

STRONGER, TOGETHER

WINTER 2025

Together, We Bring Warmth and Hope



YOUR KINDNESS GAVE GAIL A HOME, HOPE, AND A REASON TO KEEP GOING.

"There are many organizations out there, but I truly feel the Never Alone Cancer Foundation is next to heaven. They are absolutely wonderful."

— Gail, Never Alone Client

When Gail was diagnosed with cancer, she was also unhoused and alone. Every day was a fight for stability and hope. Then Never Alone stepped in, making sure she had rides to her appointments, a warm place to stay, and a caring team by her side.

Volunteers and community partners, like the Winnipeg Soup Fairies, delivered homemade soups and care packages that reminded her she wasn't forgotten.

Today, Gail has a home, a support network, and renewed strength. Through every challenge, her determination kept her going, and Never Alone was there when hope felt out of reach.

Because of you, Gail knew she didn't have to face cancer alone.



Give Hope This Winter

Your gift brings comfort, care and hope to Manitobans affected by cancer.

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL SCHIEFER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Season of Gratitude

At Never Alone, gratitude is more than a word, it's the heartbeat of our work. This year, your kindness helped more than **600 Manitobans** facing the challenges of cancer, and for that, we are profoundly thankful.

Every week, our team hears from social workers who are relieved when Never Alone can step in where other resources can't. We hear and feel gratitude through hugs, tears, and thank-you notes that remind us why our mission matters.

Within our own team, gratitude is a daily conversation. Our staff and volunteers often reflect on the privilege of walking alongside so many resilient, compassionate, and inspiring people during some of life's most difficult moments.

To everyone who gives, volunteers, and stands beside us, thank you. Your generosity will help keep the lights of hope shining bright this winter.

Community in Action: 2025 Events Powering Our Mission



2025 Lake of the Sandhills Ladies Golf Tournament



Empty Cup - Celebrating Our Differences Day



North Winnipeg Nomads Never Alone Game



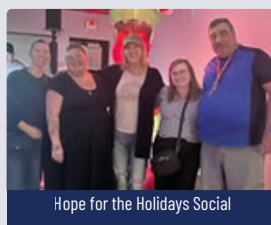
Winnipeg Beach, Wildwood Trailer Resort



GEDFest



Gopher the Cure Halloween Social



Hope for the Holidays Social

Join the Movement
From golf tournaments and socials to football games, concerts, and local fundraisers, our community came

together with purpose. Thanks to their generosity, over \$65,000 was raised to support those affected by cancer. Every donation, ticket, and volunteer helped us say YES to those who need it most.

You can join in too! Host a fundraiser, organize an event, or rally your friends and family. Every effort helps to make people feel seen, heard, and never alone.

Sold Out Golf Classic Tees Up Support for Cancer



The annual Never Alone Golf Classic brought together supporters, sponsors, and volunteers for a great day on the greens, raising an incredible \$109,000 to help families affected

by cancer. A heartfelt thank-you to our Presenting Sponsor, Pratts Wholesale Food Service, for their continued generosity and commitment to our cause.

NACF Cancer Walk Brings Communities Together



Participants from Selkirk and Winnipeg joined forces to raise an impressive \$101,800 to support Manitobans affected by cancer. Special thanks to the Presenting Sponsor, Access Credit Union, and Winnipeg Kinsmen, whose generous matching gift of \$25,000 doubled the impact of donations, helping even more families in need.

Behind Every Event, There's a Volunteer

At the Never Alone Cancer Foundation, volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Kelly has been sharing her time, energy, and compassion since 2023. She first learned about the Foundation while supporting friends with cancer and quickly saw how Never Alone helped with needs insurance didn't cover; small comforts, equipment, and resources that make life a little easier.



"Dealing with cancer is hard enough," Kelly says. When families struggle financially, it's hard to find hope. Never Alone becomes a bright light in dark times."

Kelly helps with community events, setting up oral cancer screenings, fundraisers, and volunteers supporting clients. She recalls arranging a lift chair for a seriously ill child and inspiring a local business to donate bath chairs. She even turned her birthday into a pantry fundraiser. Fully community-funded, the Foundation gives Kelly the chance to make a real difference and advises anyone thinking of volunteering to "reach out."

"There's a role for everyone, and you'll never look back."



Giving Hope When It's Needed Most

Jordan Sobey: Bringing Hope to Families This Holiday Season



Jordan Sobey knows firsthand the challenges families face when cancer touches their lives. When his family first connected with the Never Alone, a simple gesture, a three-month cleaning service, "lifted a weight off our shoulders," he recalls. That early support inspired him to give back.

Now in his second year fundraising for Hope for the Holidays, Jordan channels his own journey into meaningful action. "I'm grateful to still be alive against the odds," he says, "it makes me want to help others in ways that I've experienced." Hope for the Holidays provides families facing cancer with the essentials they need to enjoy the holiday season. From meals to gifts and household support, the program helps restore a sense of normalcy during an otherwise stressful time

When asked what he hopes families feel when they receive support, Jordan is clear:

"I hope they feel a sense of normalcy around Christmas time. The kids should be happy. It's about giving peace of mind for something that should be routine, but isn't, because their world has been turned upside down."

Now based in Traverse Bay, Jordan emphasizes the power of community and giving. Beyond fundraising, he cherishes small holiday joys. As a paraplegic, one of his favorite moments is getting down on the floor to open gifts with his now three-year-old daughter. "It brings me a lot of joy," he says.

Being There When Someone You Know Has Cancer

The holidays can be especially hard for people affected by with cancer, and it's not always clear how friends or family can help. Simple, consistent gestures often make the biggest difference; checking in with a call, sitting together quietly, offering to help with errands or appointments or preparing a meal takes pressure off their day

It's important to follow their lead. Some days they may want to talk; other days, they may need space. Listening and staying present without pressure matters more than trying to "fix" the situation.

Through programs and support, Never Alone Cancer Foundation helps navigate these challenges. Even small, thoughtful actions from those who care can provide a sense of steadiness and connection when it's needed most.

Your gift is doubled this season!

Harbourfront Wealth Management and Trans Canada Wealth Management will match every donation up to eight thousand dollars. Your support brings comfort and stability to families coping with a new cancer diagnosis.

\$25

becomes \$50

fills part of a care package

\$50

becomes \$100

add a grocery card

\$75

becomes \$150

covers one complete care package

\$150

becomes \$300

supports a family during their first tough week

\$250

becomes \$500

helps more families feel cared for



You can make the next family feel a little easier

"I didn't think anyone would help this quickly. It gave us so much relief."

- A family helped through Never Alone

**Give Now. Donate Today.
Change a Life.**

“We show up when it’s hard, and we help however we can - because no one should face cancer alone.”

Never Alone Cancer Foundation was founded by Lyle Bauer to support Manitobans affected by cancer with practical, financial, and emotional help. We are grassroots and focused. No red tape, no runaround. We show up when it’s hard, and help however we can; from groceries and parking costs to small comforts like a warm blanket during treatment or someone to talk to when everything feels overwhelming. This holiday season, you can be the difference, reminding someone that they are not alone.



Nine Lives Could Have Been at Risk



This season, we’re celebrating moments of hope and health in our community. Volunteer dentists performed over 100 oral cancer screenings, with **nine individuals referred for follow-up**. Early detection saves lives, and we’re grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and made this event possible. Special thanks to the Manitoba Dental Association and Garden City Shopping Centre for helping bring this important work to our community, **Real help, real care, right when it’s needed the most.**

Generous Gifts, Real Impact



The Ian and Rochelle Laing Family Foundation donated \$18,000 to fuel our Walk, support Hope for the Holidays, and sustain programs that make a real difference.



GFL joined us in delivering practical help for those affected by cancer.



Red River Co-op contributed \$2,500 in gift cards to brighten the clients’ days through Hope for the Holidays.



The Dufresne Group helped us provide 32 care packages for those newly diagnosed with cancer.

Thank you to our community partners!

