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CANCER JOURNEYS

A Twice-a-month column from
Fighting Chance

A Milestone in our Jitney Partnership



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A Very Special Bus

As you drive around the Hamptons during the summer of 2022 you may notice that one of the Jitneys has an extraordinary message:

*“Every Cancer Patient
Deserves a Fighting Chance”*



Fighting Chance also is the name of a 501c3 charity that was founded in 2002 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Fighting Chance started out with discussions among a group of East End Citizens who were concerned about the barriers faced by their friends and neighbors who had embarked upon the “cancer journey.”

The Journey has many obstacles and the first thing Fighting Chance did was hire oncology social workers who could help patients navigate around those obstacles and cope with the emotional ups and downs of a battle against cancer.

During the past twenty years the charity’s counselors have spoken with thousands of East End cancer patients and their #1 complaint is the challenge of arranging transportation.

The need is most acute when a patient has to travel into New York City for specialized treatment, usually at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.

The family car may already be spoken for; in any event, many patients are too elderly or ill to drive themselves into New York City -- and then drive back later that same day.

So it must have been fate that led to a conversation between Geoff Lynch, who runs the Jitney and Duncan Darrow, the Founder of Fighting Chance.

Duncan explained that when patients have an urgent need to get to New York for treatment, the Jitney was a logical solution but its ticket price simply made it too expensive and impractical.

Geoff suggested that he sell a large batch of tickets to Fighting Chance -- say one hundred at a time -- but the cost would be deeply discounted from the Jitney’s retail pricing.

Just like that a new partnership was born and East End Cancer Patients had a new transportation option.

The Program became known as “Cancer Patients Ride Free” and thousands of Jitney Tickets have been given away to patients and their caregivers.

Geoff and Duncan have become friendly and Geoff is now a Member of the charity’s Board of Directors.

Wrapping a bus with a Fighting Chance message was Geoff’s idea and everyone at Fighting Chance is grateful.

Every year Fighting Chance awards a Medal of Honor and it always goes to someone who has accomplished this:

*They have made an exceptional
contribution to improving
the quality of care
for cancer patients on the East End.*



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

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