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My name is Philip T and I am very grateful to my friends at Fighting Chance who helped me through a very difficult time.

When we first met, I had just been diagnosed with a rare, stage 4 carcinoma located in my sinus, brain and areas right behind my eye.

This diagnosis came out of the blue. They told me I had a malignant tumor in my sinus region which, down the road, would affect other regions in my head.

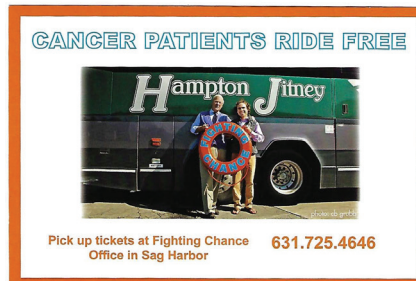
I was floored and wondered how a young guy in his early 30s could even have the name "cancer" uttered to me.

I had emergency chemo at Stony Brook (which had great doctors) but I wanted to get a second opinion at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Long story short. . . I underwent extensive chemo which was horrible with the side effects. I thought I was dying rather than getting better. Then, I had to move to the city for proton radiation treatment and had to quickly find housing and transportation for two months. Overall, to be blunt, it sucked - - big time!

I am telling you all of this because they had told me my disease was terminal and I felt like giving up every day, but then I discovered your amazing organization and comforting staff.

Your social worker, Amy Zachary, was such a big help along with the ladies there who actually drove to my parents' house in Southampton to drop off free Jitney tickets for me. I wasn't in any condition to drive so I couldn't come pick them up.



That was a HUGE help and I am so grateful to the Fighting Chance staff and volunteers. Amy would get back to me with a text, right away, anytime I communicated with her. All of a sudden, I felt like someone was fighting by my side.

This whole year has been big on surprises, including losing my job due to my health condition. But, I am so glad that there are people like you, who actually care and give a s\*\*t. (Excuse my French) If it weren't for you and the resources you provided, I don't know how I would have made it.

So if you read all of this, which I apologize has turned into more of a short story, rather than a grateful email, I want to truly thank you from the bottom of my heart.

All my best,

Phil T.

*Note: Through the efforts of many - - but especially this patient's own grit and courage - - his cancer is now in remission.*

*Sometimes, God has a plan.*

Fighting Chance has offices in Sag Harbor and at the Phillips Family Cancer Center in Southampton.

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