

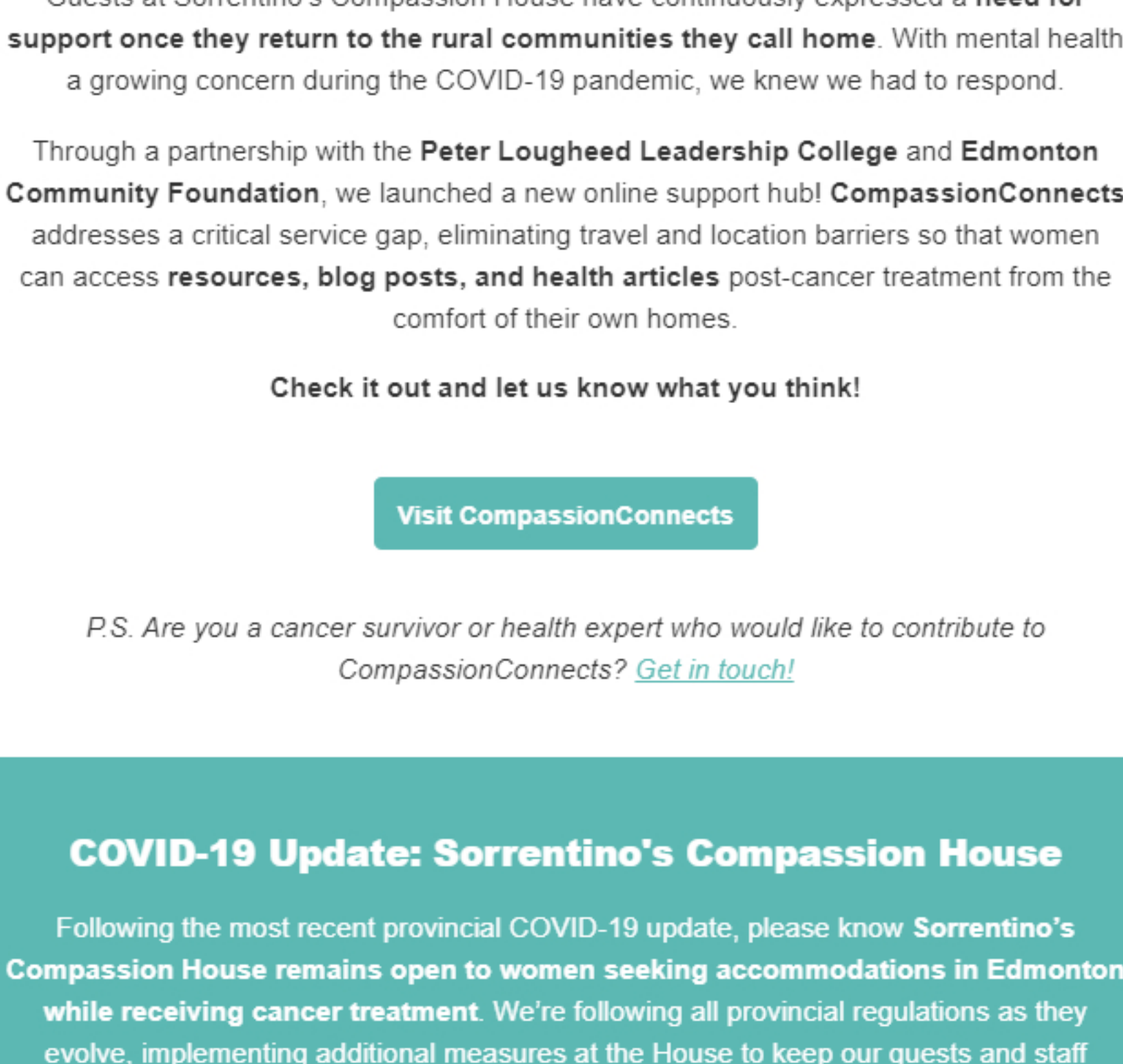


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COMFORT AND JOY

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.



Introducing: CompassionConnects

Guests at Sorrentino's Compassion House have continuously expressed a **need for support once they return to the rural communities they call home**. With mental health a growing concern during the COVID-19 pandemic, we knew we had to respond.

Through a partnership with the **Peter Lougheed Leadership College** and **Edmonton Community Foundation**, we launched a new online support hub! **CompassionConnects** addresses a critical service gap, eliminating travel and location barriers so that women can access **resources, blog posts, and health articles** post-cancer treatment from the comfort of their own homes.

Check it out and let us know what you think!

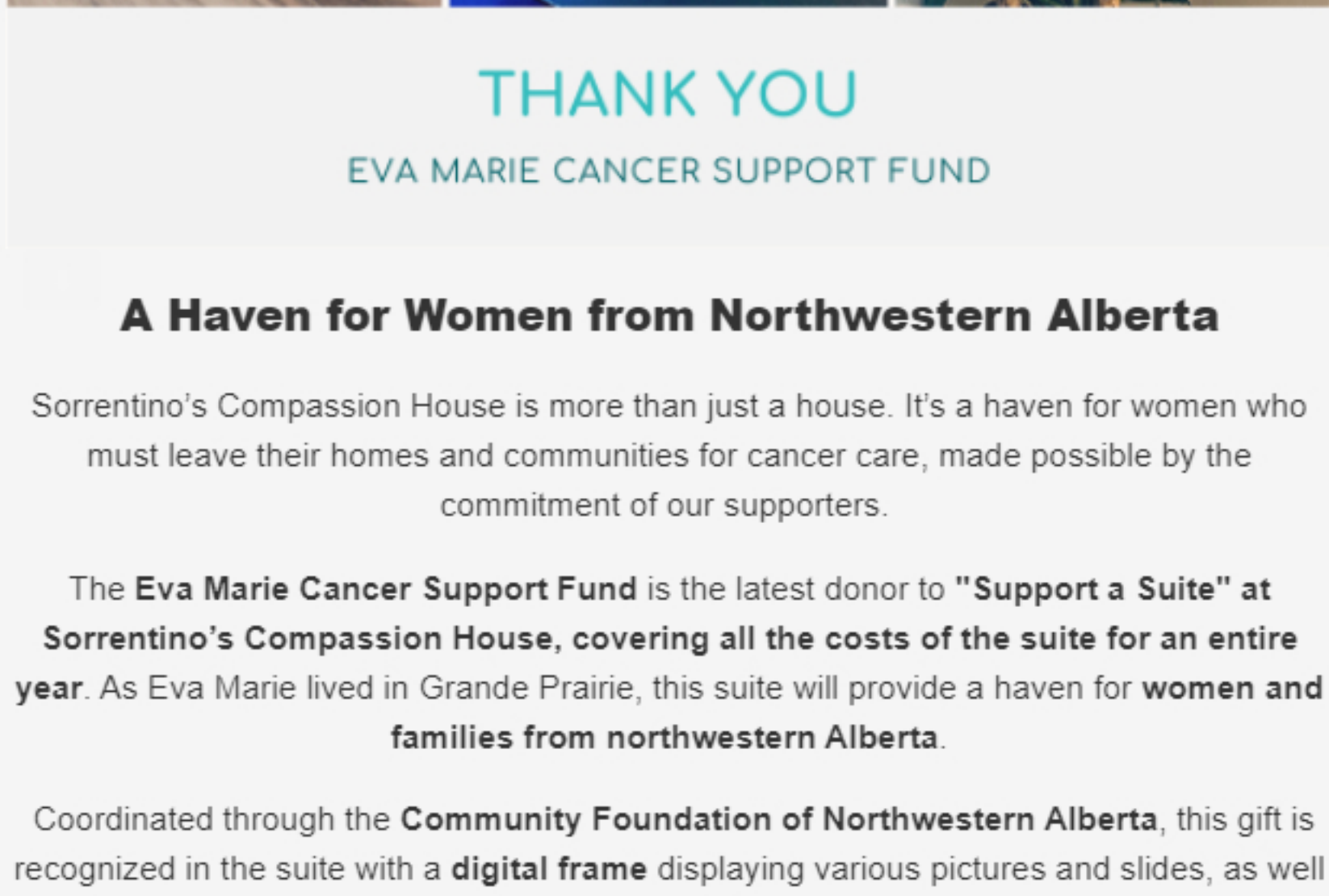
[Visit CompassionConnects](#)

P.S. Are you a cancer survivor or health expert who would like to contribute to CompassionConnects? [Get in touch!](#)

COVID-19 Update: Sorrentino's Compassion House

Following the most recent provincial COVID-19 update, please know **Sorrentino's Compassion House remains open to women seeking accommodations in Edmonton while receiving cancer treatment**. We're following all provincial regulations as they evolve, implementing additional measures at the House to keep our guests and staff healthy and safe.

If you or a woman you know is in need, please [visit our website](#) or [contact us directly](#).



THANK YOU

EVA MARIE CANCER SUPPORT FUND

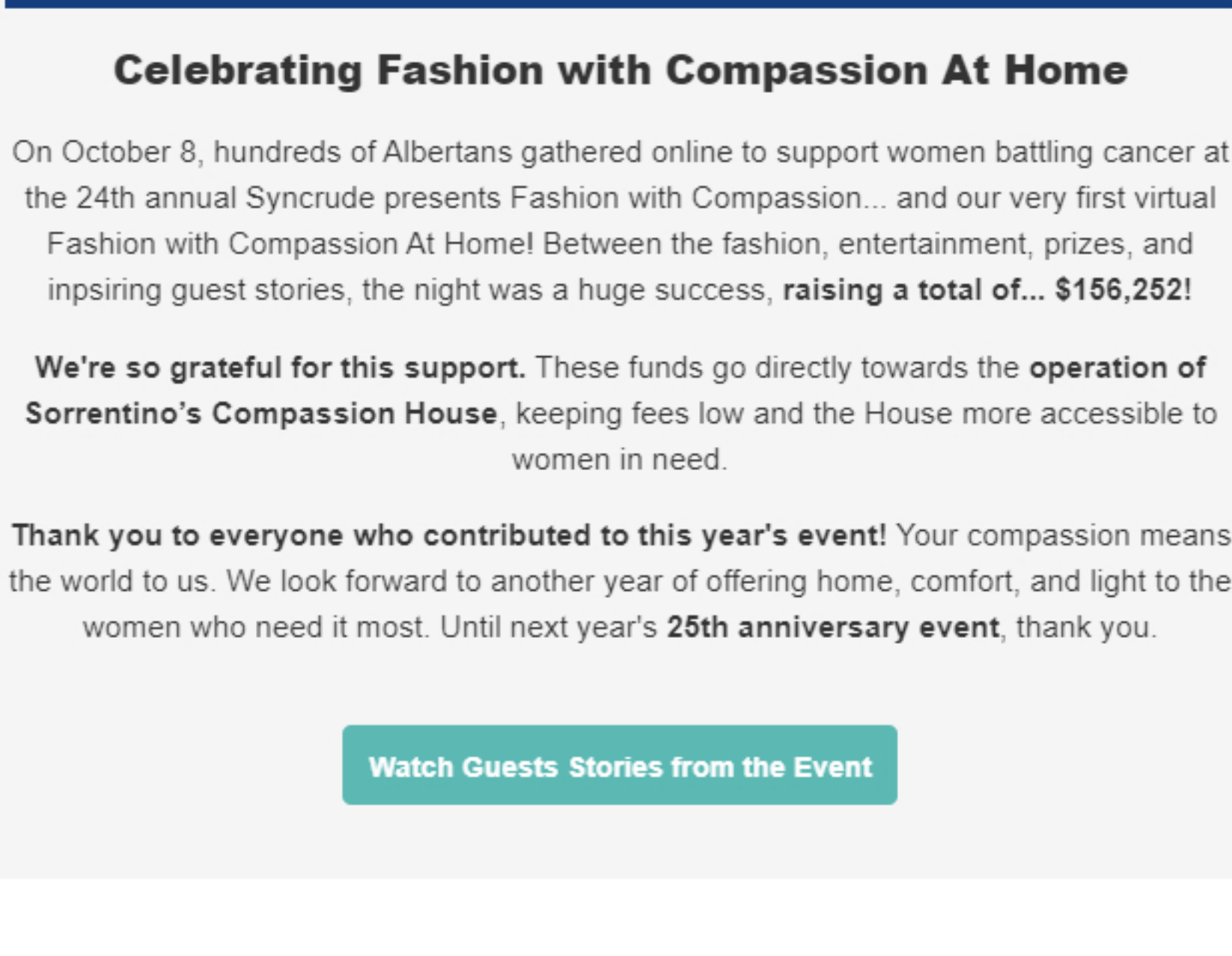
A Haven for Women from Northwestern Alberta

Sorrentino's Compassion House is more than just a house. It's a haven for women who must leave their homes and communities for cancer care, made possible by the commitment of our supporters.

The **Eva Marie Cancer Support Fund** is the latest donor to **"Support a Suite" at Sorrentino's Compassion House, covering all the costs of the suite for an entire year**. As Eva Marie lived in Grande Prairie, this suite will provide a haven for **women and families from northwestern Alberta**.

Coordinated through the **Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta**, this gift is recognized in the suite with a **digital frame** displaying various pictures and slides, as well as a **plant in a custom pot with the words, "Your stay generously supported by the Eva Marie Cancer Fund."** The plant is to honour Eva Marie's life on an acreage, where she was in her element renovating, decorating, and doing yard work.

Would you like to "Support a Suite"? [Contact Michelle](#) to learn more.



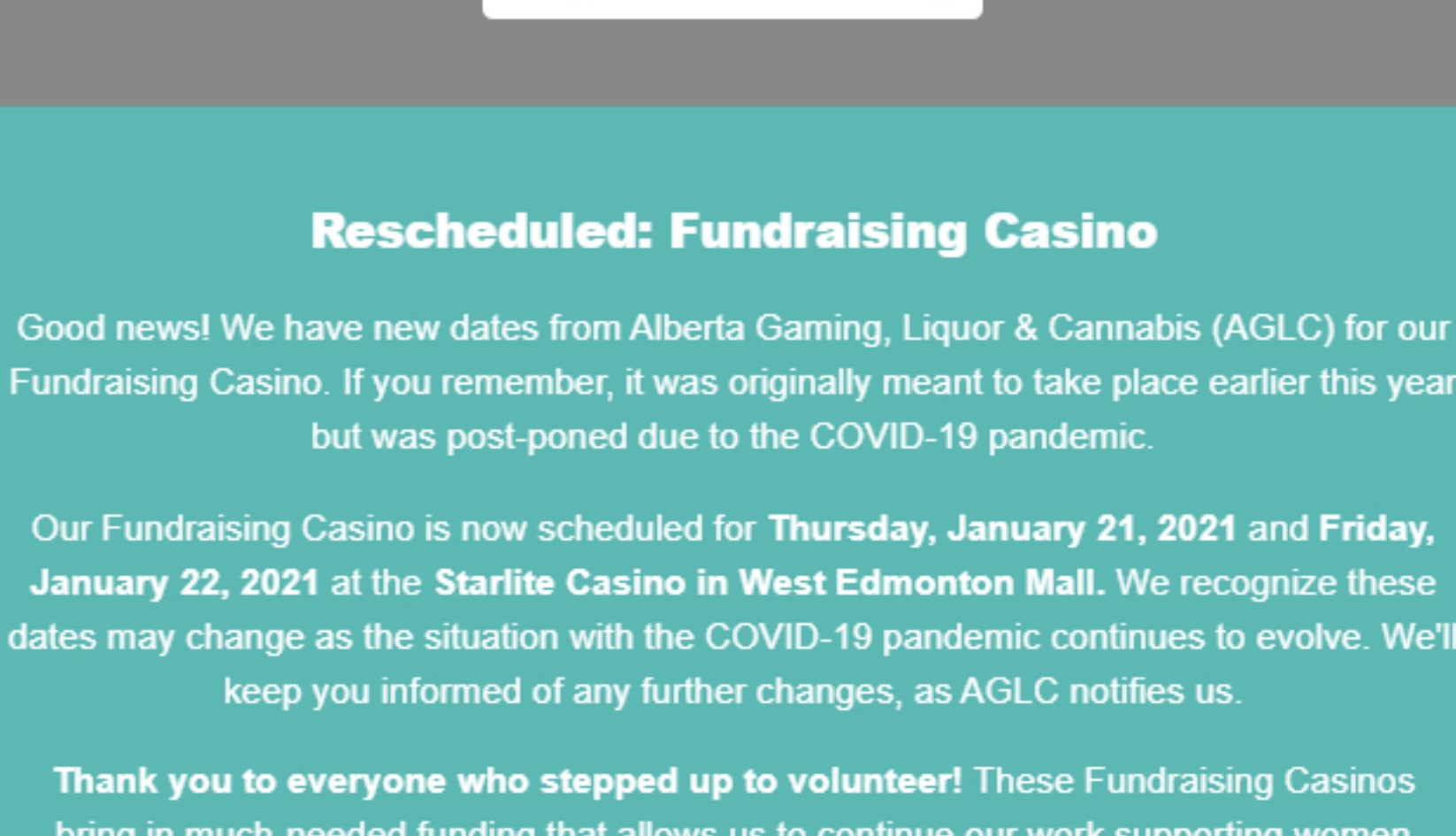
Video: Mattress Mattress Leduc Gives Back

It goes without saying that cancer treatment can be physically, mentally, and emotionally draining. It's important that guests staying at Sorrentino's Compassion House, who average 5 weeks of treatment, have a comfortable place to lay their heads and rest.

Mattress Mattress Leduc understood this need and last month, helped to replace all the mattresses throughout the House. Specifically, Mattress Mattress Leduc donated seven mattresses and box springs, and helped coordinate the sale of 13 mattresses and box springs from Serta at cost.

Thank you, Mattress Mattress Leduc! Because of you, guests staying at the House can sleep well and save their energy for what's most important: healing.

[Watch the Video](#)



Celebrating Fashion with Compassion At Home

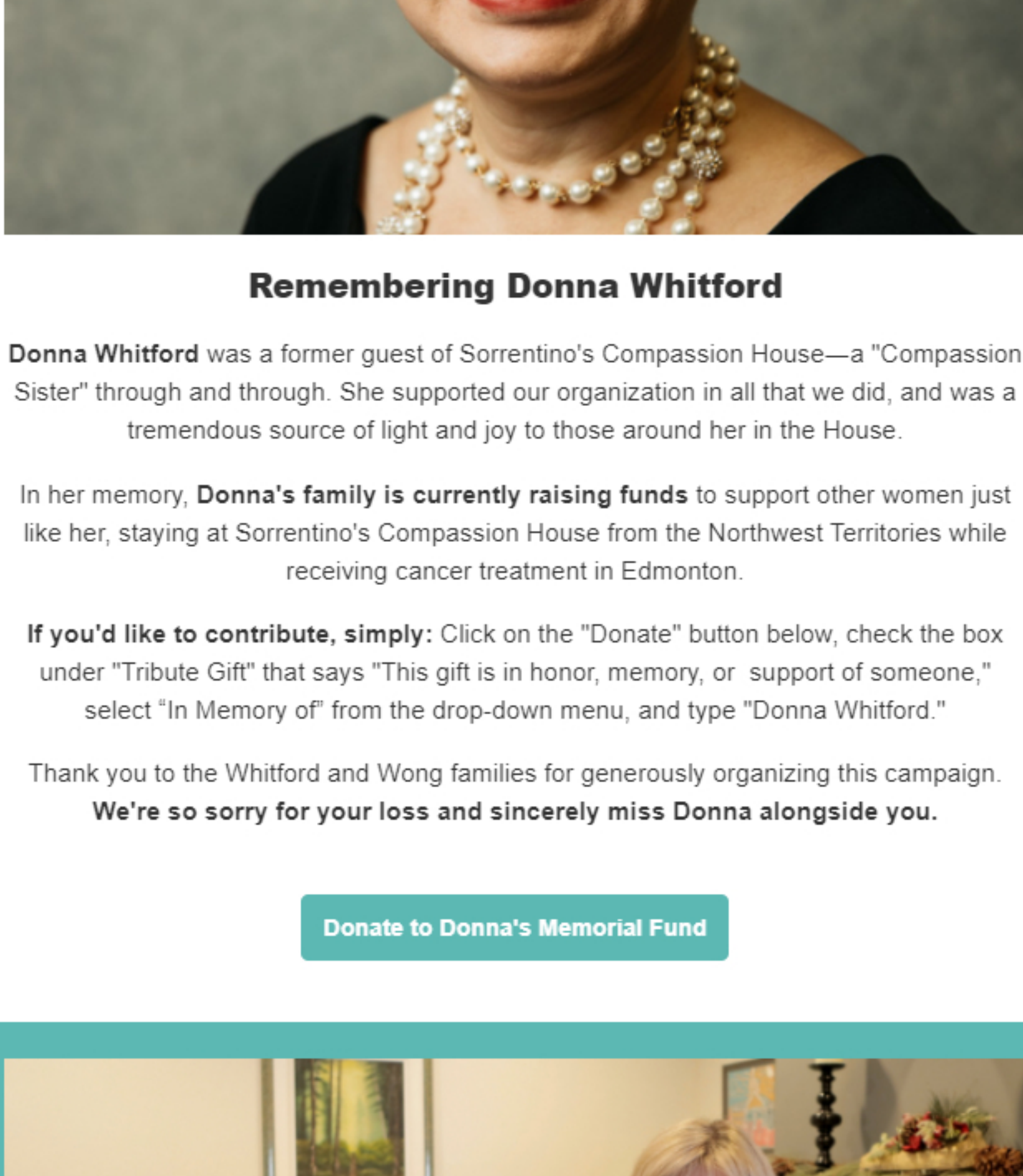
On October 8, hundreds of Albertans gathered online to support women battling cancer at the 24th annual Syncrude presents Fashion with Compassion... and our very first virtual Fashion with Compassion At Home! Between the fashion, entertainment, prizes, and inspiring guest stories, the night was a huge success, **raising a total of... \$156,252!**

We're so grateful for this support. These funds go directly towards the **operation of Sorrentino's Compassion House**, keeping fees low and the House more accessible to women in need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's event! Your compassion means the world to us. We look forward to another year of offering home, comfort, and light to the women who need it most. Until next year's **25th anniversary event**, thank you.

[Watch Guests' Stories from the Event](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Many Sides of Cancer

The fight against cancer involves so much more than medical treatment alone. Cancer takes its toll **mentally and emotionally**.

Join us on **December 15** at our **Inspiring Speakers Series presented by CPA Alberta**, a new initiative to start important conversations on the impact cancer has on the **mental health and emotional well-being** of patients, families, and caregivers.

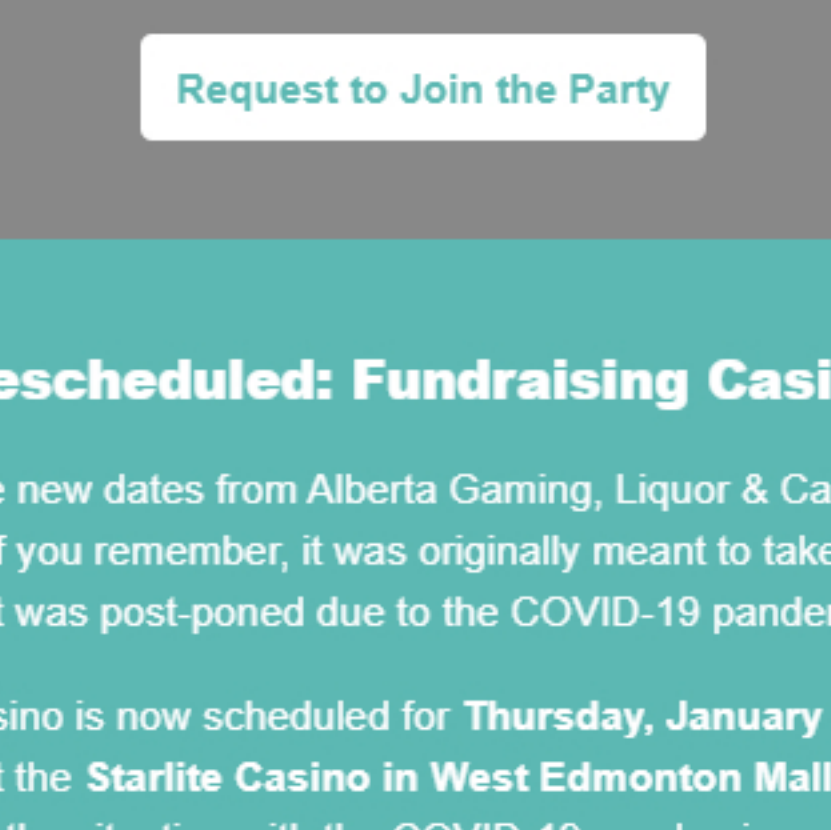
This **free, virtual lunch-hour session** is about managing anxiety and distress as a cancer survivor, featuring two Inspiring Speakers: **Kristi-Anna Steiestol**, a Registered Psychologist passionate about inspiring cancer care, and **Sundas Shamshad**, a former guest of Sorrentino's Compassion House. Together, we'll learn what it's truly like to go through cancer and how to **better support women through the cancer journey**.

Will we see you there?

[Learn More & RSVP](#)

TUPPERWARE PARTY

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Shop for a Cause

We can hardly "contain" our excitement about this...

Now until December 16, purchase some new Tupperware with Wanda Tesch and a **portion of the proceeds will be donated to Compassion House Foundation!** Join Wanda's Tupperware Party **"Compassion House Full Catalog"** on Facebook for full details and to get involved.

Thank you for hosting this event and supporting our cause, Wanda. **Happy shopping!**

[Request to Join the Party](#)

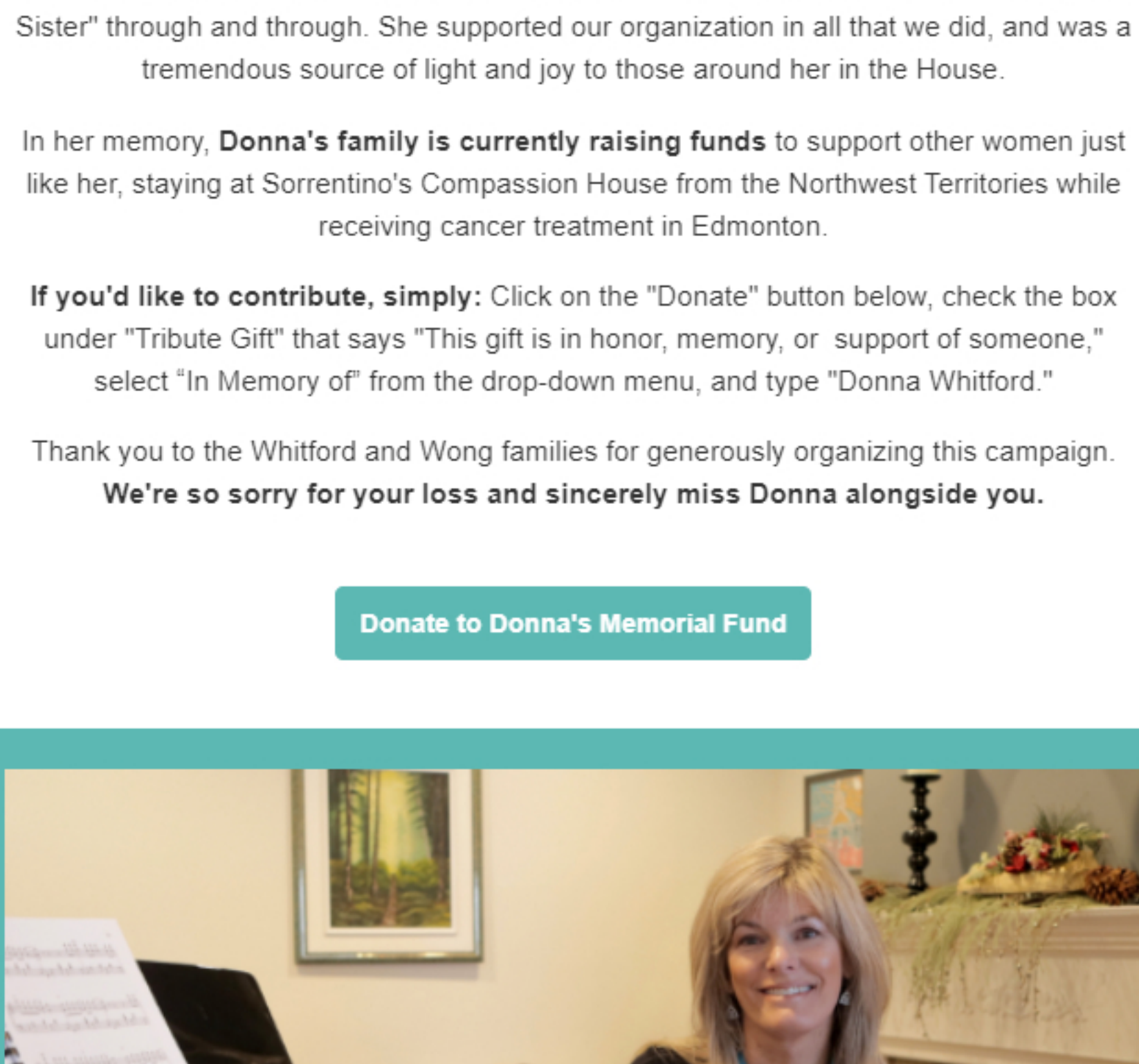
Rescheduled: Fundraising Casino

Good news! We have new dates from Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) for our Fundraising Casino. If you remember, it was originally meant to take place earlier this year but was post-poned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

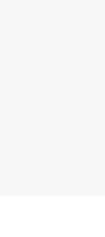
Our Fundraising Casino is now scheduled for **Thursday, January 21, 2021 and Friday, January 22, 2021** at the **Starlite Casino in West Edmonton Mall**. We recognize these dates may change as the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. We'll keep you informed of any further changes, as AGLC notifies us.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to volunteer! These Fundraising Casinos bring in much-needed funding that allows us to continue our work supporting women battling cancer, so we appreciate your help and dedication to our cause!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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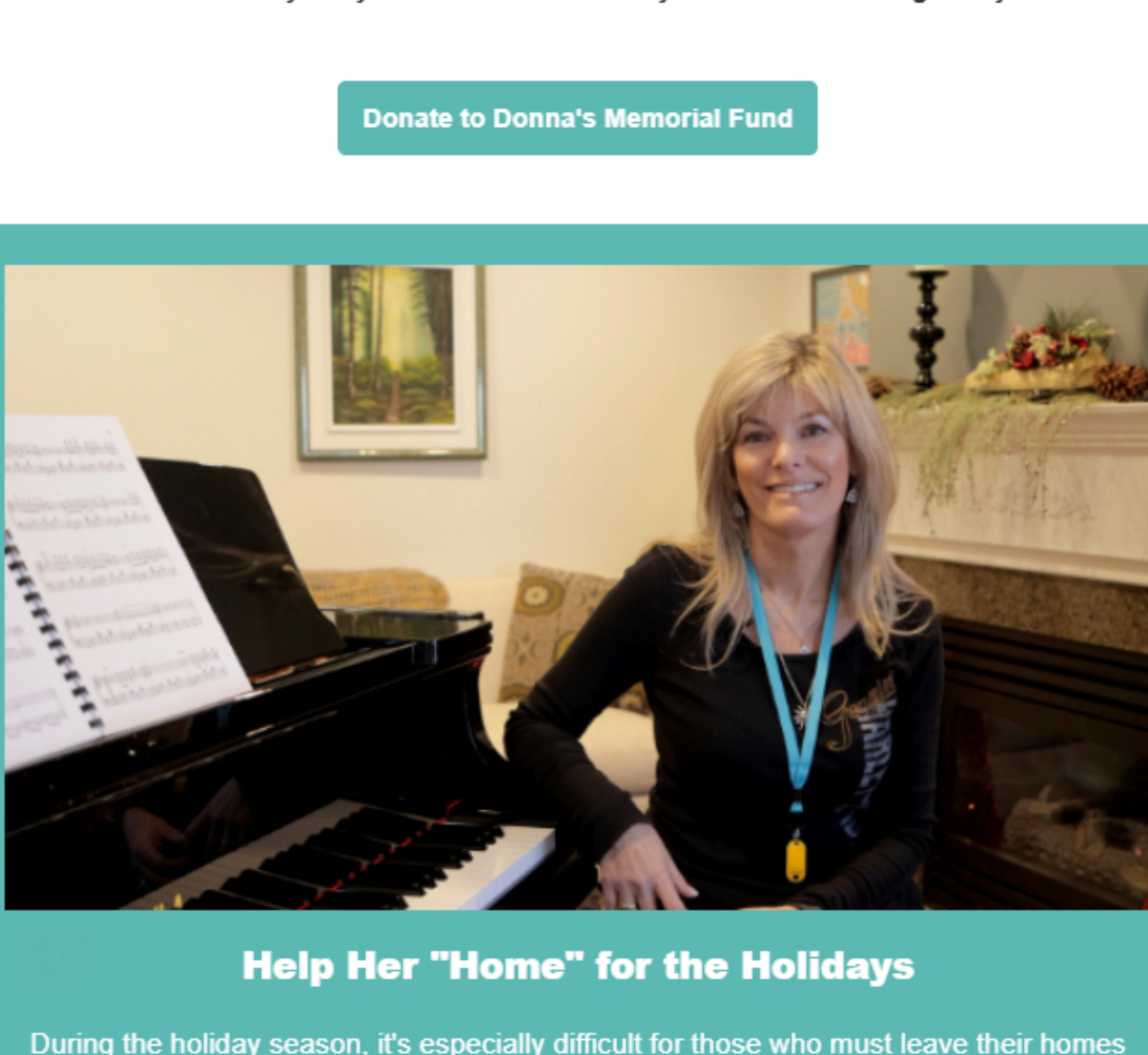
Support Women Battling Cancer

Compassion House Foundation is seeking **three Board Members** who will assist the Foundation in achieving its vision to "ease the distress of the cancer journey for women."

Terms are three years and eligible for renewal to a maximum of two terms. The Board meets quarterly to govern and oversee the management of the Organization. All Board Members are expected to participate in Committee activities and attend Committee meetings as required.

To provide representation in the communities we serve, candidates from outside of Edmonton are encouraged to apply.

Interested? Submit your expression of interest with an attached CV to info@compassionhouse.org by **February 15**.



Remembering Donna Whitford

Donna Whitford was a former guest of Sorrentino's Compassion House—a "Compassion Sister" through and through. She supported our organization in all that we did, and was a tremendous source of light and joy to those around her in the House.

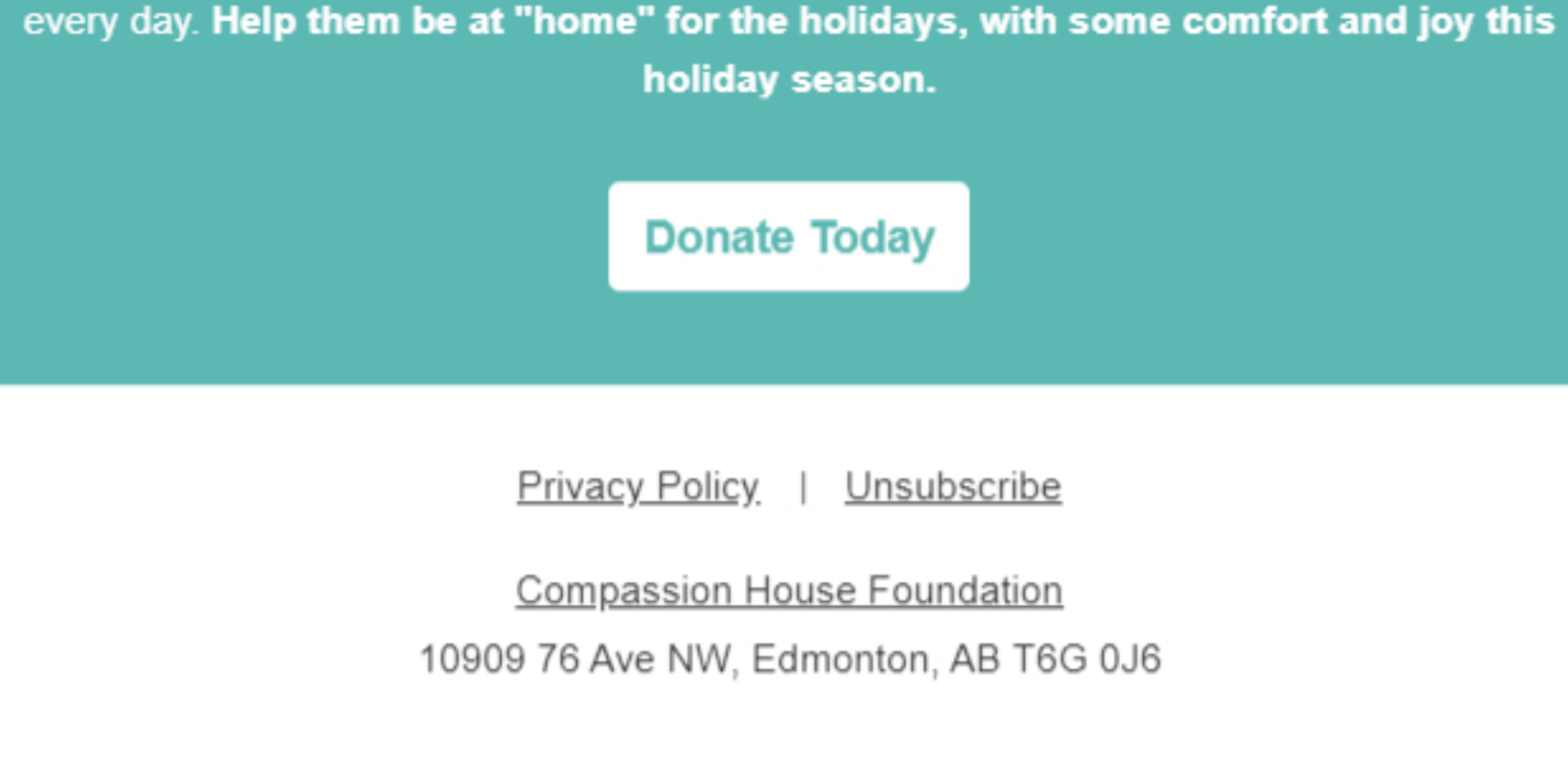
In her memory, **Donna's family is currently raising funds** to support other women just like her, staying at Sorrentino's Compassion House from the Northwest Territories while receiving cancer treatment in Edmonton.

If you'd like to contribute, simply: Click on the "Donate" button below, check the box under "Tribute Gift" that says "This gift is in honor, memory, or support of someone," select "In Memory of" from the drop-down menu, and type "Donna Whitford."

Thank you to the Whitford and Wong families for generously organizing this campaign.

We're so sorry for your loss and sincerely miss Donna alongside you.

[Donate to Donna's Memorial Fund](#)



Help Her "Home" for the Holidays

During the holiday season, it's especially difficult for those who must leave their homes and loved ones to go through cancer treatment. Help guests staying at Sorrentino's Compassion House find a "home away from home" this holiday season—**like Marina did**.

Last December, Marina found herself leaving her three children back in Jasper to come to Edmonton for treatment. She missed her family deeply, but incredible staff and other women going through the same thing at the House provided the support she needed.

Here, she found a **quiet and safe place** where "[she] could look after [herself] and eventually **get home and look after [her] kids**."

Help us support women like Marina on their journey to wellness, during the holidays and every day. **Help them be at "home" for the holidays, with some comfort and joy this holiday season.**

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