

Annual Report 2017

Fighting Chance



Letters of Appreciation
from Our Patients



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Free Cancer Counseling Center
Serving the East End ... Since 2002

March 2018

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To Friends Old and New,

Thank you notes come in all shapes and sizes. I know, because we receive messages of appreciation from many of our patients.

In the pages that follow we've displayed the covers of some of these colorful notes and the messages therein, with the writer's last name omitted.

You might think of these as letters from the very front lines of a war . . . namely, the War on Cancer. Anyone fighting for their life is grateful if someone else is fighting by their side. We do that every-day.

*We Believe . . .
that everyone who
battles cancer
deserves a*

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Duncan N. Darrow
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Financial results for 2017: Fighting Chance operated "In the Black" with 2017 donation revenue of approximately \$520,000 and expenses for the year of \$505,000. Details are posted on our website.

Dear Fighting Chance,

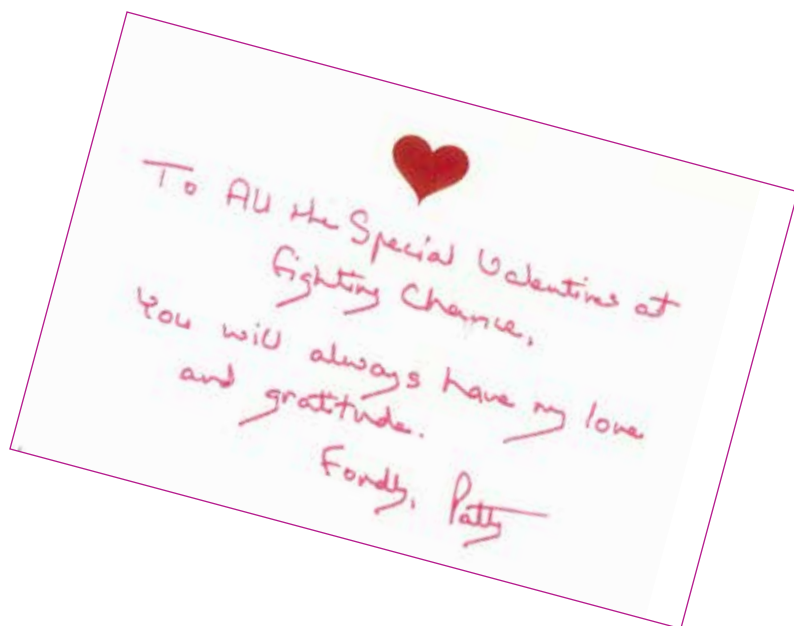
My family and I want to thank you for standing by us during my daughter's life and death struggle.

You listened patiently, gave information and advice, returned calls . . . ending with a lovely dinner.

I am so glad that you are here in Sag Harbor, may god bless you all.

Loves and Hugs,

Linda



To the Staff at Fighting Chance,

Thank you for all the help and support during the most difficult time I have ever endured.

Your work is unmeasurable and greatly appreciated.

The B Family

To Everyone at Fighting Chance,

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

You are such a precious resource, guiding, assisting, advising, caring.

The embodiment of hope and love.

With deepest thanks,

Patty



To All of You,

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

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

Elfriede

Hi,

Just a brief note to thank you for your help and support in our hour of need. My wife is now going through some post-op and past her radiation treatment.

There were times I just could not get my wife to Riverhead for radiation, but your volunteer drivers came through. Such wonderful folks.

Thanks for all,

Stan

P.S. Karrie, Nancy and Emily . . . a great team!

Dear Fighting Chance

Just wanted to thank you for making time for me at Fighting Chance. I am very grateful for the services and emotional support you provided.

I do realize that due to your location sometimes a non-profit on the East End has to work twice as hard to offer their services and programs. But, you have done an amazing job!

If I had more money, I would have loved to give you a bigger check. But please accept this donation as a token of my thanks and appreciation.

Kiki

P.S. I will need to see you after my scans come in. I am hoping they bring good news.

Dear Fighting Chance,

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.

When I was connected to a volunteer driver they picked me up exactly on time and took me from Sag Harbor to Stony Brook. We became quite friendly and this volunteer helped me again and again. By now I consider her a true friend.

It is often said that cancer is a journey. As in any journey there is now way in advance to tell who you traveling companions will be. I am so glad my new friend has been on this journey with me.

Fondly, Cheryl



Dear Nancy

Last year was especially painful for me My heart was being torn in several directions

My brother Russ has cancer He lives "out there" toward the end of Long Island. He lives alone.

When Russ was told that he needed a full leg amputation, it was too hard to bear. When we went for a second opinion at (MSKCC). Fighting Chance provided Russ with round trip bus tickets. That was 18 months ago. He still has two legs to walk on.

There were a number of times when I called Fighting Chance, to request bus tickets for follow up trips to MSKCC. They were always helpful. It is not just about bus tickets. Russ would visit the FC office to pick up tickets, and a counselor would take the opportunity to warmly invite him to talk, from the heart. It feels good, does good.

The distance between us - our mom, my brother, and myself - felt vast. Fighting Chance has filled that void with kindness and familiarity.

We are so grateful. May others in need extend a hand. May they feel the warm presence of humanity.

David D.

Dear Fighting Chance

I wanted to thank your organization so much for the bus tickets. Thankfully we have insurance, but these extra costs can become very costly and having those tickets was greatly appreciated.

Thank you again, and I hope someday I can give back by helping your organization.

Sincerely, Margaret

To All at Fighting Chance,

Thanks so much for the tickets for the Hampton Jitney to go to Memorial Sloan Kettering, I received a good report about my CAT Scan, That was a great relief.

I will be going back for another appointment in 6 months.

Thanks again; the tickets were a Godsend.

Regards, Marie



Dear Fighting Chance,

I don't know whether or not you have been told that my son died in August.

I spent the last days of his life with him and he told me he had been to Fighting Chance several times and found great comfort in talking to the people there . . . thanks for being there when you were needed and lifting my son's spirits.

Most gratefully,
Dora

To My Friends,

I wanted you to know that my daughter has asked her friends to make donations to Fighting Chance instead of giving her presents for her birthday party . . . I was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and came in to talk to you and told my daughter how much it meant to me.

We think you provide a great service to the East End.

With much appreciation,
Virginia



Dear Fighting Chance,

Thank you again for the Jitney tickets you sent us before my husband began his five weeks of radiation in the city. We are now getting back to the new normal of our lives.

Your encouragement in the very early days was most helpful and it is good to know that you are such a wonderful resource right here on the East End.

Sincerely,

Susan, a grateful caregiver . . .

Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for your Jitney tickets that enabled me and my husband to travel to NYC to Sloan-Kettering.

This is a tremendous help to me in getting the cancer treatment I need without worrying about travel.

Your endless support, care and generosity will always be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Rosemarie



Calendar of Events - 2018

May	NYC Reception at Michael's Restaurant & Live Auction of "Golf Course Experiences"
June	Gala 2018 at Maidstone Club, East Hampton (6/2/18) Carey Family Shelter Island Golf Tourney to benefit Fighting Chance, Gardiner's Bay GC (6/18/18) Shelter Island
July	Charity Swim in Sag Harbor - sponsored by the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue (7/7/18)
Sept	11th Annual "Lobster Bash" Benefit Lunch -- at Duryea's Restaurant on the water in Montauk. (9/8/18)
Oct	The Chairman's Annual Reception for Supporting Members of Fighting Chance (10/11/18)
Nov	"Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" to open the Phillips Family Cancer Center in Southampton and the Fighting Chance Satellite Office there (11/15/18)
Dec	"Lighting of the Vines" at Wolffer Vineyard to benefit Fighting Chance (12/1/18)

For additional information on any of these events
call Fighting Chance at 631.725.4646