUPPORTING WOMEN BATTLING CANCER

Support A Stay

Unexpected kindness—it's the most powerful and underrated agent of human change. Supporting a stay for a woman battling cancer can be quite literally life-changing. Here's how you can help.

[CHECK OUT THE VIDEO](#)

FASHION INSIDER



FASHION INSIDER

Delve into the fashion world, while supporting women during a critical time in their lives.

YOU'LL ENJOY:

- Exclusive invites to intimate fashion and beauty events.
- Perks and offers from our brand partners.
- A monthly newsletter with Fashion Insider tips, updates and more!
- Events like the Poppy Barley Design Council Event and The Good Witches of PURA-Apothecary Tour & Beauty Ritual Wisdom.

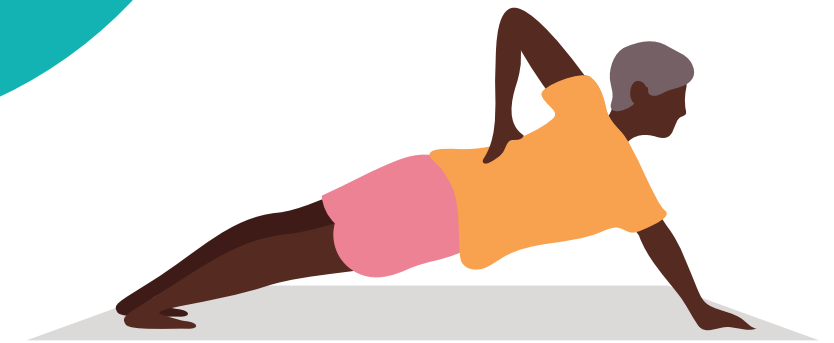
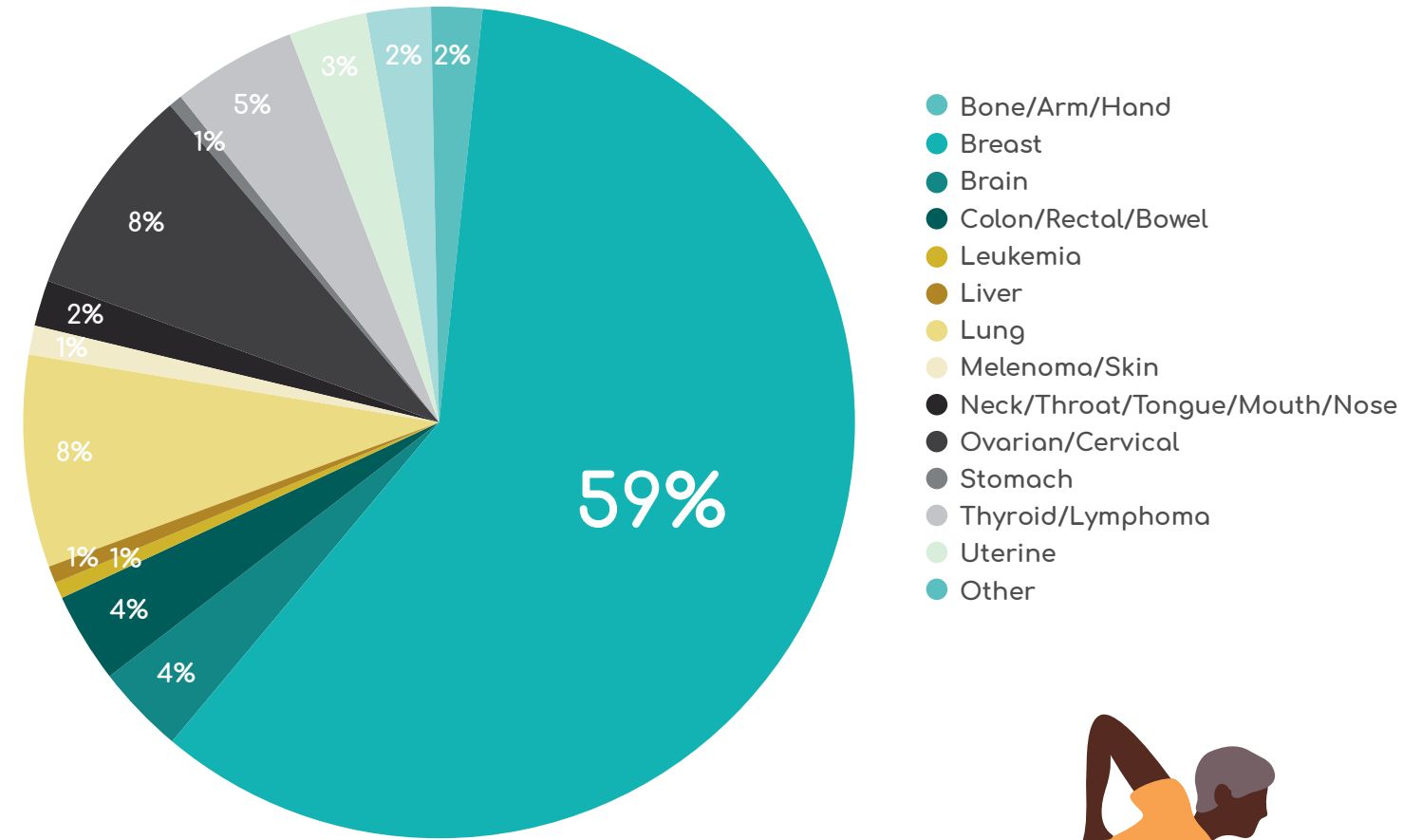
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GET FREE MEMBERSHIP

WE CAN WORKSHOPS

These one-day workshops are open to women who have experienced cancer and their support team (family, friends, co-workers). Participants are empowered with insight. They learn about the tools that allow them to take charge and start thriving—not just surviving—in the post-cancer treatment journey. So far, we have hosted workshops in Edson, Lloydminster, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie.

We thank Syncrude Canada for funding the workshops in 2018/2019. Are you interested in helping fund these workshops too? Visit: wecanweekend.ca



“It was great information as I am looking at my life, since cancer diagnosis, on how I can improve my overall well-being.”

“I learned so much in such a short period of time.”

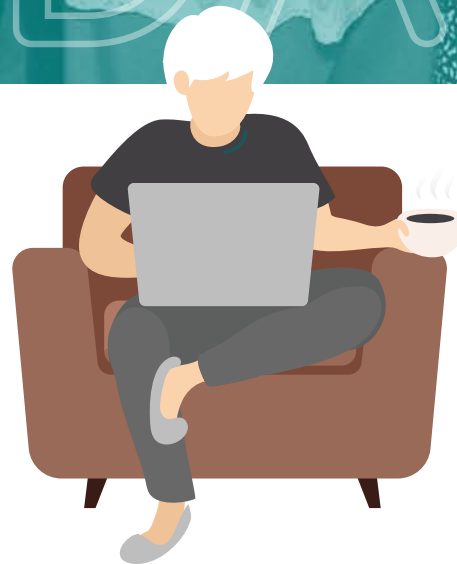
“The course was very insightful! I found it very accurate and useful to apply in everyday life.”



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