

FIGHTING CHANCE

FALL 2016



BOB CHALONER AND DR. YUSUF HANNUN HONORED AT GALA 2016

CELEBRATION OF NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL AND STONY BROOK CANCER CENTER

On Saturday, June 4th, at a seaside setting in the Hamptons, Fighting Chance held its annual Summer Gala -- which had 200 guests and raised over \$160,000.00.

Many of the guests had been attending our galas for years, so the event had a very special atmosphere of pervasive friendliness, warmth, and renewal of old acquaintances.

Our gala, traditionally is also the time each year when we award our Medal of Honor, bestowed on individuals who:

"Have made an exceptional contribution to improving the quality of care for cancer patients on the East End of Long Island."

GALA GUESTS INSPIRED BY SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT

During his remarks while accepting the Medal, Bob Chaloner publicly announced advances in plans for a new Cancer Center located in Southampton.

The property, located on Route 27, has now been purchased by the Hospital, architectural plans are largely completed, and all necessary permits have been obtained.

Chaloner added that the Phillips family has made a charitable donation of \$10 Million, about half the cost of the new facility. Obtaining the remaining funds seems to be within reach and, consequently, a ground-breaking can be expected in the near future.



Gala Guests enjoying the festivities

FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .

If you are an East End resident diagnosed with cancer your course of treatment often will have at least three elements:

Chemotherapy . . . available at Southampton Hospital and doctor offices nearby. Chemo treatments usually are weekly for several months (with an off-week once each month).

Radiation Therapy . . . available in Riverhead or at Stony Brook and often administered every-day (Mon-Fri) for two months.

Psycho-Social Therapy . . . available, free of charge, from professional counselors at Fighting Chance located in Sag Harbor. Visits usually are once a week for 10 weeks.

Now imagine a cancer patient who lives in East Hampton. They would be driving weekly to Southampton, daily to Riverhead, and at least weekly to Sag Harbor.

Not surprisingly, the simple act of transportation - - getting to all your doctor appointments on time -- can be a daunting challenge, and sometimes becomes an obstacle to getting all the treatments a patient needs.

But what if all three types of therapy were under one roof? Well, that is the dream of the new Cancer Center. According to Bob Chaloner, a patient at this center could get both chemo and radiation treatments, and Fighting Chance would also have a satellite office to help patients deal with the trauma and hyper-anxiety of a cancer diagnosis.

Once the new Cancer Center is in place, cancer patients who qualify for surgery can have that procedure, in many cases, performed just a few blocks away at the main Hospital; if they need additional chemo or radiation treatments (and in many cases that is recommended) then those can be administered back at the Center.



Architect's Rendering of the New Southampton Cancer Center (located on Route 27 across from Storms Ford Dealership).

In addition to making multiple therapies more convenient and accessible to East End cancer patients, the Cancer Center in Southampton also makes it much easier for doctors from different disciplines to coordinate a patient's treatment and to talk among themselves about treatment options.

Increasingly important, as a therapy option, are a wave of promising new cancer drugs, many of which fall under the heading of "immunology." A cancer care facility serving an entire region -- as Stony Brook does -- has greater access to these drugs and conducts clinical trials in which new drug effectiveness is tested on patients interested in participating in a clinical trial.

Because of the merger, the Cancer Center in Southampton can also access the expertise of specialists who are based at Stony Brook and able to conduct highly complex procedures.

At Fighting Chance we have spent the last 14 years counseling thousands of cancer patients and helping them navigate the maze of multiple cancer care facilities. The consolidation of cancer treatment, as the result of the merger, as well as the new facility in Southampton, is like a dream come true for our charity and the patients whose treatment lies ahead.

*Duncan N. Darrow
Founder & Chairman
Fighting Chance*





SUMMER WITH FIGHTING CHANCE



June

By now it is a tradition that Fighting Chance teams up with Southampton Hospital to sponsor a lunch and panel discussion in celebration of Cancer Survivorship Day. This summer the event attracted over 100 guests.

7th Annual Hamptons Swim Against Cancer July



Volunteers who made the Swim possible -- many of them teachers from the John Marshall Teachers Association



*Don Regan
Co-Director of
Swim '16*

Proceeds raised from the Swim -- and donated to Fighting Chance -- account for 20% of our Budget. So we are immensely grateful to the 100 swimmers and scores of volunteers who made the Swim a great success for the 7th year in a row -- especially the volunteer turnout from John Marshall and the remarkable members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue group.



August

The 16 acre garden known as LongHouse -- a masterpiece of the designer Jack Lenor Larsen -- provided 20 of our patients a morning of utter serenity.



Participants in the Fighting Chance outing at LongHouse Reserve

Hamptons Classic Jump For Charity

September



Fighting Chance is one of 10 charities selected by the Classic to potentially benefit from a sizeable award if the rider assigned to our charity wins the Sept. 2 jumping event.

For details on attending this event and being part of our cheering section please call the Fighting Chance Office 631.725.4646

THE NEW ERA OF CLINICAL TRIALS & CANCER SURVIVAL STRATEGIES

“People are asking, waiting, pleading to get into these trials.”

*Dr. Arlene Siefker-Radke, Oncologist, MD Anderson Cancer Center
(as quoted in NYT 7/31 on A16)*



The Next Generation of cancer drugs – known as “immunotherapy” – has arrived. A few drugs are already in the marketplace and scores more are being carefully tested on humans in what are known as clinical trials. It is a new era of hope.

One of the easiest ways for cancer patients to gain access to immunotherapy drugs is by participating in a clinical trial – and there are over 100 trials being run at the Stony Brook Cancer Center.

For decades, adult cancer patients have been unenthusiastic about taking part in clinical trials. Too much risk. Not enough promise.

But there is so much science and data now backing up immunotherapy drugs that the risk/reward ratio of trying them in a trial has changed dramatically.

Our seminar will educate participants about the new drugs, how to access them via a trial and how that changes survival strategies.

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 6 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: RIVERHEAD FREE LIBRARY

SPEAKERS: JENNIFER HOFECKER, MSA,
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