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FIGHTING CHANCE

Annual Report 2004



Sag Harbor, New York



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Welcome to Friends . . . Old and New,

This is our annual report for the year 2004, the year when Fighting Chance "opened for business" and began publishing *Coping with Cancer on the East End - A Practical Resource Guide.*

By now, thousands of copies of the Guide have been distributed free of charge, including via our Website, which is up to 4,000 visitors per month.

The Guide also includes a "hotline" which lets us provide additional information to our readership.

As we enter 2005, we have an updated edition of the Guide and see that it is becoming many things all at once. It is a valuable standalone resource. It is a form of internet outreach to the community. And the Guide acts as a magnet for cancer patients seeking counseling.

Most of all, we see the Guide as a symbol of hope. It says that if you decide to fight cancer, there may be far more resources that you think. And there are many others who will fight by your side.



Sincerely,

Duncan Darrow Chairman of the Board



Betsy Battle Anthony Brandt Joan Carlson Duncan Darrow (chair) Sue Davies Richard De Rose Ben Gillikin Richard Ives Sister Ann Marino, RS.H.M. Linda Melville Cheryl Merser Gall Parker Rev. Darwin Price Grace Price Carolvn Snvder Edward L. Tirrell

> Janine M. Veto Deputy Director

Jessica Berlin Director of Internet Outreach

We Are... people who have been touched by cancer... sharing what we've learned

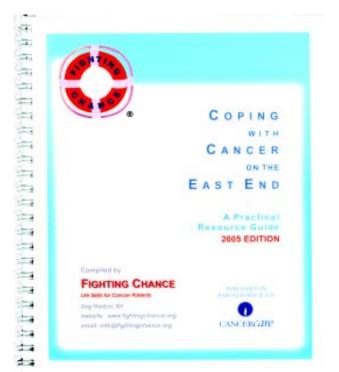
We Serve. the East End of Long Island free of charge

> We Believe... that everyone who battles cancer deserves a FIGHTING CHANCE





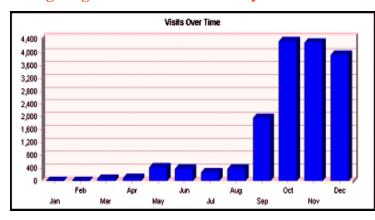
What We Do



Outreach and Education thousands of copies distributed free of charge each year. Readership calls our office facing questions and crisis about cancer care.



Fighting Chance Website monthly visitors - 2004



Outreach and Education -- over 4,000 visitors per month can get a free E-copy of the Guide from out Website

Our Sag Harbor Office provides "peer-topeer" advice from cancer survivors and some crisis counseling from social workers.





Readership calls (or emails) our office facing questions and crisis about cancer care.

Callers also can be referred from our Sag Harbor office to the CancerCare offices in New York, which has 30 oncological social workers who can provide telephone-based counseling.

Our Board of Directors

Betsy Battle...a Wall Street executive for over two decades...Betsy also spends time at her home in Wainscott and is a breast cancer survivor.

Tony Brandt... a long-time resident of Sag Harbor and noted essayist, whose most recent work includes the editing of the journals of Lewis and Clark...his brother battled cancer.

Joan Carlson... a resident of Sag Harbor and community activist, who is also responsible for organizing most of the adult education programs for the East End; Joan is a breast cancer survivor.

Duncan Darrow... a lawyer who splits his time between New York and Sag Harbor, his mother died of cancer two years ago, helping to inspire his involvement in the field of cancer care by community volunteers...also trained as a hospice volunteer.

Sue Davies... a prominent member of the East Hampton community and supportive of many local organizations for years; her mother recently died of cancer and Sue has extensive experience with cancer care challenges on the East End.

Richard De Rose...a leading force on Wall Street for over two decades, Richard now spends increasing time, with his wife Emma, at their home in Bridgehampton...they have close friends who are battling cancer.

Ben Gillikin... is a senior executive of a global fashion and cosmetic business based in Manhattan and, with his wife Deb, spends weekends at their home in East Hampton....his sister recently battled cancer.

Richard Ives... a career that has spanned mountain guide in the Himalayas to noted novelist.. .he now lives in Sag Harbor with his wife and two children....and is a survivor of colon cancer.

Sister Anne Marino, R.S.H.M. runs Cor Maria Retreat Center in Sag Harbor; a long-time community leader and a cancer survivor.

Linda Melville... a business executive who, with her husband Bill, splits time between homes in New York and Amagansett. Linda also has obtained her divinity school degree at mid-career and is active in the Episcopal Church...her father died of cancer a few years ago.

Cheryl Merser... a long-time resident of Sag Harbor, where her daughter attends school, and noted writer of books on a wide range of cultural and life-style topics. Cheryl has been a devoted caregiver to close friends who have battled cancer.



Gail Parker... is the Principal of the Middle School in East Hampton and a leading figure in public education on Long Island. Gail lost her father to cancer.

Rev. Darwin Price. . . graduated from Harvard Divinity School and has been an Episcopal minister for over 25 years as well as a Chaplain for the US Air Force for the past six years. . . he now serves as Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Hampton.

Grace Price...has had a long career in education, while raising four children with her husband, Darwin. Grace is a survivor of breast cancer... Randy Price, an accomplished artist and outdoorsman and son of Darwin & Grace Price, recently died of cancer.

Carolyn Snyder...has roots in East Hampton going back for ten generations and is matriarch of one of the largest family farms on the East End. She also has been a leader of the local library and Episcopal church and the East Hampton Centennial Celebrations....her father died of cancer.

Ed Tirrell . . . a Wall Street executive for 25 years, Ed lives in New York with his wife and son, but has visited the East End for years... both of his parents died of cancer and Ed has an abiding interest in cancer care issues.

The Guide . . . New Edition and

welcome to own new publishing partner

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CANCERCATE Reaching Out With Help & Hope

> www.cancercare.org Toll-Free services 1-800-813-4673

Since 1944, CancerCare has helped millions of cancer patients and their loved ones through its toll-free counseling line, extraordinary website, and a host of other services.

CancerCare is the "gold standard" among non-profits dedicated to helping people with cancer.

Their publishing partnership with us is a vote of confidence in Fighting Chance and enlarges on the services we can deliver to the East End of Long Island

TOPICS COVERED

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Rite Aid

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Our Website and Internet Outreach



"From Our E-Mailbag"

Some Recent Emails . . .

Dear Fighting Chance. . . I am writing for my daughter who resides in Suffolk County.. . she was diagnosed with kidney cancer. . . she lives alone and is scared. . . her friends help but they have their own lives... can you please help me to help her. Thank You.

Dear Fighting Chance. . .I am trying to locate psychological support for my uncle who is undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer and, possibly, for family members who are trying to cope with the situation. . .he lives in Suffolk County, NY. Thanks.

In both cases, volunteers from Fighting Chance provided guidance on local resources and other forms of support.

Our Office . . . Hub for Advice and Counseling



Janine Veto, Deputy Director, has been with us for two years, after 20-year career advising non-profits.

Jessica Berlin has an M.A. in Social Work from Columbia and has overseen internet outreach for two years. Another certified social worker also is joining our staff on a part-time basis.





Charles Grubb, Senior IT Advisor/Manager who produces all communications materials. Joined Fighting Chance in 2001.

Hi...**I'm Lena** and work at fighting chance ... Recently I received a call about a young track star who had just been diagnosed with breast cancer and was going to have her athletic scholarship suspended -- along with the health care insurance that would pay for expensive therapy.

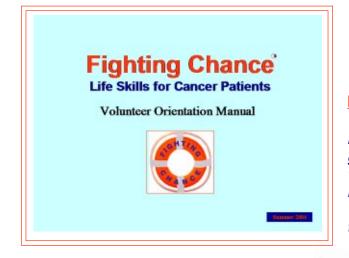
So, who would pay for the cancer therapy . . . her mother asked, when she called Fighting Chance. It was a real "Catch 22" but I made a few calls and got the insurance reinstated. Hopefully, our young cancer patient will be "up and running" before too long.



Stories . . . about the People

Beach Walk to benefit Fighting Chance...

... and other local charities -- East Hampton, New York. Christina Lindstrom (on right) who organized the event and Wendy Moonan (left) joined hundreds of walkers over the four mile course.





From one of our volunteers . . .

A young girl's uncle had stomach cancer and she had heard of "clinical trials" but was confused about how to get into one . . . we explained them and found a trial near where her uncle lived . . . he was able to enroll . . . she was hopeful he would recover.

It was very helpful to have the orientation manual and training that all Fighting Chance volunteers receive.

Our volunteers distribute copies of the Guide to 14 locations on the East End.

One of them is the healthcare center in East Hampton --- which started with about 10 copies per month, and now has upped that to 100. We appreciate this letter of thanks.



... of Fighting Chance

The Sag Harbor Express.



KERRI ZAMPINI ROBINSON, DUNCAN DARROW AND JANINE VETO

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FIGHTING CHANCE

Organization Is a Life Saver

One year after opening, help thousands cope with cancer BY RACHAEL SHAW

I t is exactly one year since "Fighting Chance" opened up its office in a little alley off Main Street, Sag Har bor. Since then the charity, which is committed to providing support and information for cancer patients and caregivers, has grown remarkably.

The charity's story actually begins two years ago, in 2003, when Fighting Chance first came into existence. The first twelve months were spent preparing what Duncan Darrow, Fighting Chance's Chairman, describes as "a yellow pages for cancer care." This guide, "Coping with Cancer on the East End" is the focal point of Fighting Chance's efforts to provide support for cancer sufferers in the local community. Compiled with the help of members of the medical profession, it provides patients and caregivers with the necessary tools to find answers to all kinds of questions concerning cancer and the practical difficulties that are involved in its treatment.

The guide has two key benefits for East End residents. Firstly, it is regionally focused which means that patients can find local information, and secondly, it is interactive, allowing patients to get in contact with the necessary support providers listed in the guide.

In its first edition the guide contained fifty pages, but

its new updated version runs to over seventy-five and it is now available in an increased number of doctor's offices, as well as through Fighting Chance's website (www.fightingchance.org). The charity hopes to have the document available in as many waiting rooms and offices as possible, so that they can offer help from the minute of diagnosis onwards.

Fighting Chance realizes how important it is to have bridges with the medical community," says Darrow, and to this end, a Medical Advisory Committee has been set up with doctors and administrators from hospitals such as Southampton, Riverhead and Memorial Sloan Kettering, Janine Veto, Deputy Director of Fighting Chance says, "it's our job to build up doctor confidence in Fighting Chance, so they see our guide really can be a helpful part of patient counseling." Kerri Zampini Robinson has also come on board. Formerly Director of Post-Treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering, Robinson offers a unique insight as an oncological social worker and will be a liaison with the Medical Advisory Committee. She praises the guide saying that, "it gives them [cancer patients and caregivers] what they need. It is relevant and informative.

Over the past year, Fighting Chance has seen its website "explode," now receiving over 4,000 hits every month.

Further evidence of the charity's success is provided by their recent partnership with Cancer Care, a national non-profit that provides free, professional services to people with cancer. The two organizations have co-published the new edition of the guide but Darrow says that there is more to the collaboration – "Cancer Care is a national organization. If we have a caller with a significant level of stress we can now refer them to Cancer Care to ensure that they receive the help they need."

"We're working with cancer patients at the grass roots level in Suffolk County," he said. "We know a lot about local resources because we sort of 'wrote the book' on that. So, out here, we can really help cancer patients map out the support system they need to improve their chances of survival."

Our Sustaining Members

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Fighting Chance, Inc. Sag Harbor, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Fighting Chance, Inc., (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fighting Chance, Inc., as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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April 27, 2005

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2004

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,552
Total Current Assets	32,552
Non Current Assets	
Security Deposit	1,475
Trademark	4,372
Website development	30,635
Organizational costs, net	9,754
Total Non Current Assets	46,230
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 7,680
Total Current Liabilities	7,680
Net Aspets	
Unrestricted	71,108
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 78,788</u>

FIGHTING CHANCE, INC.		
Statement of Cash Flows		
for the year ended December 31, 2004		
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(Decrease) in net assets	\$(55,499)
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		87,981
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FIGHTING CHANCE, INC. Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2004 Revenue Contributions \$ 126,370 Program services Administrative and general Fundraising Total Expenses 136,872 24,086 20,911 181,869

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Financial statements prepared by Sabel & Oplinger, CPA, Southampton, NY; footnotes to financials are available upon request.





Fighting Cancer with Cancer Patients Since 2001