

# CANCER SOCIETY OF THE BAHAMAS

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# Christmas 2023 | New Year 2024

Dear Friend,

The Cancer Society's Love Lights a Tree is always the perfect way to honour our loved ones in such a special and meaningful way. Our theme for this year is "Let Your Light Shine with Love".

Our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 24th next to CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank at the Mall at Marathon. Please join us at this heart-warming family affair as we celebrate 33 years, with every light representing love, hope, caring and sharing. We promise an hour filled with caroling, dancing and the best part of the night, the feeling of togetherness.

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise awareness about cancer, fundraisers such as this helps us to operate and maintain the Caring Centre - 'a home away from home' for persons diagnosed with cancer to stay while receiving treatment in Nassau.

**A LOVE GIFT** of \$20.00 or more will go a long way as we continue to support all cancer patients throughout The Bahamas.

**GIVE** because your loved one continues to fight cancer

**GIVE** in memory of a loved one who has lost their fight against cancer

**GIVE** thanking God for good health for yourself and others

**GIVE** in support of the cause

The Cancer Society of The Bahamas wishes you a safe and very bright Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year as you "let your light shine with love".

Yours Sincerely,

Rochelle Wilkinson
President

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lights a tree.	Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ that will help light the Love Tree in honour of in memory of love gift (Please tick the appropriate box and put person's name below)
NAME:	
YOUR NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	PHONE #:
Love gift	s are acknowledged on the Love Stand in Nassau at the Mall of Marathon.

Cash donations can be delivered to Headquarters during office hours. Please DO NOT send cash in the mail.

#### **Other Forms of Payment:**



# How your Love Gift has helped persons staying at the Cancer Caring Centre:

### Kaylesa from Grand Bahama

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas and in particular the angels responsible for the building of this facility I now call 'home away from home'. I had delayed starting my radiation treatment because the thought of leaving my son behind in Grand Bahama and finding a nice affordable place to stay was too distressing. The cost of renting an Airbnb for 4 weeks was very expensive. Staying with family for such a long period was not a good option for my mental well being.

The nurse at the Cancer Center mentioned this facility and the possibility of temporarily residing here while doing treatment free of charge for family islanders. I contacted the office who walked me through the process; I was elated and comforted at the same time and began radiation treatment with a peace of mind.

The entire staff has been so kind; they are really caring individuals who make being away from home a great experience. In addition the facility is clean, nicely furnished with amazing amenities. I have shared a video of the room with my son so he is pleased with my surroundings. I have also shared my positive experiences with family and friends.

Thank you for everything and God bless.

### **Lofton from Abaco**

I enjoyed my stay at the Cancer Caring Centre. The staff were very warm and welcoming and made me feel at home. I appreciate all of the extra help and special care in making certain I got to my appointments on time. May God continue to bless the entire Cancer Society for serving us cancer patients.

### Patricia from Lowe Sound, North Andros

My name is Patricia Maria Miller, a 61 year old resident of Lowe Sound, North Andros. The Cancer Society was recommended to me by a close friend to seek financial assistance, but when my husband and I came and met with the Administrative staff, we were told that they also provide accommodations for Family Islanders undergoing treatment in Nassau. Not only did I receive the financial help towards my treatment, but also a welcomed stay for the duration of more than 12 weeks.

The staff members are so pleasant, loving and caring; I found this place to be a 'home away from home'. I have adopted the staff as my sons and daughters and the other guests as my sisters and brothers. Wherever or whenever help is needed, they would go out their way to assist each guest as best they can, even if it's an encouraging word.

Thank you and I pray God continue to bless the Founder, Board of Directors and Staff of this Caring Centre.

### **Cleopatra from Eleuthera**

I thank God for the Cancer Caring Centre, a home away from home with the friendliest staff. When I first arrived, I was a little down because I didn't have family but when I settled in, they made sure I was comfortable. The Staff is very helpful and caring. They make sure you're on time for your treatment and take you to and from the pharmacy and food store which is very convenient.

I really appreciate when I leave, they give a courtesy call just to see how I am doing. Every time I check in, I am greeted with a warm welcome and a smile. Its strangers we meet along the way that helps us on our journey and become like family.

This is the season for giving... and you can give something very special this Christmas Season: A GIFT OF LOVE IN HONOUR OF OR IN MEMORY OF SPECIAL PERSON(S) or JUST BECAUSE.



With your contribution you will

show someone special you care

help to light the Love Tree

help fight against cancer