

*Holiday Greetings*  
*2014*



*from The Directors, Staff and Volunteers*  
*of Fighting Chance*

Free Cancer Counseling Center Serving the East End . . . Since 2002  
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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER – ANNUAL APPEAL



Many of you reading this newsletter will already have donated to Fighting Chance this year; in that case I want to acknowledge your generosity . . . it is much appreciated.

Some of you who have donated still may wish to make a Holiday Season gift to our charity, and I appeal to you to do so. I also ask, in our annual appeal, for contributions from others who have not donated this year — or are just learning of our charity.

Between those who have donated already and those who make gifts during the holidays, we will receive support from over 500 “friends of Fighting Chance.”

With that support we will continue to maintain a staff of oncology social workers and a clinical psychologist who operate out of our Sag Harbor office and provide free counseling to about 250 newly-diagnosed cancer patients each year . . . almost all of them East End residents.

In 2015, cancer will persist on the East End as a disease striking over one thousand residents and as our area's #1 cause of death. But we will be just as persistent. Giving those patients a real chance, a fighting chance — of beating back the disease.

Please fight by our side. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Duncan N. Darrow,  
Founder & Chairman

To make a donation to Fighting Chance please send your check to Fighting Chance, using the enclosed envelope, or you can call our office at 631 725 4646 , or visit our web site at [www.fightingchance.org](http://www.fightingchance.org) and click **Donate Now**.

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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As the year comes to a close, the Directors and Staff of Fighting Chance offer a very special Thank You to some 20 local residents who served as dedicated and dependable volunteers during 2014.

Many dedicated volunteers have driven patients to doctor appointments, sometimes as far away as Commack. And, a core of volunteers continue to come to our office, to assist with administrative tasks.

At almost every fundraising event the assistance from volunteers has been invaluable. Here are some photos from our very successful “Lobster Bash” this past September, graciously hosted by Perry “Chip” Duryea III, pictured below, center.





THE  
PETER  
DARROW  
MEMORIAL  
FUND

The Peter Darrow Memorial Fund was created at Fighting Chance in honor of a Sag Harbor resident who had provided exceptional support for our charity from its very inception. Peter died of multiple myeloma in 2013, at age 61.

Scores of Peter's friends established the Memorial Fund so that when our staff was counseling East End cancer patients we also could provide them with emergency financial aid.

Here are some examples of how we were able to help in 2014.

*We paid a utility bill for the family of a young mother of three who is being treated for leukemia and was awaiting a stem cell transplant.*

*We were able to help a family pay a hospital bill to reduce some of the growing debt due to the recurrence of peritoneal cancer.*

*We helped the employer of a patient with metastatic cancer take care of some of his medical copays and expenses.*

*Last winter we paid a fuel bill for one of our patients who could not afford to keep warm during the harsh winter.*

*We helped a patient continue to get Medicare benefits by paying past overages.*

*When one of our patients could not afford to continue living alone, we helped with supplies for moving expenses so she could move in with her family.*

## FROM OUR MAILBOX

*"To All the Staff at Fighting Chance,*

*Thanks again for inviting me to an afternoon of total relaxation. It was so good to see my sister and daughter have some time to do something fun. We all enjoyed it immensely*

*It's kinda funny - I've lived here all my life and I've never been on a sailboat before.*

*You get a whole new perspective when seeing landmarks, like the Retreat, Cedar Point lighthouse, etc. from off shore.*

*Please extend my gratitude to the Staff from Sailing Heals. It was awesome.*

*Sincerely, Eleanor M."*

*"To All of You,*

*Thank you for your kindness and help for my rides to Commack. Everyone has been extremely kind and considerate.*

*I will avail myself of your help in the coming weeks.*

*Thank you again, Elfriede W."*

*"To Everyone at Fighting Chance*

*My never-ending thanks for being a helping hand as I traversed the new land of cancer recovery.*

*You are such a precious resource guiding, assisting, advising, caring. The embodiment of hope and love.*

*Now that I am well, I am repaying your generosity.*

*With deepest thanks, Patty S."*

## CANCER PATIENTS RIDE FOR FREE TO NEW YORK



Duncan Darrow, left, Chairman of Fighting Chance, with Geoff Lynch, Owner of Hampton Jitney

Hampton Jitney has partnered with Fighting Chance to provide free tickets to New York for cancer patients living on the East End of Long Island who need to go to a hospital in New York City for specialized treatment, a second opinion, or to partake in a clinical trial.

Just launched this past September, this program has already provided over 75 free trips to patients of Fighting Chance.

We want to thank Geoff Lynch, owner of Hampton Jitney, for his generosity in partnering with Fighting Chance to provide this much needed and much appreciated free service.

**For information about this program please call Fighting Chance at 631 725 4646**

## SAILING HEALS COMES TO SAG HARBOR



Five yachts, and the captains who charter them out of Sag Harbor, provided 25 of our patients and care givers with a memorable afternoon of sailing this summer.

For the passengers, the boats became a refuge of peace and serenity . . . all organized by a fellow non-profit, Sailing Heals, out of Marblehead, MA.

Captain Toby Stull (pictured at right) on his boat the Starlight, helped organize the event which began with a lunch at the Breakwater Yacht Club in Sag Harbor.



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