



## **SPECIAL ISSUE: SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS**

To Friends... Old and New...

This is our first newsletter of 2013 - the year in which Fighting Chance begins its second Decade of Community Service to the people of Long Island's East End.

As we look back on our community service so far - and the fund-raisers that made it possible - you see the remarkably wide range of support that we have received from our beloved corps of volunteers, coordinated by Maureen McAdam with an assist from Nancy Greenberg. Both can be reached at our Sag Harbor office at 631 725 4646.

This newsletter is sort of a "scrapbook" of the many places you could find our volunteers over the years. Participating in all sorts of sporting fund-raisers – golf, swimming, running, sailing and field hockey.

You'll find our volunteers coordinating pot luck suppers, yard sales and working behind the scenes at every gala. Our volunteers also include plenty of kids and teenagers – whose energy and imagination is unrivaled.

Sincerely,,



*Duncan N. Darrow,  
Founder and Chairman*

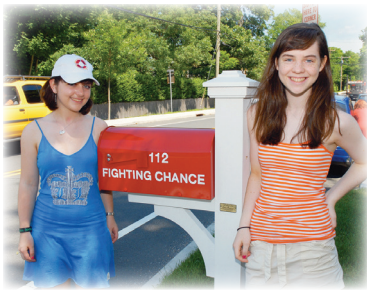
**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUMMER GALA  
JUNE 1, 2013**

**DEVON YACHT CLUB**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
CALL 631 725 4646**





*Volunteer Summer Interns*



*Hosts for Spaghetti Dinner*



*Katrina Miler (left) with a friend at a fund-raiser at Fiddler's Cove in the Springs, which was inspired by Fighting Chance's support when Katrina's mother was battling cancer.*



*East Hampton High School's Girls Field Hockey Team which has raised money for Fighting Chance for the last two years*



*Mom & Kids Hosting our Lemonade Stand*

**REBECCA'S STORY**

Last summer I celebrated my birthday by doing something very special. I decided to donate money to Fighting Chance instead of receiving birthday presents. I asked my friends and family to make a donation to the charity.

The reason why I picked Fighting Chance is because of my mom. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy in April of 2012. That basically meant that my mom wasn't able to do a lot of things following the surgery. So I had to play a big part in the family until she was able to do things again. Seeing my mom go through the surgery and recovery I thought to myself, "There are people who have to go through this and are

not as lucky as we are. They may not have the proper assistance necessary." So I got motivated to help out Fighting Chance and donated all my birthday money to them. I think it made a big difference in my life and others', too. Doing something for someone fills your body with joy and excitement.

I hope others are inspired by my decision to help Fighting Chance and they will help out too.

*Rebecca Kuperschmid*



*Student Running a Yard Sale Table*



*Rebecca and friends Celebrating her 11th Birthday*



*Silas Steife, Grade School Student from Stella Maris, who volunteered for the Day of Hope as a part of his school's community service.*



*Youngster at Amagansett Charity Swim*



*“Crew Fighting Chance” about to enter a Charity Yacht Race*



*Beach Walk*



*Swim Across America Event in Amagansett to Benefit Fighting Chance*



*“Team Fighting Chance” Runs NYC Half Marathon*



*Golf Tourney at Friars Head Golf Club*

**Remembering Arnie Pastor**

The first time I was swimming in the SAA event in Amagansett, in 2010, I went side-by-side with Arnie for the 1/2 mile distance, and learned about his battle with cancer. The fact that Arnie was even swimming was an act of remarkable grit and inspiration.

Whenever he met a newly-diagnosed cancer patient, Arnie offered practical tips from his own journey, along with wit and empathy. We will miss you, Arnie.

*Duncan Darrow*



**RIDERS ON THE STORM**

*A major service that Fighting Chance offers is free transportation to and from doctor’s appointments, hospitals, and treatments. Among others whose services we want to acknowledge are Patsy Howard, Randolph Schwartz, and Evonne Shaternik, who have generously spent many hours in transit. Excerpted below is one patient’s story.*

A cancer diagnosis turns anyone’s life upside down. For me, it is often hardest to cope with the most ordinary things in life. One example: the need for transportation to the weekly treatments that hold my disease at bay. My oncologist is at Stony Brook University Hospital. I live in Sag Harbor, so it takes about four hours to drive to the hospital, get my treatment and drive home.

Friends have been great in all this, but there came a time when I had no ride available, and I turned to Fighting Chance, as I know they have volunteers on hand. Frankly, I was nervous. Most people don’t like asking for favors. But the Fighting Chance

volunteers did not see driving me as a favor...But instead as a labor of love. Just neighbor helping neighbor. As simple as that.

So, I was connected to a volunteer driver, who picked me up exactly on time, and took me to Stony Brook.

Over time, we became quite friendly, and this volunteer helped again and again. By now, I consider her a true friend.

It is often said that cancer is a journey. As with any journey, there is no way to know in advance who your traveling companions will be. My thanks to my new friend, and to Fighting Chance, for their help in my own journey.

*Cheryl Merser*

POT LUCK & PARTIES



1st Annual Lobster Bash held at Duryea's in Montauk. Pictured here, ladies enjoying the great food and scenery



Our wonderful, dedicated volunteers at the FC annual Christmas Party at our office



One Happy Winner at our First Annual Poker Championship

YARD SALES



Our First Yard Sale in 2004 at St. Luke's Church in East Hampton



Yard Sale outside our former office on Hampton Street, in 2007



Grill master at Charity BBQ

GALAS



Summer Gala 2008 at Maidstone Tennis House



Summer Gala 2009 at Maidstone Beach Club



Summer Gala 2010 at Wölffer Vineyards



Summer Gala 2011 at Maidstone Beach Club



Summer Gala 2012 at Devon Yacht Club

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