

Thank you for staying connected with us through our quarterly newsletter! As we reflect on the last three months (which will surely go down in history!), let us start

by saying a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Cancer doesn't take a day off,

and it's only because of you that we've been able to remain open, operational, and responsive to the needs of women across western Canada battling cancer. In this edition, you'll find: our response to COVID-19; our commitment to anti-racism; a one-on-one conversation with a long-time supporter; success stories from the

community; new details about the much-anticipated Syncrude presents Fashion with Compassion; and safe opportunities for you to get involved.

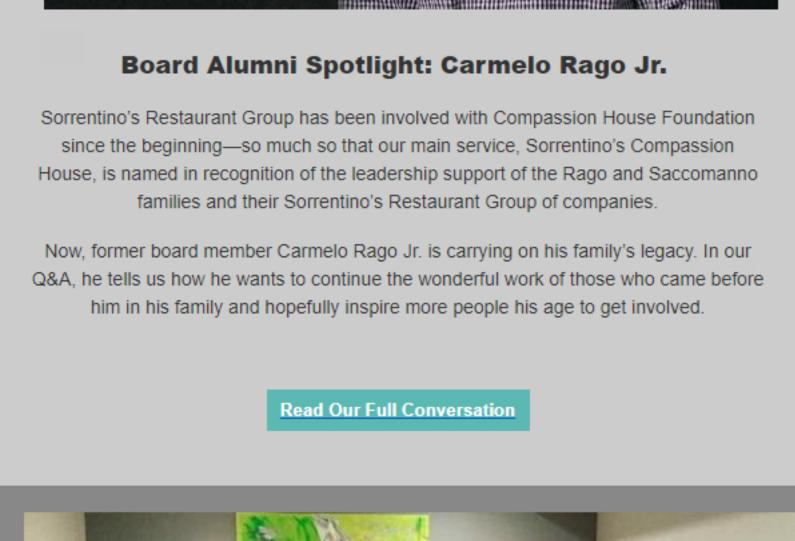


Guest & House Services Administrator, about our "new normal."

How has COVID-19 impacted Sorrentino's Compassion House? Hear from Sayler, our



Read Our CEO Message



Community Steps Up to #HelptheHouse In March, our inventory of paper products, cleaning supplies, and communal grocery items was beginning to run low due to COVID-19. So, we asked the community to #HelptheHouse, requesting donations through social media and media coverage in Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, and Lloydminster. ... and the response was tremendous! We replenished our inventory with more than \$5,000 of in-kind donations and raised more than \$13,000 in monetary donations. Donations from #HelptheHouse went to use immediately supporting guests with their most pressing needs and creating stability as the effects of COVID-19 are felt into the future. Thank you for helping women on their cancer journey through COVID-19!

raised \$4,205 on the day-of and an additional \$5,800 within the following week. Altogether, we raised a total of \$10,005 to exceed our goal! Thank you to everyone who contributed on #GivingTuesdayNow! Now, guests like Sandy

won't have to choose between accommodations, food, mileage, or other travel expenses and

their treatment. Instead, they can invest in what's most important: healing.

Introducing... the Compassion Network!

The Compassion Network helps connect women from communities across Alberta with

individuals, tools, and resources to better navigate the cancer journey. It's made up of past

house guests, called Ambassadors, who act as our voice in the community—representing us

at events, hosting fundraisers, facilitating support groups, and being a resource for those

recently diagnosed.

The first step: training! In a two-part Zoom series, our 14 inaugural Ambassadors learned first

from CEO Michelle Okere about public speaking and being a representative of Compassion

House Foundation in the community. Then, leva Kimonte coached the Ambassadors on

listening techniques and how to organize relevant content for meetings to help them facilitate

a support group and provide one-on-one support.

Want to know more? Email Nancy for more information or to apply as an Ambassador!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sharing Sandy's Story on #GivingTuesdayNow

This year, in addition to the regularly-scheduled Giving Tuesday, a new global day of giving called #GivingTuesdayNow took place on May 5, 2020, as an emergency response to the

unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. We participated with a goal to raise \$5,000 for

our Compassion Fund, which provides financial support for women staying at Sorrentino's

Compassion House to help eliminate barriers to cancer treatment. Through your support, we

Fashion with Compassion

Our First Virtual Show

OCTOBER 8TH, 2020

That's right! In response to COVID-19, we reimagined our signature fundraiser and go-to

fashion event. This year's Syncrude presents Fashion with Compassion At Home will be

a virtual experience set at our home, Sorrentino's Compassion House, enjoyed from the

comfort and safety of your home—no matter where you live! This is a first in Fashion with

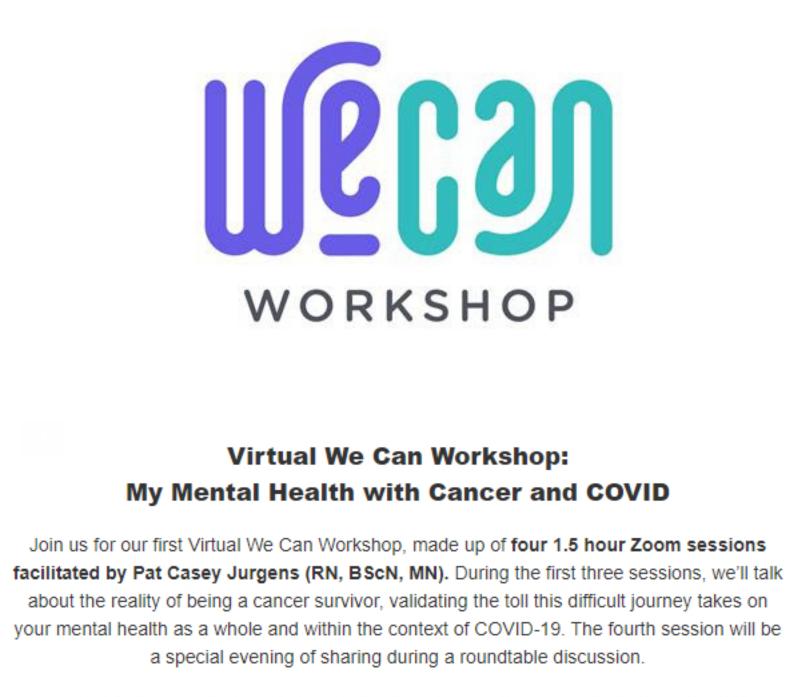
Compassion's near-25 year history.

Tickets are on sale now, and we'd love for you to join us! Purchase your tickets by July 31,

and you'll be automatically entered into our Early Bird Prize Draw for 3 chances to win a

Collection Box filled with gifts from local businesses valued at over \$200.

Buy Tickets



This workshop is available at no charge to current and past guests of Sorrentino's

Compassion House. There are dates in July and September, so you can pick what works

best for your schedule. Spots are limited to 20 participants per session.

Learn More & Register

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

Fundraising Casino: Postponed

Our fundraising casino originally scheduled for June 21-22 has been postponed until further

notice due to COVID-19. All current volunteers will remain on a contact list to be notified once

we have our new dates. If your availability has changed, or you'd like to be removed from the

list, please let us know.

We still need a few volunteers to help once its rescheduled. Interested? Contact Nancy for more information

our fundraising events, and support our organization as a whole.

However, for health and safety reasons, there are currently no volunteer opportunities with

Compassion House Foundation. Sorrentino's Compassion House remains closed to external

visitors, and Fashion with Compassion is scheduled to take place virtually later this year.

Once opportunities become available again, we'll let you know! Watch our Facebook,

Instagram, and Twitter, or send us an email so you we can contact you directly.

Pressing Pause We miss our volunteers! You do so much to enhance our guest experience, help us execute

optimally for our guests—the women who are facing the most troubling times of their lives. This valuable source of reliable income allows us to plan ahead in creating a haven of healing

what compassion is all about.

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Join our Extended Family with a Monthly Donation When you join our Extended Family, your monthly donation allows us to continue to function

support within Sorrentino's Compassion House and through our after-care programs. Your generosity reassures women battling cancer—and their families—that you care. And that is

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