



2023-24
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



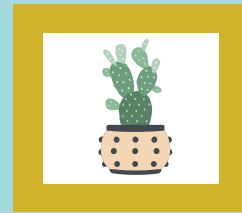
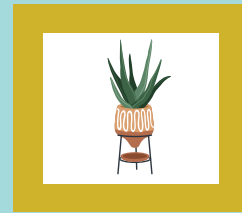
**compassion
house** FOUNDATION



Jackie Foord
Executive Director



Jennifer Kluthe
Chair



A note from leadership

Summarizing a year in the life of Compassion House is not as easy as one would think. It's not because there is nothing to report, nor is it because of some great change. As we have for over 20 years, Compassion House continues to offer exceptional supportive care for women who travel to Edmonton for cancer treatments.

In this report you will see the numbers and the impact of our activities over the past year. Those figures tell a story. 365 women, from 82 different communities spent the equivalent of nine years of nights at Sorrentino's Compassion House. But the real story is the people who stay, work, volunteer, and support the House.

There really is no other place quite like Sorrentino's Compassion House. Women of all ages, from towns, from cities, from the far North, from diverse cultures and incredibly different

life journeys bond over cancer treatments and instantly create a supportive community. Whether they are here for their first stay or their 10th follow up stay, these resilient women understand and support each other every time they cross the threshold of the door.

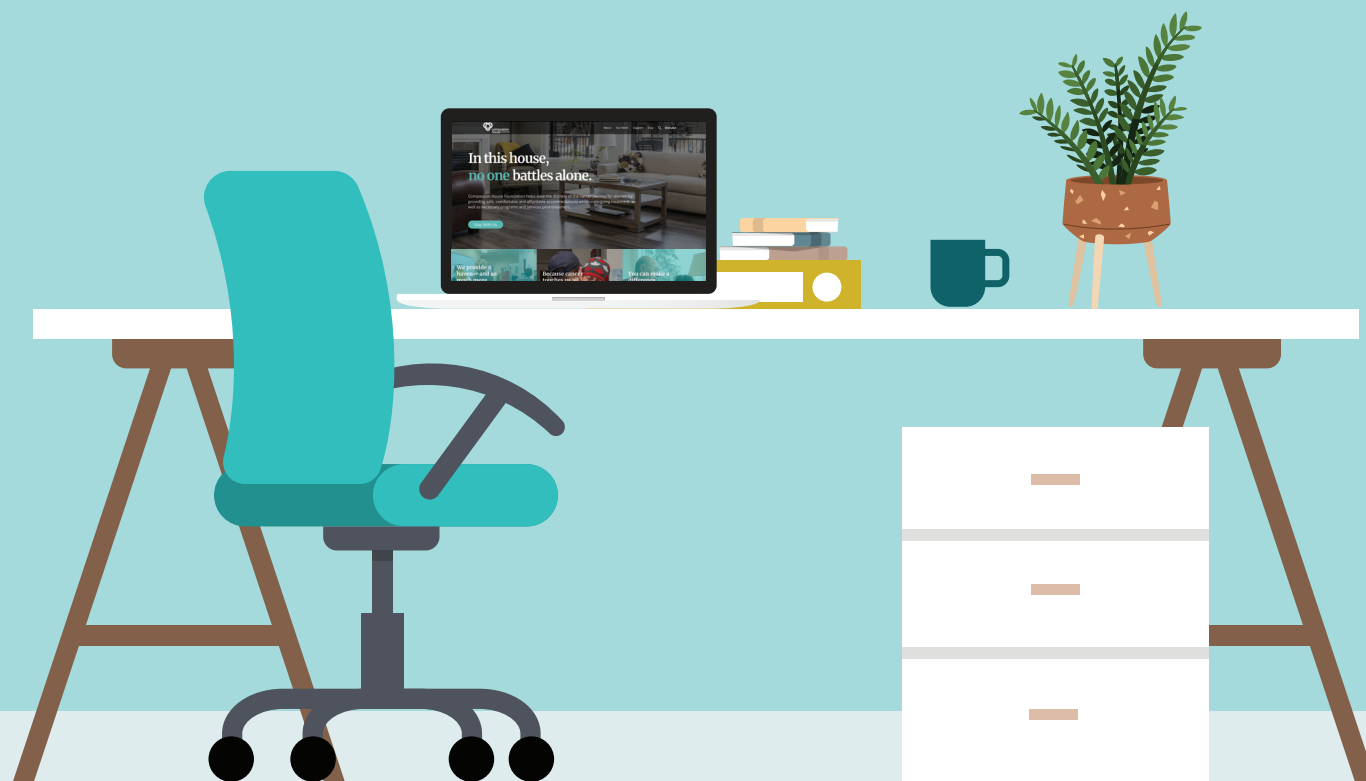
Our staff ensure that our inhouse programs are designed and delivered with the women we serve in mind. Every woman is unique and the staff never use a cookie cutter approach to service delivery. Their commitment to our guests is remarkable.

Rounding out our story are our volunteers and donors. Our volunteers provide services ranging from special event work, to playing the piano, to planting flowers, to teaching crafts, to driving the van. Their work adds to the joy that so many of our guests tell us they feel despite the reason for their stay.

Our donors and supporters play a significant role in our story. Sorrentino's Compassion House does not receive any government or ongoing funding from any source. It is no exaggeration to say, we couldn't do what we do without our donors. The individuals, corporations, service clubs, and foundations who donate to us ensure that we are able to provide a supportive and affordable housing option for women who may otherwise not be able to access their cancer treatments.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who was a part of our story this past year. All of you ensure that Sorrentino's Compassion House is more than a place to stay. It is a vital partner in the cancer journey for every woman who stays with us.

- Jackie and Jennifer





Over the last year...

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Cancer is a struggle in so many ways: emotionally, mentally, physically, financially. In the House, women find comfort, camaraderie and inner strength during a time they need it more than ever.

By donating, you help ease some of these challenges. Be part of that journey by giving your support.






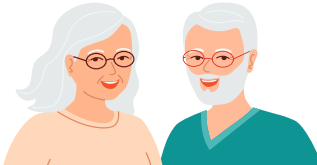
365 WOMEN

stayed at Sorrentino's Compassion House in 2023.



We went through:

-  3,024 loads of laundry.
-  1,456 dishwasher cycles.
-  10,950 cups of coffee.



64 COMPANIONS

accompanied guests when they stayed at Sorrentino's Compassion House.




Women travelled from **82 COMMUNITIES** across Alberta and the Northwest Territories to stay with us and get treatment in Edmonton.



Guests stayed with us **3,503 NIGHTS.** That's an average of 10 nights per guest.


We saw our volunteer numbers rise to pre-Covid times.

We had over **80 volunteers**, both canine and human.

Guests took **476 trips** in our shuttle van.

That's the equivalent of 7,000 kms.



Moments of impact

- 1 Canadian Natural held their annual Bonnyville Steak & Shrimp Dinner, raising an incredible \$22,000!
- 2 We were thrilled to welcome old friends and new to join us for an evening of Continuing Compassion.
- 3 Things got a little spooky as staff and guests celebrated Halloween with pumpkin carving.
- 4 Even the Alberta wildfire smoke couldn't stop our friends and supporters. They stepped up to Walk Her Way 5K, raising \$108,000!
- 5 Keeping up with repairs and maintenance meant replacing some of the original windows in the House.
- 6 Tasty food, great company and lots of learning are always on the menu when Chef Doreen Prei brings her time and talent to the House.
- 7 The fabulous Draggin with Compassion fundraiser and drag brunch organized by Ambassador Missy Foley in Red Deer, raised over \$17,000.
- 8 The House was in bloom as guests helped plant the flowers donated by Aspen Ridge Gardens.
- 9 The girls of Internazionale Soccer Club of Edmonton came together and filled our family pantry to the brim! Amazing work, girls!
- 10 Tinseltown Winter Market in Grande Prairie once again brought together vendors, volunteers, sponsors and shoppers - all in support of Sorrentino's Compassion House. This year was their biggest yet, raising over \$45,000.
- 11 Santa dropped by to bring our guests some care and comfort - and even a little sparkle (with help from his elves at Hillberg & Berk).
- 12 We welcomed our friends from Chandos and the Realtors Community Foundation, who brought some festive spirit to the House.
- 13 The Harp Circle, a Wellspring Edmonton program, filled the House with beautiful music.



Our donors

Thank you to our 2023-24 donors for your support. Your generosity helps bring comfort, connection, and community to women facing cancer at Sorrentino's Compassion House.

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of our lists. If your name is incorrectly listed or omitted, please contact us at 780.784.3223 so we can correct our records.

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Tinseltown Winter Market

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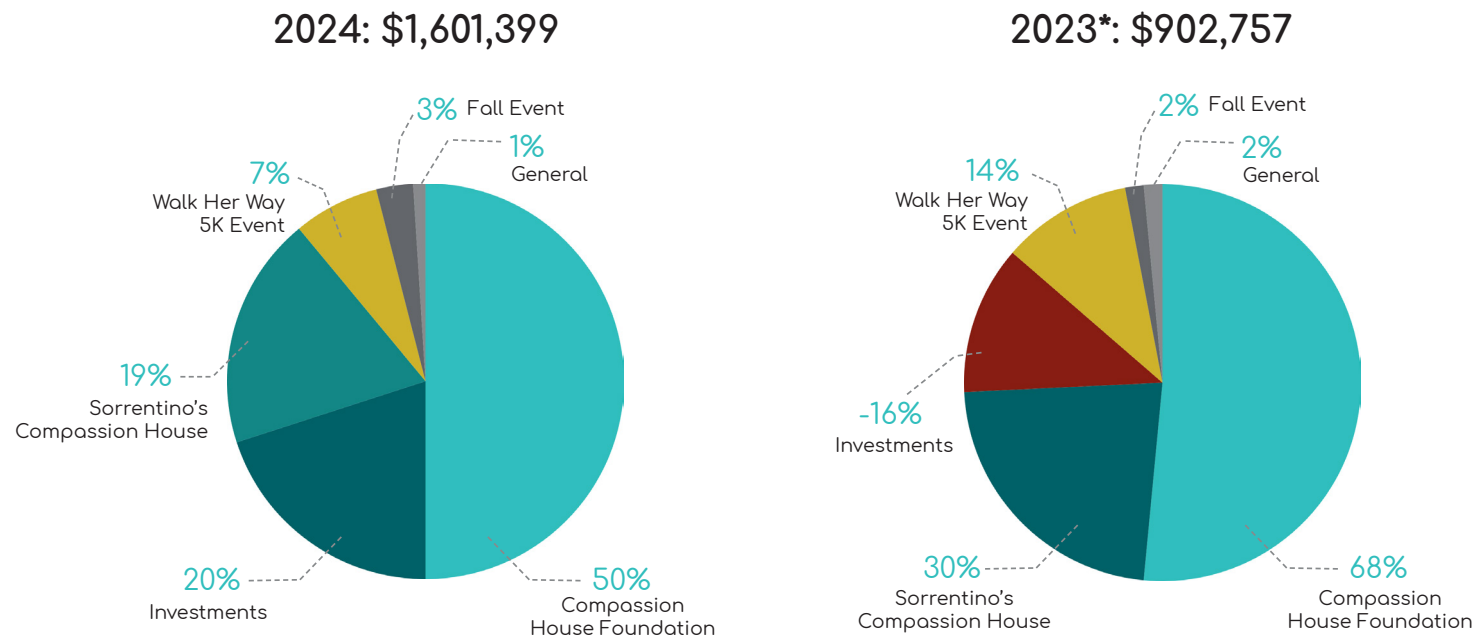
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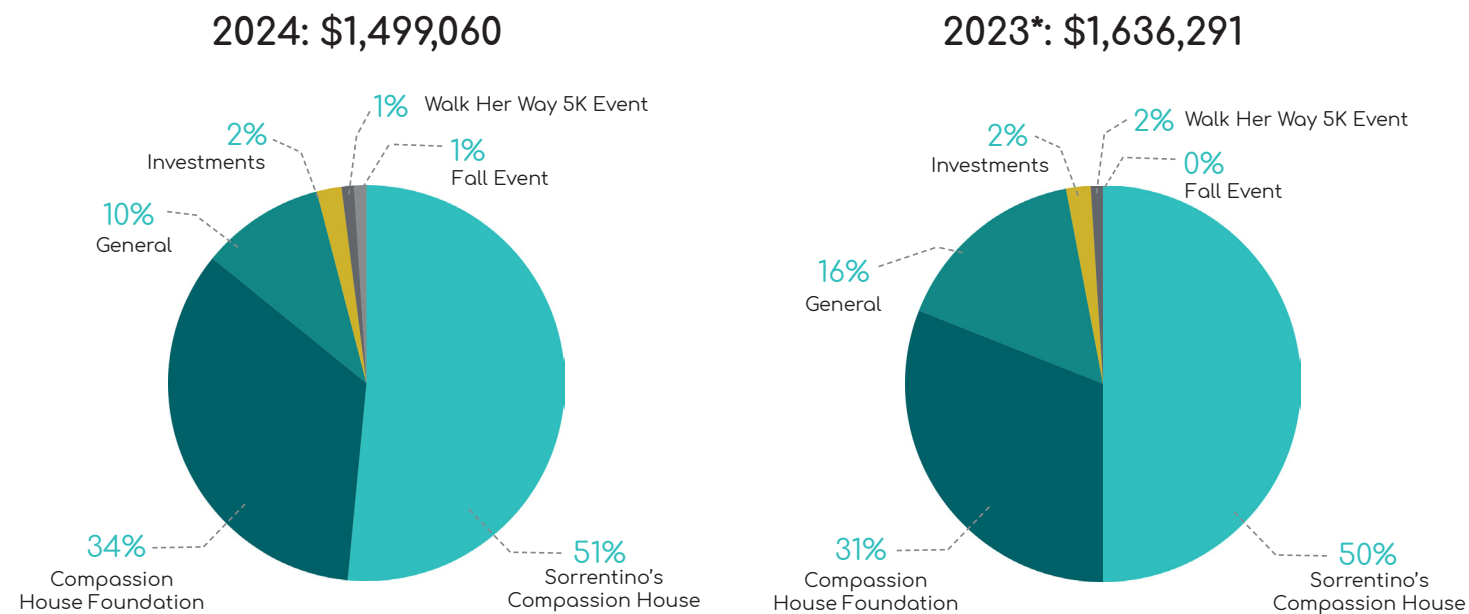
Statement of financial position

* Some of the 2023 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Summarized balance sheet

ASSETS

Cash
 Restricted Cash
 Marketable Securities
 Goods and Services Tax Recoverable
 Prepaid Expenses

Tangible Capital Assets

LIABILITIES

Bank Indebtedness
 Accounts Payable and Accruals
 Deferred Contributions
 Deferred Capital Contributions
 CEBA Loan

NET ASSETS

General Fund - Unrestricted
 Investment in Tangible Capital Assets
 Internally Restricted

	2024	2023*
Cash	\$183,713	-
Restricted Cash	\$102,155	\$66,339
Marketable Securities	\$4,256,315	\$4,417,140
Goods and Services Tax Recoverable	\$8,870	\$7,663
Prepaid Expenses	\$12,218	\$9,645
	\$4,563,271	\$4,500,787
Tangible Capital Assets	\$4,087,296	\$4,124,410
	\$8,650,567	\$8,625,197
Bank Indebtedness	-	\$29,648
Accounts Payable and Accruals	\$47,030	\$79,347
Deferred Contributions	\$329,174	\$208,198
Deferred Capital Contributions	\$2,617,985	\$2,713,965
CEBA Loan	-	\$40,000
	\$2,994,189	\$3,071,158
General Fund - Unrestricted	\$2,078,293	\$2,034,820
Investment in Tangible Capital Assets	\$1,469,311	\$1,410,445
Internally Restricted	\$2,108,774	\$2,108,774
	\$5,656,278	\$5,554,039
	\$8,650,567	\$8,625,197

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