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ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG  
ADULTS WITH CANCER



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LES ADOLESCENTS ET LES JEUNES  
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**RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

After twenty years of commitment to helping cancer patients through the growth and development of VOBOC, Doreen Edward, VOBOC's founder and Executive Director plans retire in June of this year. Doreen has always believed that VOBOC's greatest asset has always been that people come to VOBOC with the right gifts, at the right time for the right reasons. As a leader, Doreen has always been thinking of succession and now for her, it feels that the timing is right to pass on the torch.

Over a year ago, VOBOC's board and Doreen, supported by several experienced professionals, set about developing a well thought out succession plan. The plan supports a number of different scenarios whereby all programs and services serving Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with cancer would continue.

The need for support at the beginning of cancer treatment until the end of it remains as true today as it did in 2001. Teens and young adults entering into the frightening world of cancer, report feeling isolated and ill equipped. At the onset VOBOC understood that for an AYA, a cancer diagnosis means life is interrupted because they face unique challenges practically, emotionally and financially.

Doreen and the board are completely aligned in their assessment that VOBOC is at an opportune stage, and that the time is right to transition its leadership, allowing the organization to develop in a way that will continue to serve the needs of the AYA cancer population.

In addition to this major announcement, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who in the past 20 years have played a part in the support of VOBOC and our services. We wish to thank our staff, board members, strategic partners, volunteers, friends, and donors. We ask for your support through this leadership change and that you continue to contribute and be part of all the programs and services offered to teens and young adults fighting cancer, helping improve their experiences and health outcomes. In the past 20 years VOBOC's programs have touched more than 16,000 individuals and we know new patients will depend upon us to be there for them too.

As we approach June, we will be thinking of how to best celebrate with our Founder and find a way to give you the opportunity to share your best wishes with Doreen.

VOBOC's board of Directors will be available to you should you have any questions about the contents of this announcement. We will be providing updates as move forward with this succession plan.

Sincerely,

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