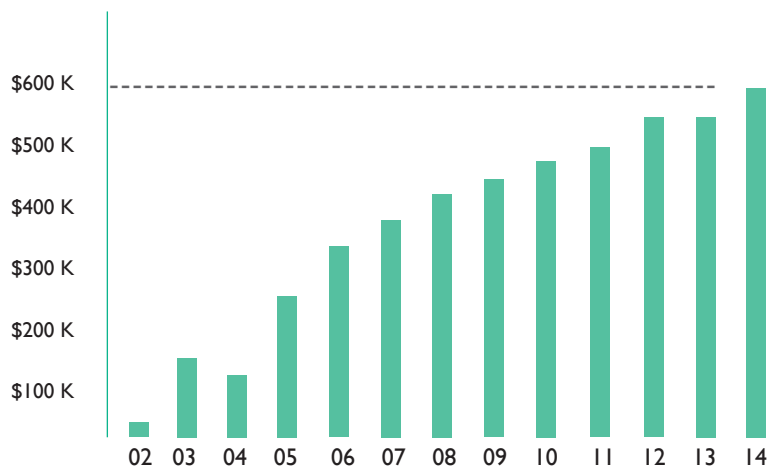




Annual Report
2014

CHARITABLE DONATIONS PER YEAR



\$600,000

The amount of our 2014 revenue was \$600,000; it exceeded our 2014 operating costs by approximately \$100,000.

Our donation revenue has been increasing steadily over the last decade, but 2014 was the first year it hit \$600,000.

\$1,000,000

Our Endowment Fund was first created in 2012 -- during our 10th Anniversary Year. Counting donations received in 2014, the Endowment Fund now slightly exceeds one million dollars.

Free

All of our supportive care services for cancer patients on the East End remain free-of-charge, as they have been since the day we opened our doors in 2002.



March 2015

To Friends of Fighting Chance
. . . Old and New

An old proverb says, "A picture can be worth a thousand words," and the picture of our expanded staff (seen below) is one that everyone at Fighting Chance is proud of; it reflects successful retention of four staff members (all entering their 6th year together at Fighting Chance), and the addition of two new staff members who were successfully recruited by our Board this past summer.

With the addition of Joyce Racanelli and Wendy Hornick we now can offer a team of four "oncology social workers" -- meaning they specialize in the crisis counseling that is connected to the trauma brought on by a cancer diagnosis.

The team also includes a clinical psychologist with a PhD, and a staffer trained and certified in the specialization known as cancer patient navigation.

During 2014 this team provided 2,000 one-on-one counseling sessions to cancer patients on the East End and we now have the capacity to meet what we foresee as an increasing need for our free-of-charge services since we do not envision a cure for cancer in the near term future.

Looking back on 2014, I also want to express heartfelt thanks to all of those who have donated to Fighting Chance, and to our volunteers, staff, and my fellow directors whose generosity of spirit is truly remarkable.

Sincerely,

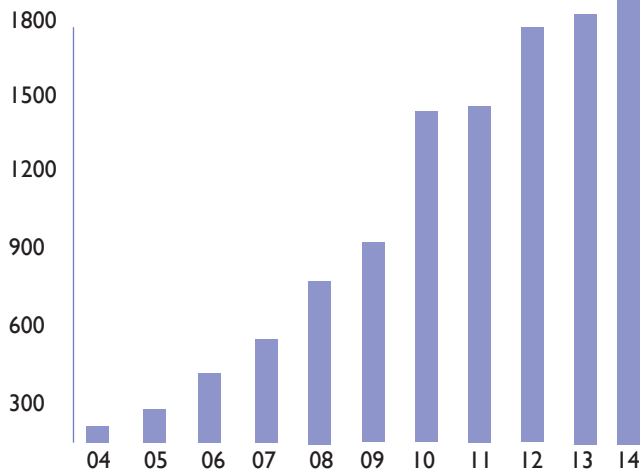
Duncan N. Darrow
Founder & Chairman

Fighting Chance Staff -- photographed at our Sag Harbor offices (December 2014)

Left to right: Joyce Racanelli, LCSW; Wendy Hornick, LMSW; Margaret Bromberg, LCSW; Bill DiScipio, PhD; Karrie Robinson, LCSW; and Nancy Greenberg.



ONE-ON-ONE PATIENT COUNSELING SESSIONS PER YEAR



During the last three years -- 2012, 2013 and 2014 -- Fighting Chance has seen a surge in the number of one-on-one counseling sessions we provide each year to East End cancer patients.

In 2014 the surge hit a high point of 2,000 sessions per year and was one of the reasons that our Board took steps -- at mid-year -- to recruit two additional oncology social workers to our staff.

Joyce spent a decade counseling cancer patients at an organization within the North-Shore LIJ Health System -- the largest hospital system on Long Island.

Before long, she became Director of Social Work overseeing 25 social workers covering Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Joyce joined our charity, to work on a full-time basis in mid-2014.



Joyce Racanelli, LCSW
Oncology Social Worker & Associate Director of Clinical Programs.

Joined: **2014**



Karrie Robinson, LCSW
Oncology Social Worker & Director of Clinical Programs

Joined: **2005**

Karrie was the first oncology social worker to join Fighting Chance, and came to our charity after a distinguished 15 years of service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

At MSKCC, Karrie pioneered a program for cancer patients in the post-treatment phase of their "cancer journey."

Karrie often says that the patients she his counseling are on a "cancer journey" which will entail a series of different emotional crisis -- all of which Karrie helps her patients navigate.

How Long Does Counseling Last?

Most patients who come to Fighting Chance -- and we have seen thousands of them since 2002 -- are newly diagnosed and remain with the counselor assigned to them for about 12 weeks.

Ideally the patient and their Fighting Chance counselor meet once a week in our office, and talk on the phone almost daily.



William DiScipio, PhD
Clinical Psychologist

Joined: **2007**

Bill has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and has been counseling patients for almost 40 years.

Bill specializes in cases which involve someone who already is undergoing mental health counseling -- for example, for inter-family conflicts -- and then, on top of that, faces the emotional distress of a cancer diagnosis.

Margaret has deep roots on the East End having grown up in Sag Harbor, where she is now a full-time resident.

She has been counseling cancer patients for close to 20 years.



Margaret Bromberg, LCSW
Oncology Social Worker

Joined: **2008**



This is the largest room in our Sag Harbor office -- where counselors sometimes visit with patients on a one-to-one basis and where we conduct professionally supervised Support Groups.



Nancy Greenberg
Cancer Patient Navigator

Joined: **2010**

Nancy is certified as a Cancer Patient Navigator, having completed a course at the leading training center in the tri-state area.

She also is responsible for office administration on a day-to-day basis and her artistic skills have enriched our newsletters and annual reports for years.



Wendy Hornick, LMSW
Oncology Social Worker

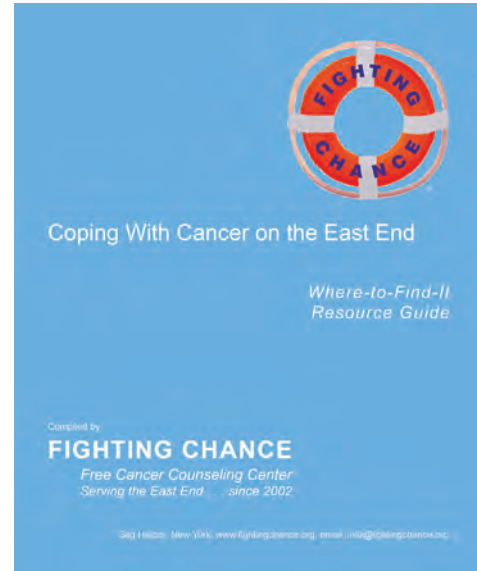
Joined: **2014**

Wendy has over 30 years of oncology social work experience and holds an advanced degree in palliative care. She counseled patients and families and facilitated groups for the American Cancer Society, NYC, where she served on the Board of Directors, and as Chairman of the Quality of Life Committee.

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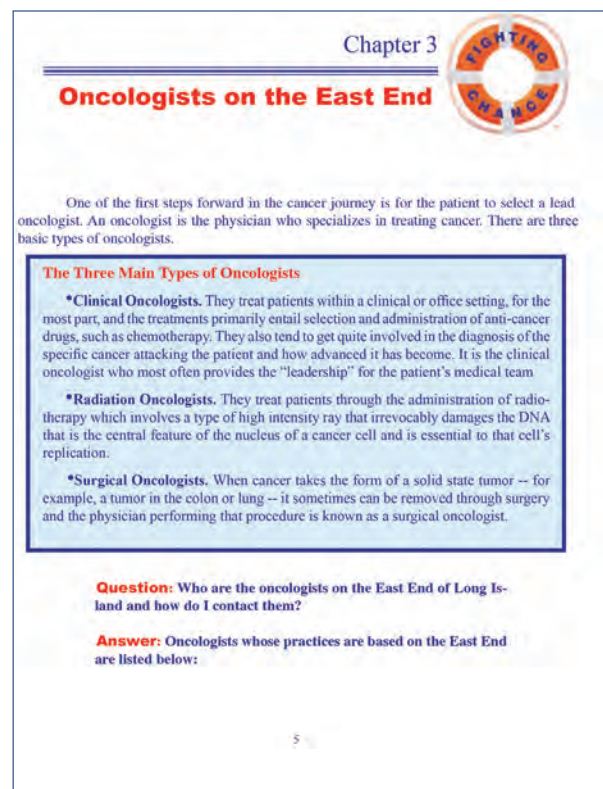
The Guide has 100 pages, the excerpt (at right) is an example.



Whenever a patient begins counseling at Fighting Chance we give them what we simply call "The Guide."

You can think of the Guide like the "Yellow Pages" except that the only listings are for resources that an East End cancer patient would find useful.

The Guide covers 25 different topics of relevance (see the table of contents below) and each chapter is colorful and concise, with listings for telephone numbers as well as email addresses.



Other Free Patient Support Services



Cancer Patients who are planning to visit our office find the website an invaluable source to obtain a better understanding of the counseling experience and our credentials

The website also itemizes the full range of patient support services and includes an "e-copy" of the Guide as well as copies of our all our newsletters since 2008.

The website also contains the current audited financial statements for Fighting Chance.

In 2014 we forged a partnership with the Hampton Jitney, which runs some 20 buses back and forth from the East End to New York City every day.

If patients stop by the Fighting Chance office in Sag Harbor, we will provide them with FREE Jitney tickets if they need to travel into New York City for specialized therapy.

Our very heart-felt thanks to the Jitney for making this transportation assistance possible... and thanks to our many volunteers who drive cancer patients, on a regular basis, to doctor appointments up and down the East End

Hampton Jitney

Call **FIGHTING CHANCE** at **631.725.4646**

Free Cancer Counseling Center Serving the East End . . . since 2002
#34 Bay Street, Sag Harbor
www.fightingchance.org

If you need to get to one of the New York City - based hospitals for specialized treatment, a second opinion or to be part of a clinical trial,
. . . free Jitney tickets are waiting for you at the Sag Harbor office of Fighting Chance.

Cancer Patients Ride Free

A Partnership between Hampton Jitney and Fighting Chance



We publish a quarterly newsletter that is aimed at empowering our patients and can be accessed via our website.

"CHAIR YOGA" . . . this makes the benefits of Yoga available to cancer patients who are in primary therapy and during the first few months post-therapy, and in some cases are not fully ambulatory.

Fighting Chance provides a free weekly class in Sag Harbor, also attended by one of our professional counselors.



Photos of Our Sag Harbor Office



The arrow points to our office building located on Bay Street within the Historic Wharf district of Sag Harbor.



Fighting Chance occupies much of the 2nd floor of what is known as Bay Street Plaza.



Upon entering our office you will find our cancer patient navigator at work and they escort patients to one of the counselors offices or our large group counseling space.



The room where some individuals receive counseling and where we also convene Support Groups.



This is our Resource Center & Reading Room where patients can take their time reviewing a host of helpful pamphlets about specific types of cancer and a range of supportive care

Anthony Brandt

Tony is an original Board member, a distinguished writer, and lives in Sag Harbor with wife, Lorraine Dusky, who also is a writer.



John Brecker



John was a founding partner of the Longacre Fund whose \$3 billion in assets were concentrated in distressed debt and special situations investments. He became a Director in 2012.

Steve Byers

Steve was Editor-in-Chief of National Geographic Adventure, and oversaw on adventure books business at "Big Yellow." Steve and his wife, Heather, spend most of their time at their home in Sag Harbor.



Betty Cowles



Betty and her husband, Pat, spend about half the year at their home in Southampton. Betty has deep roots in Shelter Island as well, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the local paper, the Shelter Island Reporter.

Duncan Darrow

Duncan, who founded Fighting Chance in 2002 and has served as its Chairman since then, is a partner in the 2,000-lawyer firm of Sidley Austin, resident in its New York City office. Duncan and his wife, Wendy Moonan, have had a home in Sag Harbor for over 30 years.



Meredith Darrow



She is a highly regarded art advisor with offices in New York and Los Angeles, and a home in Sag Harbor.

Sue Davies

Sue is an original Board member of Fighting Chance and has been the host of our Summer Gala for 12 years in a row. Sue was named a Vice-Chair of the Board in 2012. Sue, and her husband Rick, live full-time in East Hampton.



Judi A. Desiderio



Judy is the Founder and CEO of Town & Country Real Estate, which has 8 offices throughout the Hamptons & North Fork.

April Gornik

April is a highly-regarded artist, who has resided full-time in Sag Harbor since 2004 and is one of the founders of "Save Sag Harbor", a community group that seeks to preserve the character and history of the Village.



Tuck Hardie, III

Tuck Hardie has provided extraordinary philanthropic support to Fighting Chance, and has led the Pumpkin Classic Charity Golf Tournament for 8 consecutive years. In 2014 he also became a Vice-Chairman of the Board. Tuck is a partner in the investment banking firm of Houlihan Lokey.

Renu Hausen, MD

Renu works in Riverhead, where she heads up North Fork Radiation Oncology, one of the most important pillars of cancer care on the East End.



Martin Karpeh, MD



Marty is Chief of Surgery at Hackensack Medical Center and previously headed up The Cancer Center at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Rosemarie Slevin Perocchia, RN

Rosemarie currently works as a consultant to cancer education and advocacy organizations; before that, Rosemarie led the NCI's Cancer Information Service (CIS), a unit based at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.



Dr. Estelita "Dushy" Roth

Dushy is a physician from Australia and works at the Anti-Aging and Family Wellness Group in Southampton. She is also a proprietor of The Grapes of Roth. Dushy, her husband Roman, and their daughter reside in Sag Harbor.

Roman Roth

Roman is the Winemaker and a partner at Wolffer Estate Vineyards, which is based in Sagaponack; he has been one of the East Coast's leading vintners for over two decades.



Sheila Mahoney



Sheila Mahoney had a distinguished career in television commercial film production and has lived full-time, on the East End, for the last 7 years. Her husband is co-owner of Wines by Morrell, located in the "Red Horse Market" complex in East Hampton.

Fund-raising Highlights

Half of Our Annual Revenue . . .

Fighting Chance has three major fund raising events each year . . . a Summer Gala, a Charity Golf Tournament and a Long Distance Swim. Taken together the donations raised from these three events account for roughly half of our revenue each year.



Summer Gala at the Devon Yacht Club in Amagansett (late May 2014)



Friars Head GC (the 15th hole seen at left) was for many years the home for some 50 golfers who were part of what has been known as the "Pumpkin Classic"

Heartfelt Thanks . . .

to the many generous souls within our East End Communities who participated in one or more of the annual fund raising events of Fighting Chance and special thanks to our event partners and the many volunteers who made each of these occasions very special.



6th Annual Hamptons Swim Against Cancer



"Lifesavers" refers to anyone who donates \$5,000 or more per year -- whether they are an individual, a company or foundation. Each year we are blessed to have hundreds of donors but the "Lifesavers" provide a very important part of the financial foundation of our charity.

Tuck Hardie, 111

*Swim Across America
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