

# Bosom Buddies

Thank you for providing financial assistance to patients in Alberta

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**Alberta Cancer**  
FOUNDATION

# THANK YOU

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of patients and their families facing cancer in Alberta.

Last year, more than 45,000 patients visited their local cancer centre to receive treatment. Your generous commitment of \$138,066.00 over the past 12 years has ensured that each patient received access to assistance when they needed it the most.

Because of your support, when patients heard the words “you have cancer,” we are able to offer three in return— “we will help.”

As a testament to the change you have helped make possible, we are pleased to provide some examples of the ways that patients and their families have benefited from your generosity.

## IMPACTING LIVES

Far too often, patients and families not only have to deal with the psychological aspects of a cancer diagnosis, but also have to face immense financial burdens. Meanwhile, the bills pile up and some families are forced to declare bankruptcy, all on top of one member’s failing health. The costs that go along with the disease can sometimes be so overwhelming that a patient will decide not to have life-saving therapy and instead opt to save travel costs by choosing a lesser treatment.

Because of events like Bosom Buddies Pigeon Lake, patients and families can get help in covering these expenses during their cancer journey. Not only does this lessen the financial burden for patients and families, it also eases the cancer journey and allows them time to focus on healing. This is making a real impact for families in Alberta, thanks to you.

The Patient Financial Assistance Program has been accessed for support with accommodations, medications, transportation and meals. Please see below a snapshot of the ways you have helped families in Alberta during their cancer journey.

Expense Category	Total	Times Accessed	Average Amount Issued
Medication	\$146,060.63	1,046	\$139.64
Accommodation	\$57,512.07	146	\$393.92
Transportation/Parking	\$65,477.75	647	\$101.16
Food/Meals	\$126,176.17	674	\$187.21
Utilities	\$19,666.32	74	\$265.76
Other Approved Expenses	\$76,075.97	354	\$214.90
Rent/Mortgage	\$139,035.67	203	\$684.90



# Your investment eases the cancer journey for Albertans

From April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – March 31, 2015 a total of \$629,974.58 has been paid out on behalf of 791 individuals and accessed 3,144 times. Thank you for making this possible.

*Just a little  
line or two  
To bring my warmest  
thanks to you!*

*Thank You So Much  
Your program gave  
me hope where there  
wasnt any.*

*Sincerely  
Grant Christie*

"I can't say enough about the financial help I received." – Norman Forsland

"Thank you is not the right words but then I don't think there are the right words to express what it meant to us to have a few less worries..." – Melissa Putman.

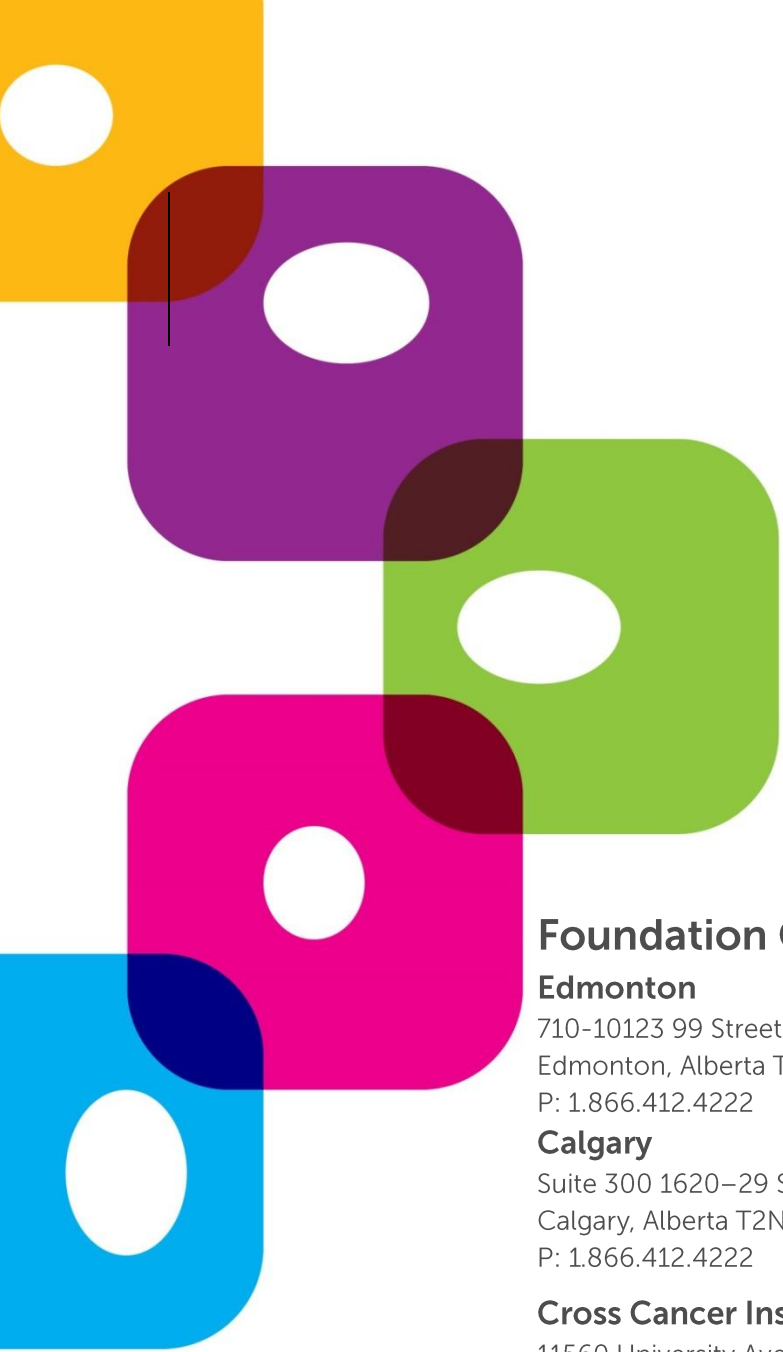
"Dear donor, by choosing to reach out to others, you are greatly improving their lives. I know this from my personal experience and I thank you for the depths of my heart. In gratitude" – Catherine Suzanne

On behalf of patients and their families in Alberta, thank you for your generous commitment of \$138,066.00 over the past 12 years to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Together, we are delivering the biggest possible patient returns. Thank you for making life better for Albertans facing cancer.



Together we're creating **more moments** for Albertans facing cancer





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