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Cancer Patient and Husband Announced Top Fundraisers, Plan European Cruise

Husband and Wife Embark on Honeymoon Cruise, Celebrate One Year of Marriage

Ottawa, Ontario – Over the past year, husband and wife team Mark and Rebecca Fillier have been united in their battle against breast cancer. A few short months after getting married in September of last year, Rebecca was diagnosed with Stage IV Triple Negative Breast Cancer. An earth shattering diagnosis became motivation for the couple, who continues to fight the battle head on, and began working with the Breast Cancer Society of Canada to raise funds for research and advocacy.

As Rebecca's battle progressed and faced challenges, Mark began his active role in working with the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. While participating in his first breast cancer walk in Ottawa, Mark quadrupled his initial fundraising goal. Inspired to continue supporting the cause, Mark signed on to support the Breast Cancer Society of Canada by working to plan the Mother's Day breast cancer walk as an outdoor event in Ottawa instead of the current indoor mall walks, with a goal to raise as many funds as possible. Tapping into his professional and social networks, Mark raised \$10,000 and achieved the Top Fundraiser Award – a grand prize that featured a complementary cruise for two booked through Expedia CruiseShipCenters.

"Participating in the events hosted by the Breast Cancer Society of Canada was a sort of cathartic way to keep focused and inspired as my wife fought her battle with her cancer. I believe that was what fueled my drive to raise funds and awareness for the events," said Mark. "Planning this cruise has not only given us something to look forward to in the midst of this serious battle with cancer, it gives our family something to celebrate when we need it most."

The timing of their voyage is particularly special to the Filliers, who will be celebrating not only their first wedding anniversary, but will be taking their honeymoon trip. Mark and Rebecca will embark on their 15 day-long cruise in early September, leaving from England, and visiting several European and Canadian ports before disembarking the ship in Montreal, Quebec. At one of the ports of call, Rebecca will be reunited with a few of her Scottish family members, who live in Ireland and will be meeting her and her husband when the ship docks in Ireland.

"The Breast Cancer Society of Canada is a charitable organization that Expedia CruiseShipCenters always looks forward to working with. With such passionate volunteers and advocates for the cause, it's rewarding to help incentivize their work by giving away cruises to top fundraisers," said Matthew Eichhorst, President of Expedia CruiseShipCenters. "I'm sure that Mark and Rebecca will enjoy their vacation and return rejuvenated, which will help them in reaching even more goals."

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