

CASHh needs canvassers for April campaign

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Approximately 300 canvassers will be out in Acton, Georgetown and the rural areas and more are needed, particularly in the Georgetown South and Glen Williams area. Canvassers would only need to spend three to four hours throughout April knocking on doors. Anyone interested is asked to call Betty Fendley, 905-702-8886 or go to www.cancerassistance.org.

CASHh also has a need for board members— at this time particularly a treasurer— and volunteer drivers.

Marian Baidacoff is a board member and longtime volunteer driver. She looks forward to driving the patients calling it “the best job” she’s ever had.

“I think I get more out of it than they do,” said Baidacoff. “I give them a ride, but they give me a lift.

“I feel like I’m truly helping my neighbours. It’s a good feeling to help people who live around the corner,” said Baidacoff, adding she has driven two neighbours who live right on her street for treatment.

Smith said the 55 volunteer drivers drive as often or as little as they choose and it’s up to them to decide where they’re comfortable driving. Some take patients for treatment at hospitals in Toronto and Hamilton, but if they don’t like going to the bigger cities, they don’t have to drive there.

Baidacoff said she’s become friends with some of the patients she has driven.



Marian Baidacoff, CASHh volunteer driver, picks up local cancer patient Bill Ingles to take him for treatment. Baidacoff finds volunteering with CASHh very rewarding. Ingles used to be a driver himself with the organization.

“I think they like having someone they can talk to about anything they want. Because I’m not part of their family, they are very open with me. It’s a good stress release for them to know that they can just talk and know that person is not all wrapped in it,” she said. “I look forward to it. I have never met somebody (a patient) that I didn’t like.”

Volunteer drivers come from all walks of life. Smith said CASHh drivers include a semi-retired doctor, homemakers, firefighters and police officers.

“Some are people we have helped in the past,” said Smith.

Drivers are paid for their mileage and parking expenses.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver or board member is asked to call 905-702-8886.

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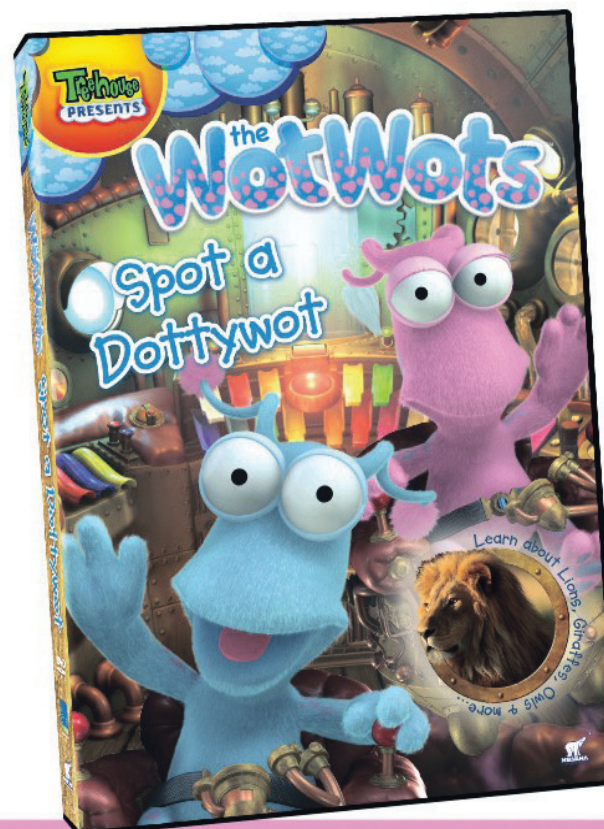
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