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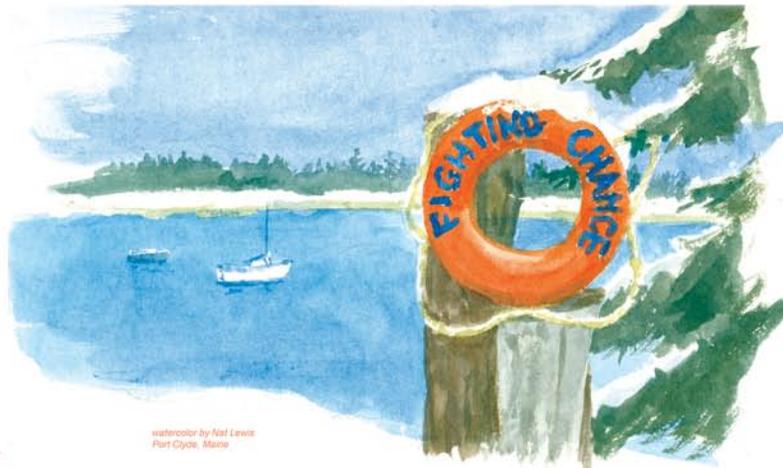
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battles cancer
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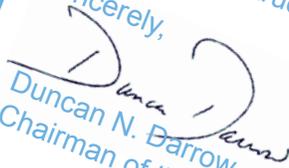
To Friends of Fighting Chance . . . Old and New:

Each year approximately 1,000 residents of the East End of Long Island are stricken with cancer and 40% of them call Fighting Chance -- seeking our unique combination of crisis counseling and assistance in navigating the healthcare system, all of it provided free-of-charge from our Sag Harbor store-front offices.

These patients display a grace under pressure that is remarkable, and so we dedicate the 2008 Annual Report to all the patients we have served since our beginnings in 2002.

Some of their stories about their cancer journeys on the East End are excerpted in the pages that follow. And please remember, there are new patients with new stories coming through our doors every day. Please help us help them . . . and become a true friend of Fighting Chance

Sincerely,


Duncan N. Darrow
Chairman of the Board



Duncan Darrow
Chairman of the Board
Fighting Chance

Our Patients & Their Voices . . .



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“After diagnosis . . . I was just out there . . . hardly any idea where to turn or who to talk to. Just nothing. You could say I was “at sea” and Fighting Chance came along and was my lifeboat.

After I got cancer people would say, ‘I’m so sorry, I know how you feel,’ but they didn’t know how I felt. It was so great talking to people in the Fighting Chance support groups who did have cancer because they really did know what I mean.”

“Hearing I had cancer felt like a ton of bricks . . . the disease is like your worst flu combined with your worst hangover.

If you have cancer you don’t want to get out of bed because you know something bad is going to happen. But Fighting Chance is out of bed, making calls and describing options to you . . . by going there I felt better and I recovered better and felt part of a cancer community.”



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“After I was told I had cancer I went back to my car and cried. It was like being kicked in the stomach.

If you’re diagnosed, get a hold of Fighting Chance. They’re someone with experience, and it’s an incredible place. Don’t do it alone. I can’t stress that enough . . . doing it alone will kill you.”

- 1) JOHN from Montauk, Survivor - Cancer of the Tonsils
 - 2) ANNE from Sagaponack, Survivor - Cancer of the Lung and Brain
 - 3) LONNIE from Southampton, Survivor - Lung Cancer
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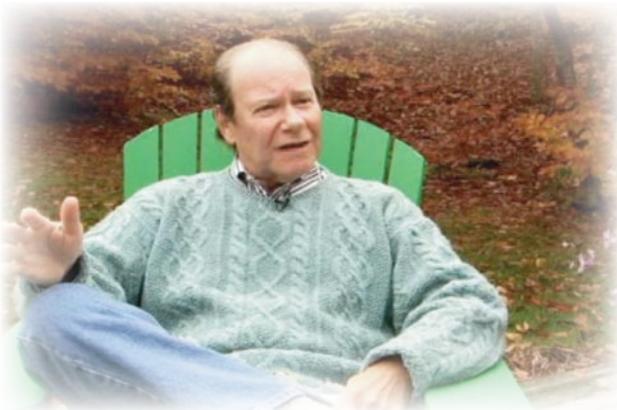
“Fighting Chance gave us so many things. They went to the hospital, told me about massage, hypnosis, worked with me on stress relief, arranged accupuncture, which I still do for my neuropathy . . . the list goes on.”

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“When you have an organization like Fighting Chance, if I was thinking about stopping my treatment or just having a bad day, I could pick up the phone and call Karrie or Heather . . . or I could go to the office and talk to them one-on-one.”



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“They didn’t say it was pancreatic cancer, they just said *‘have this taken care of quickly.’* There was a sense of bewilderment . . . am I going to die?”

Fighting Chance has been a terrific part of my journey. Karrie Robinson (the oncology Social Worker) was like the rudder of a ship. She really helped me navigate the river.”

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“Doctors are not trained in one of the arts of healing, which is you kind of need someone to hold your hand, you need to have a chat. That is where I think our medical system is underdeveloped, and that is where Fighting Chance comes in.”



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4) LORNA from East Hampton, Survivor - Colon Cancer
6) BOB from Amagansett, Survivor - Pancreatic Cancer

5) SUZEE from East Hampton, Survivor - Breast Cancer
7) RICHARD from Sag Harbor, Survivor - Rectal Cancer

FIGHTING CHANCE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Duncan Darrow, Esq.

Founder and Chairman . . . and also a partner in the global law firm Sidley Austin LLP . . . mother died of lung cancer, inspiring him to establish Fighting Chance in 2002.



Ben Gillikin

Vice-Chairman of FIGHTING CHANCE who lives in East Hampton after distinguished career in fashion/fragrance business . . . his sister died of cancer.



Betsy Battle

Prominent Wall Street investor for decades . . . part-time resident of Wainscott . . . and cancer survivor.



Carolyn Snyder

Matriarch of a 13th – generation family farm in East Hampton and community activist . . . father died of cancer.



Dr. Renu Hausen

Founder and Director of the leading radiation oncology clinic on the East End of Long Island.



Dr. Peter Bach

Physician in the department of medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a member of the Institute of Medicines' "National Cancer Policy Forum."

Formerly head of the Cancer Center at Stony Brook University Hospital in Suffolk County . . . recently relocated to Beth Israel Medical Center in New York as Chairman of the Department of Surgery.



Dr. Martin Karpeh, Jr.



Richard Perlman

Legendary entrepreneur and former Chairman of Turbochef . . . with his wife, Ellen, they are weekend residents of Sag Harbor.



Sue Davies

Beloved as frequent hostess for our Annual Summer Gala . . . mother died of cancer.



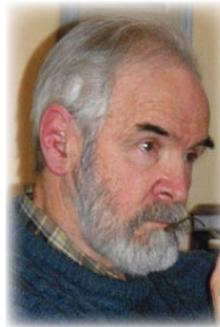
Ed Tirrell

Deal-maker in the public power sector for over 30 years . . . both parents died of cancer.



Barbara McLaughlin

Formerly head of The Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, which is the chief fund-raising arm of that cancer center . . . splits her time (with husband and kids) between Sag Harbor and New York City.



Anthony Brandt

Well known author of over ten books and community activist on the East End . . . brother died of cancer.

*Directors not pictured here:
Lisa Matlin, Sister Anne Marino
and Cathy Peacock.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The audited financial statements for Fighting Chance, Inc. (which are available to anyone by calling our office) have been prepared by our certified public accountants, and for the year ended December 31, 2008, include (1) statement of cash flows, (2) statement of activities, (3) statement of financial condition, and (4) footnotes.

As indicated in the statement of activities, our charitable donations for 2008 totaled just over \$500,000 which is the amount of annual fundraising for the organization.

Fighting Chance, Inc. is a New York Non-profit corporation and also has qualified as a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Fighting Chance" is a US registered trademark owned by Fighting Chance, Inc. which also is proprietor of the domain name "fightingchance.org."

Statements of Cash Flows

for the years ended

	December 31	
	2008	2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 71,223	\$ 44,483
Adjustments to reconcile the change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization and depreciation	2,606	4,334
Cumulative unrealized adjustment on investments	(303)	303
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Prepaid expense	(414)	1,098
Security deposit	-	(2,350)
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(4,918)	2,800
Taxes payable	(472)	(61)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	67,722	50,607
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchase of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements	(652)	(41,503)
Purchase of investments	-	(31,135)
Proceeds from sales of investments	15,907	25,648
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	15,255	(46,990)
Net Increase in Cash	82,977	3,617
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	53,331	49,714
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 136,308	\$ 53,331

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FIGHTING CHANCE, INC.

Statements of Activities

for the years ended

	December 31	
	2008	2007
Revenues		
Contributions	\$ 348,275	\$ 298,500
Special events	165,023	83,289
Investment income	126	1,017
Realized (losses) on investments	(598)	(306)
Cumulative unrealized adjustment on investments	303	(303)
Total Revenues	513,129	382,197
Expenses		
Program services	295,480	271,844
Administrative and general	36,378	23,177
Fundraising	110,048	42,693
Total Expenses	441,906	337,714
Change in net assets	71,223	44,483
Net assets, beginning of year	144,329	99,846
Net assets, end of year	\$ 215,552	\$ 144,329

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FIGHTING CHANCE, INC.

Statements of Financial Position

for the years ended

	December 31	
	2008	2007
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,943	\$ 8,400
Cash in rainy day fund	80,365	44,931
Prepaid insurance	3,725	3,311
Total Current Assets	140,033	56,642
Property and Equipment, net (Note 5)	77,880	79,835
Other Assets		
Investments (Note 6)	-	15,603
Security deposit	4,210	4,210
Total Other Assets	4,210	19,813
Total Assets	\$ 222,123	\$ 156,290
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,571	\$ 11,489
Taxes payable	-	472
Total Current Liabilities	6,571	11,961
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	215,552	144,329
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 222,123	\$ 156,290

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