

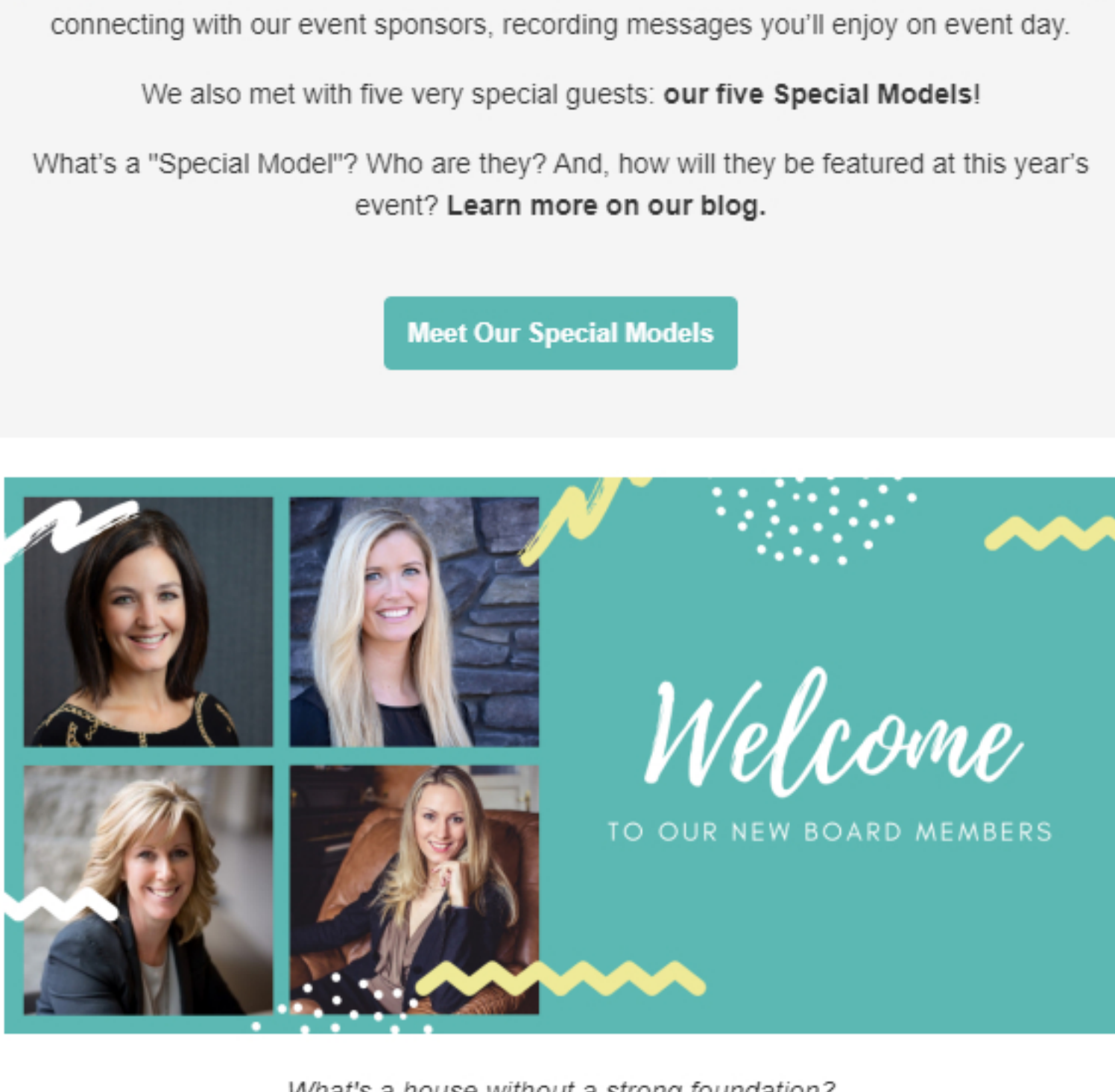


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MORE THAN A HOUSE

Thank you for staying connected with us through our quarterly newsletter!

Remember: To ensure you continue to receive our newsletter and other Compassion House Foundation emails directly to your inbox, please mark this email address as a "safe" or "trusted" sender. We promise to send only messages that we believe you'll find of interest.



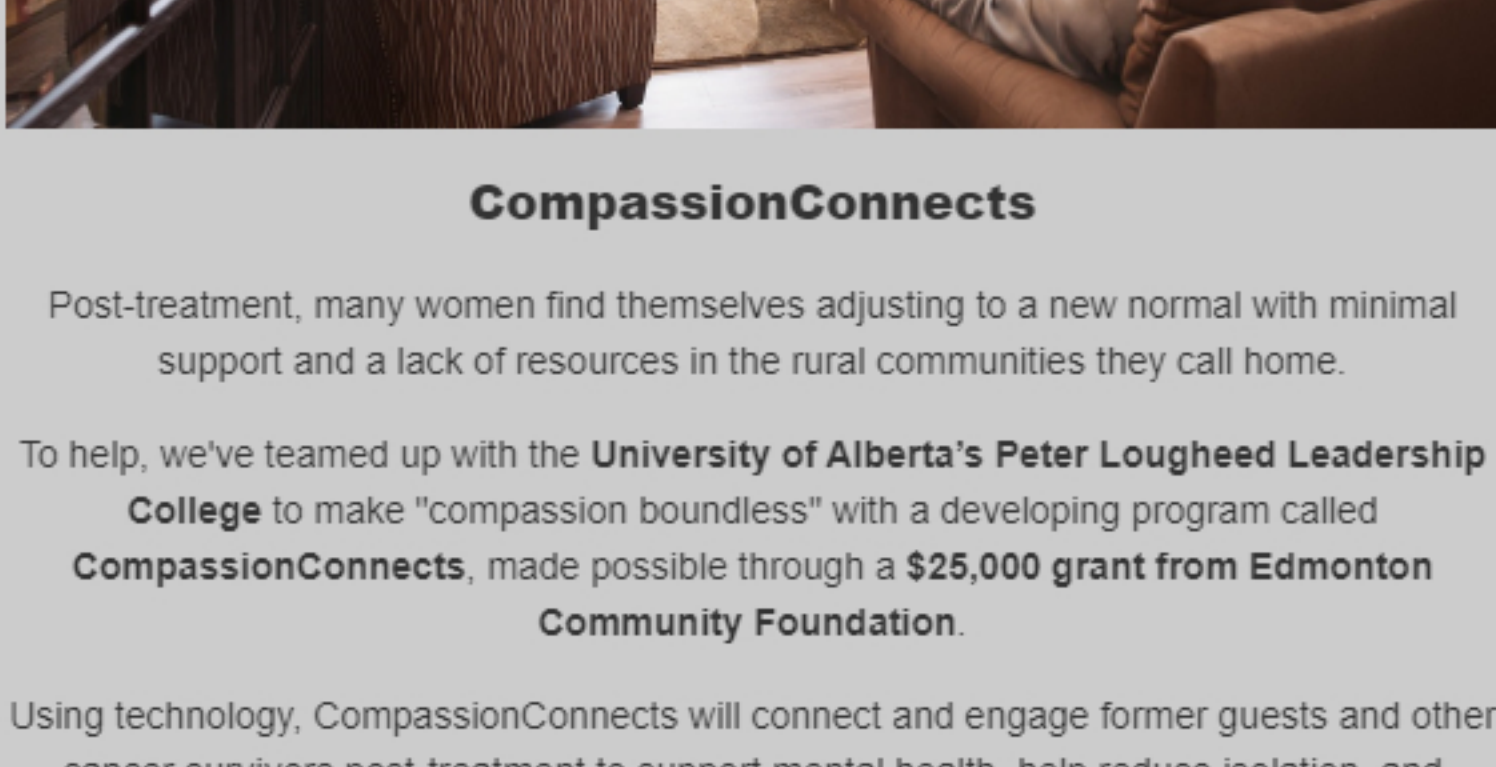
Lights, Camera, Action!

We're less than a month away from [Syncrude presents Fashion with Compassion At Home](#)... and preparations are well underway! Over the last few weeks, we've been busy connecting with our event sponsors, recording messages you'll enjoy on event day.

We also met with five very special guests: **our five Special Models!**

What's a "Special Model"? Who are they? And, how will they be featured at this year's event? **Learn more on our blog.**

[Meet Our Special Models](#)

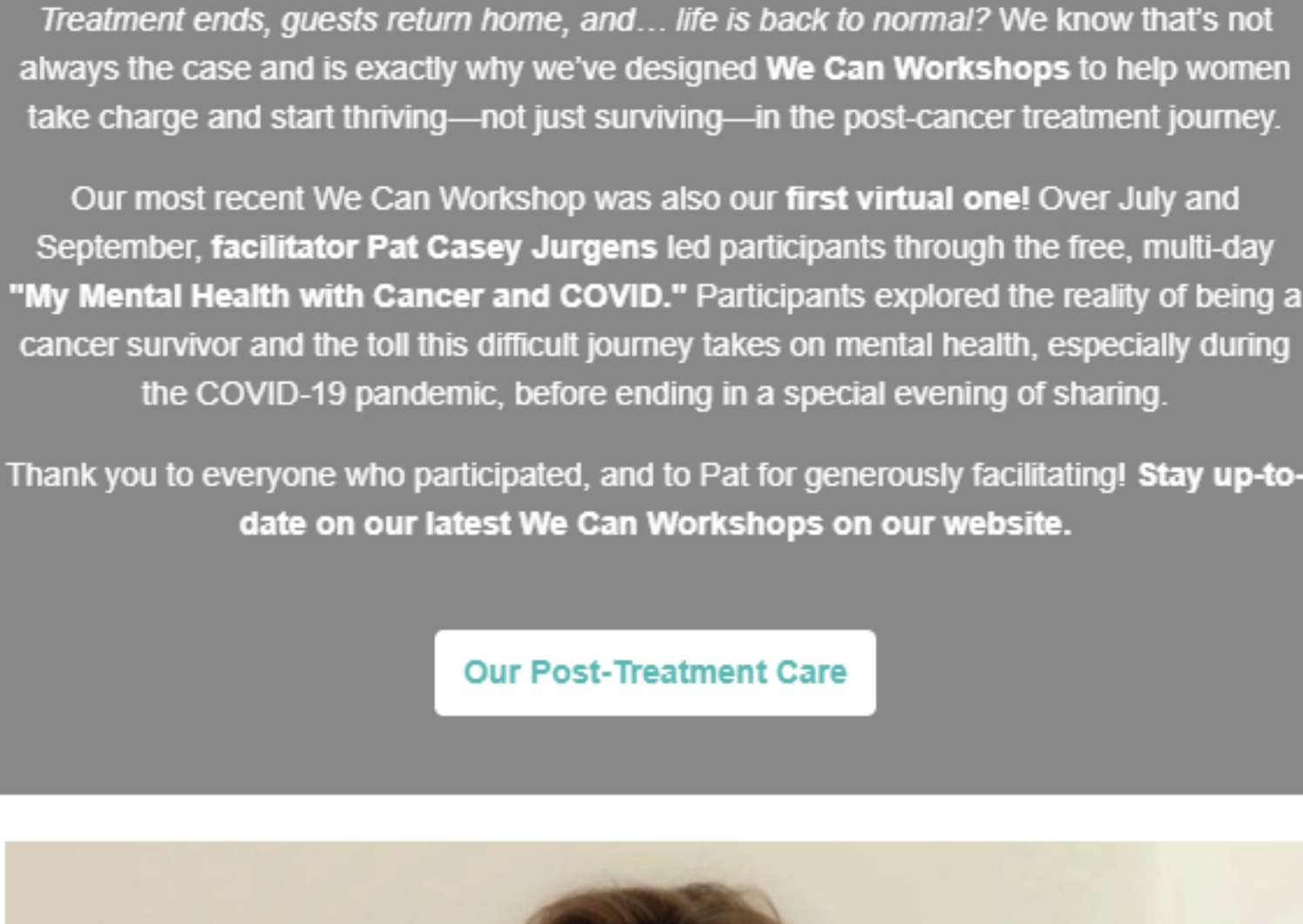


What's a house without a strong foundation?

We're lucky to have such a strong foundation in our **Board of Directors**. Together, we are ["More Than a House."](#) and we came together as such at our **Annual General Meeting on June 18**. (It was the first time in our history that we held the AGM virtually over Zoom!)

We reflected on highlights from this past year, honoured outgoing board members **Curtis M. Palichuk, Sterling Derk, and Carly Rigler** and finally, welcomed four new faces to the team: **Ashley Bodnarchuk, Dr. Tammy Cameron, Cathy Kiss, and Ieva Kimonte**.

[Get To Know Our Board](#)



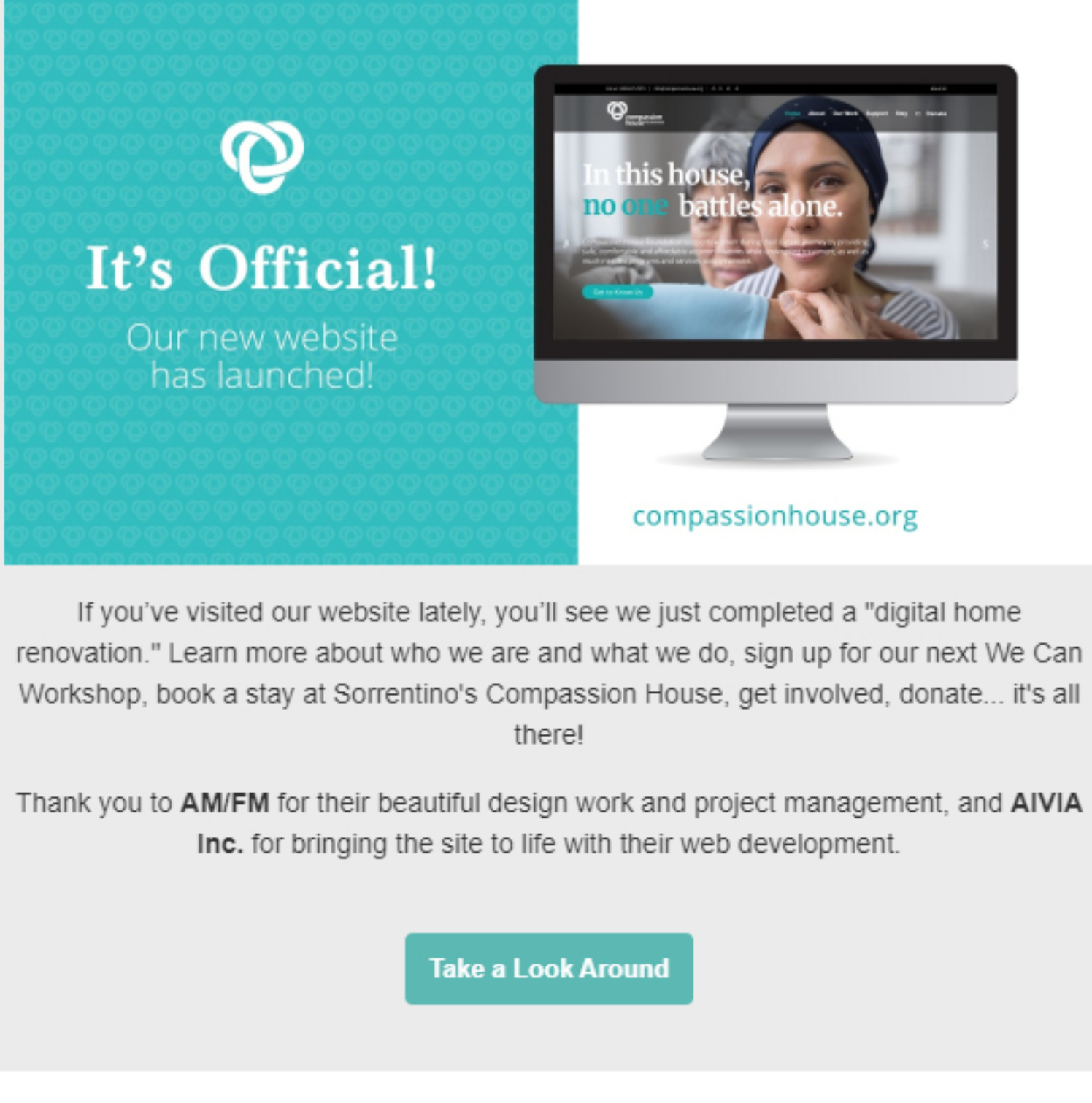
CompassionConnects

Post-treatment, many women find themselves adjusting to a new normal with minimal support and a lack of resources in the rural communities they call home.

To help, we've teamed up with the **University of Alberta's Peter Lougheed Leadership College** to make "compassion boundless" with a developing program called **CompassionConnects**, made possible through a **\$25,000 grant from Edmonton Community Foundation**.

Using technology, CompassionConnects will connect and engage former guests and other cancer survivors post-treatment to support mental health, help reduce isolation, and increase overall wellness.

[Read More](#)



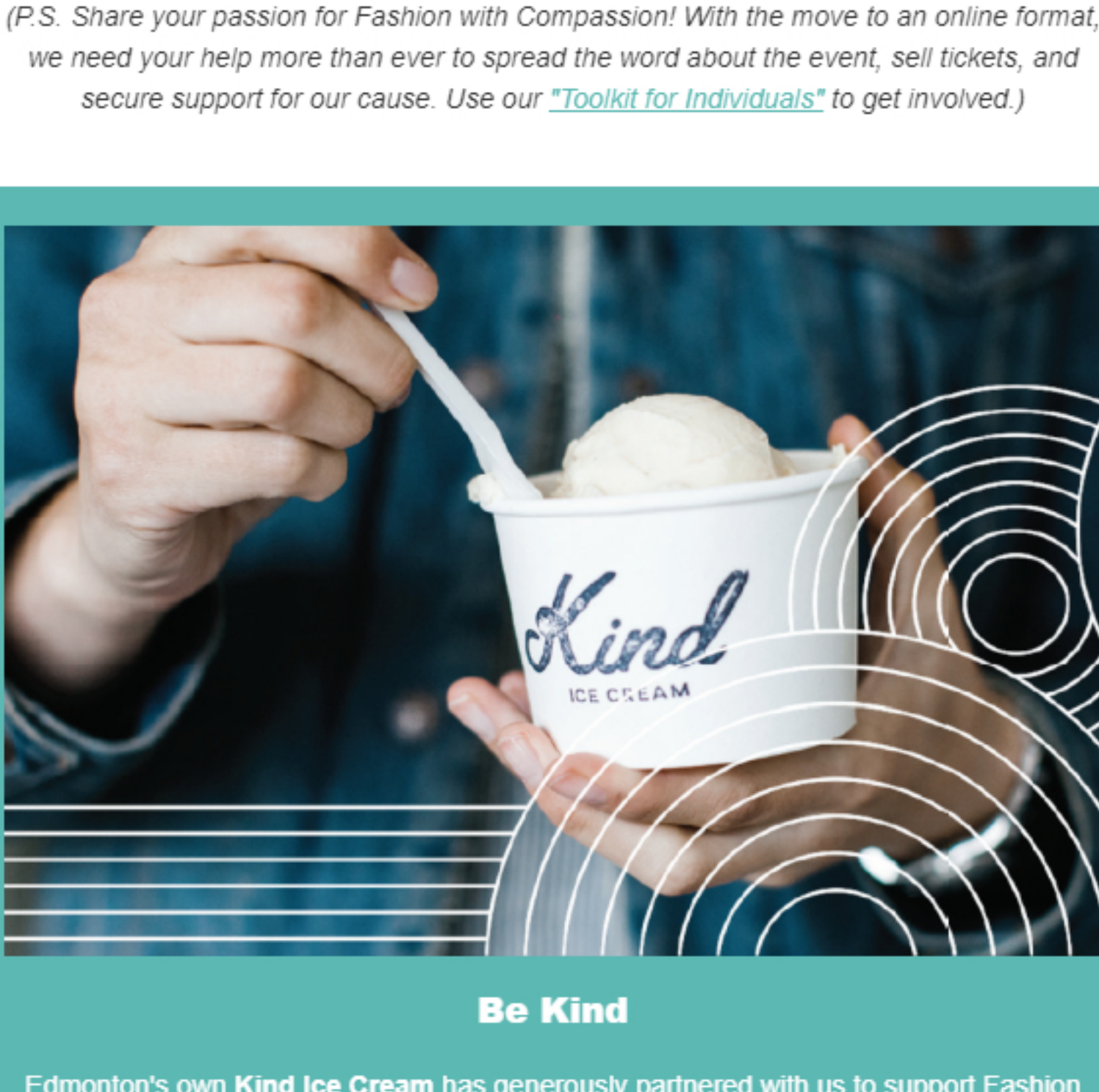
My Mental Health with Cancer and COVID

Treatment ends, guests return home, and... life is back to normal? We know that's not always the case and is exactly why we've designed **We Can Workshops** to help women take charge and start thriving—not just surviving—in the post-cancer treatment journey.

Our most recent **We Can Workshop** was also our **first virtual one!** Over July and September, **facilitator Pat Casey Jurgens** led participants through the free, multi-day **"My Mental Health with Cancer and COVID."** Participants explored the reality of being a cancer survivor and the toll this difficult journey takes on mental health, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, before ending in a special evening of sharing.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and to Pat for generously facilitating! **Stay up-to-date on our latest We Can Workshops on our website.**

[Our Post-Treatment Care](#)



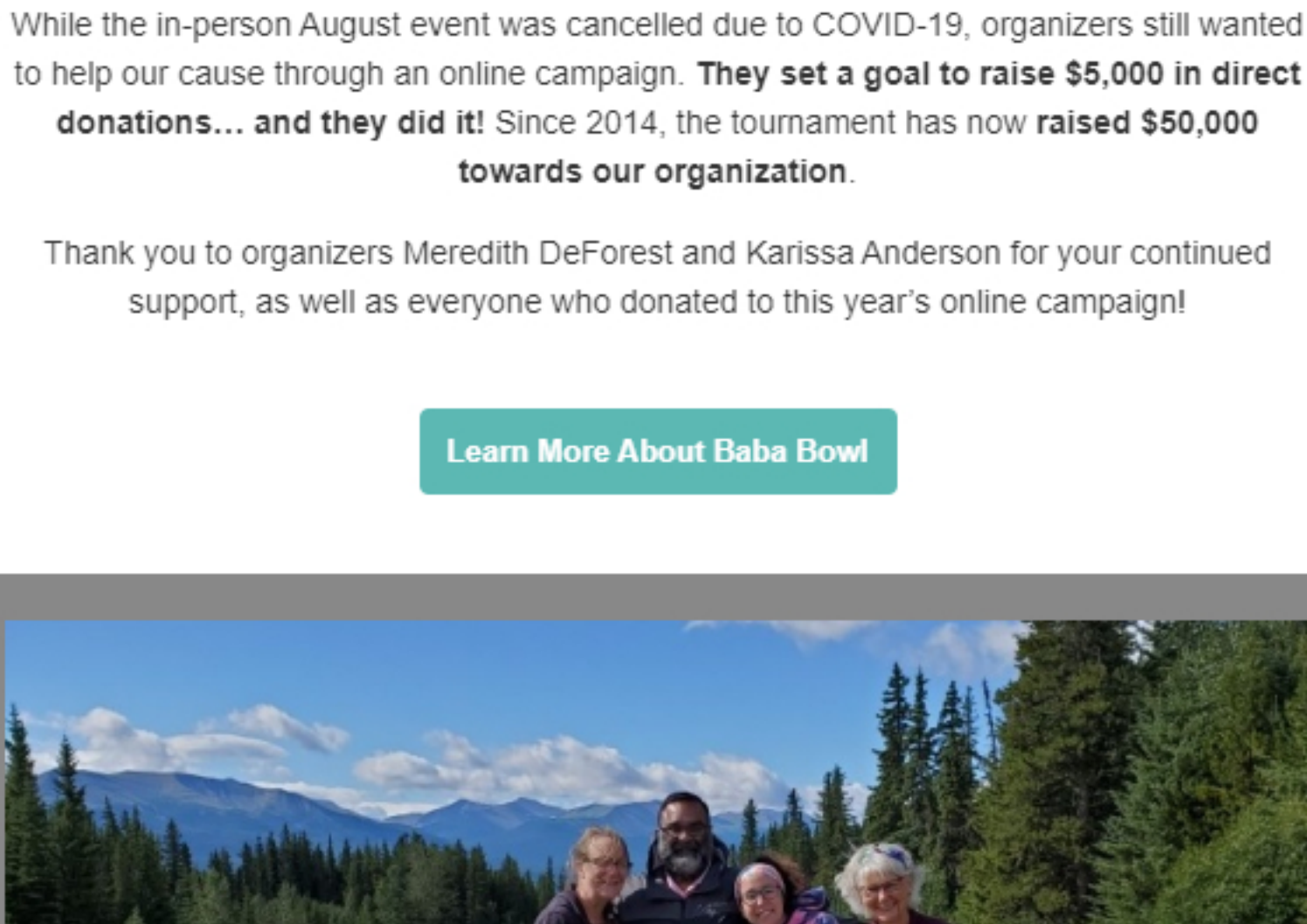
A Memorable Milestone

Happy anniversary to our Guest & House Services Administrator, **Saylor Reins**, who celebrated **15 years with us** in August! Since checking-in her first guest in 2005, Saylor has supported more than 1,600 guests, all while managing a team to ensure the House is well-maintained. **She's the heart of our home, and the heart of our Foundation.**

Learn more about Saylor, and join us in congratulating her on this major milestone!

[Read Saylor's Story](#)

(P.S. September 9 was the 7th anniversary of our Growing Compassion expansion in 2013. September 12 will be the 18th anniversary of Sorrentino's Compassion House originally opening in 2002!)

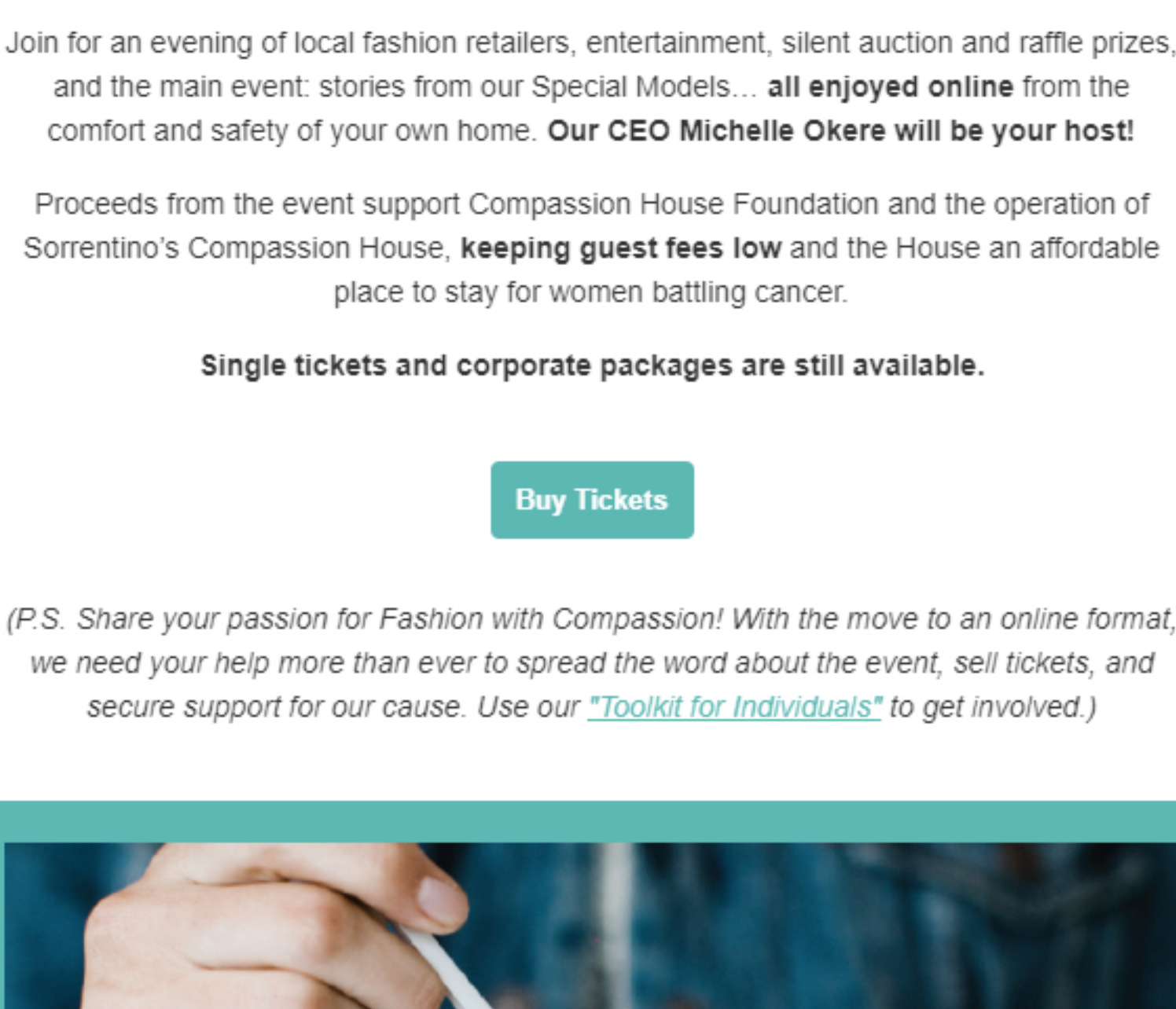


If you've visited our website lately, you'll see we just completed a "digital home renovation." Learn more about who we are and what we do, sign up for our next **We Can Workshop**, book a stay at Sorrentino's Compassion House, get involved, donate... it's all there!

Thank you to **AM/FM** for their beautiful design work and project management, and **AIVIA Inc.** for bringing the site to life with their web development.

[Take a Look Around](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Most Intimate Gala Yet

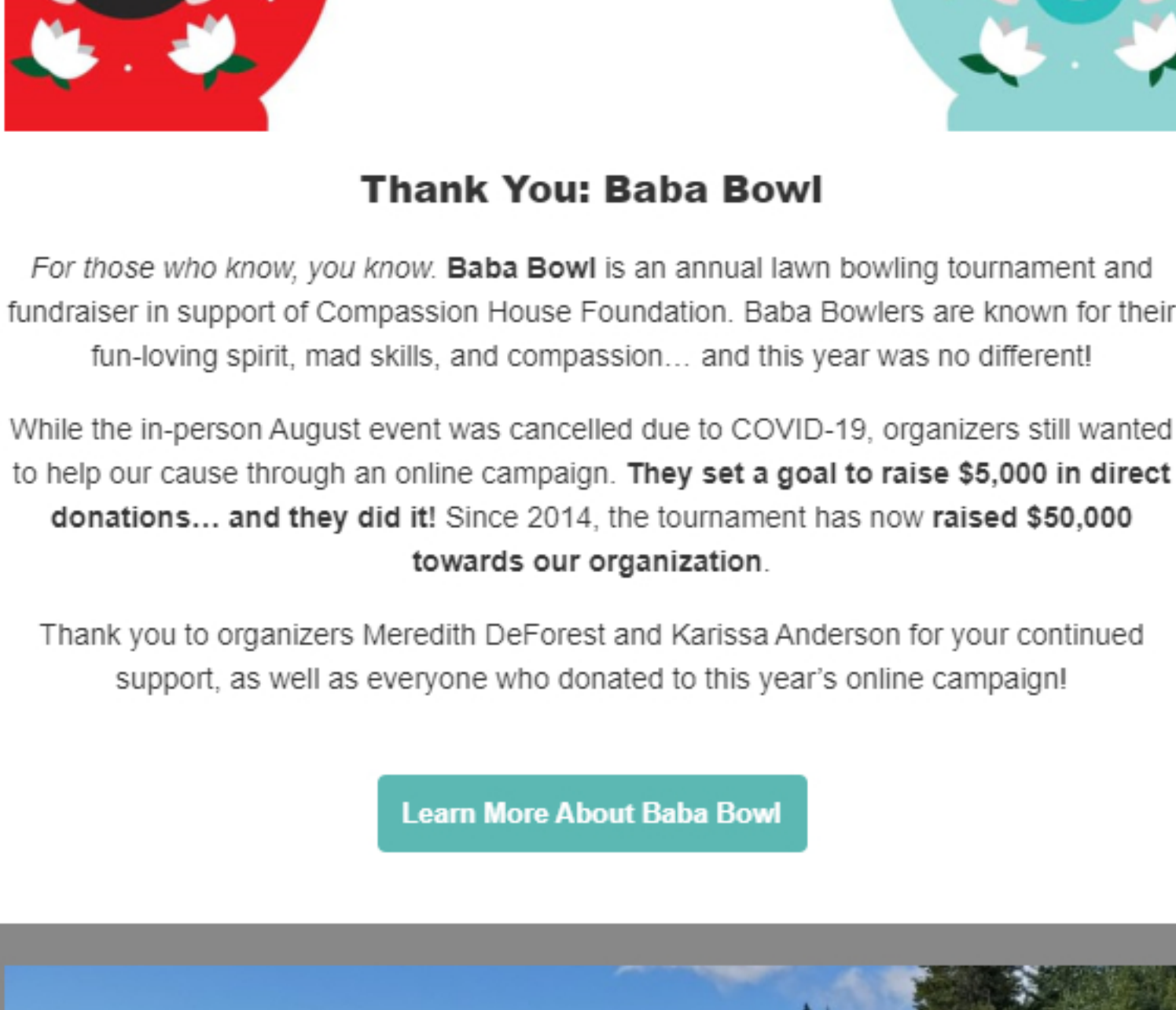
Join for an evening of local fashion retailers, entertainment, silent auction and raffle prizes, and the main event: stories from our Special Models... **all enjoyed online** from the comfort and safety of your own home. **Our CEO Michelle Okere will be your host!**

Proceeds from the event support Compassion House Foundation and the operation of Sorrentino's Compassion House, **keeping guest fees low** and the House an affordable place to stay for women battling cancer.

Single tickets and corporate packages are still available.

[Buy Tickets](#)

(P.S. Share your passion for Fashion with Compassion! With the move to an online format, we need your help more than ever to spread the word about the event, sell tickets, and secure support for our cause. Use our ["Toolkit for Individuals"](#) to get involved.)



Be Kind

Edmonton's own **Kind Ice Cream** has generously partnered with us to support Fashion with Compassion. **Visit their Ritchie location this Saturday, September 12**, for a scoop (or two!) of ice cream, and we'll receive **5% of the day's scoop sales**. So, spread the word, and join us for a cool treat!

[Enjoy a Scoop of Ice Cream](#)



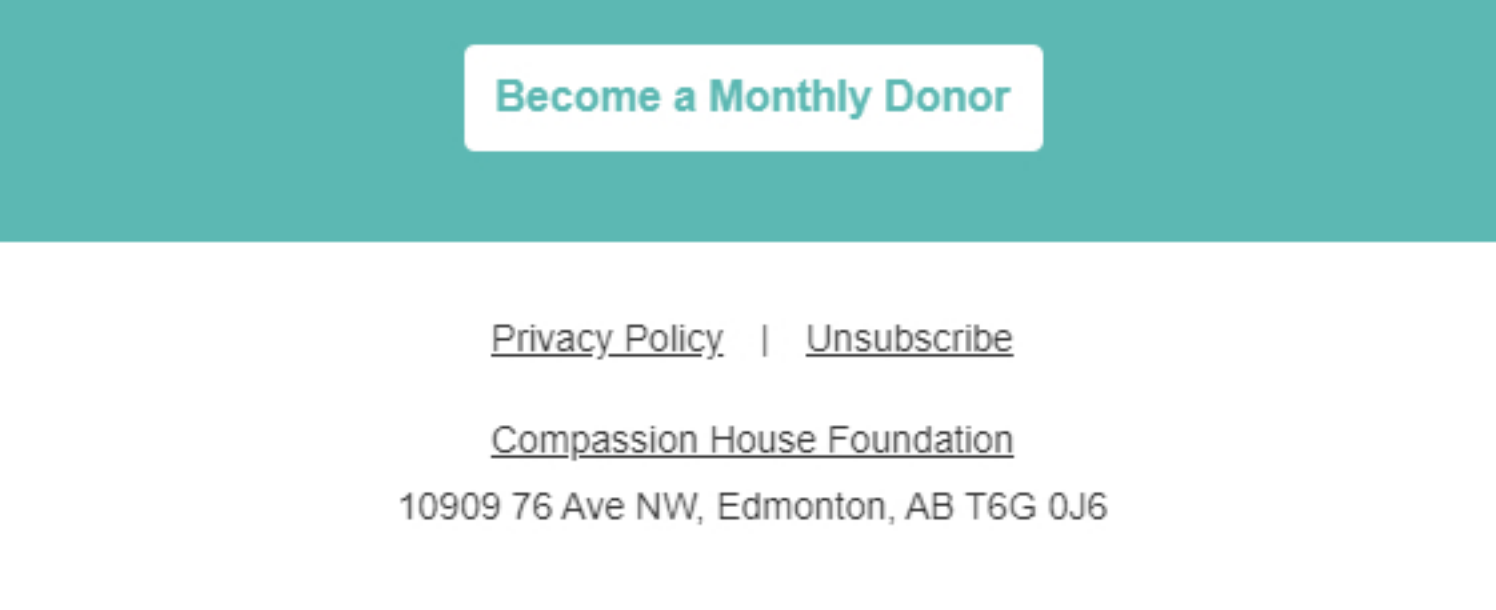
Thank You: Baba Bowl

For those who know, you know. **Baba Bowl** is an annual lawn bowling tournament and fundraiser in support of Compassion House Foundation. Baba Bowlers are known for their fun-loving spirit, mad skills, and compassion... and this year was no different!

While the in-person August event was cancelled due to COVID-19, organizers still wanted to help our cause through an online campaign. **They set a goal to raise \$5,000 in direct donations... and they did it!** Since 2014, the tournament has now **raised \$50,000 towards our organization.**

Thank you to organizers Meredith DeForest and Karissa Anderson for your continued support, as well as everyone who donated to this year's online campaign!

[Learn More About Baba Bowl](#)



Thank You: Grande Cache Institution

Thank you to the staff at the **Grande Cache Institution** for raising **\$3,000** in support of Compassion House Foundation through their annual golf tournament! These funds will go a long way in supporting the more than 300 women who turn to us during their cancer journey each year.

A special shout-out to **Marlene Reuther and Maria McCormick**, who represented us as **Ambassadors** at the tournament. Both Marlene and Maria stayed at Sorrentino's Compassion House previously and continue to stay connected to our organization as part of our [Compassion Network](#). They were both vital to the tournament, working the registration table and ensuring all ran smoothly. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We miss our volunteers! You do so much to enhance our guest experience, help us execute our fundraising events, and support our organization.

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.

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.

Extended Family

Join our Extended Family with a Monthly Donation

When you join our Extended Family, your monthly donation allows us to continue to function 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 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 what compassion is all about.

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