

SPRING 2014

SWIM
ACROSS AMERICA
★ MAKING WAVES TO FIGHT CANCER ★



**Fighting Chance to Benefit
from Charity Swim for
6th Year in a Row**

HAMPTONS SWIM AGAINST CANCER

Saturday, July 12th

Starts 8:00 AM
Gardiners Bay
Amagansett

For information:
Call Nancy at Fighting Chance
631 725 4646

Pick a Distance:
1/2 Mile, 1 Mile, 3 Miles

Ask your friends & family to support
you if you make it - (WHICH YOU WILL)

*“Proceeds for the Swim are the largest single donation our charity receives each year . . . without those funds we could not possibly provide 300 newly-diagnosed East End cancer patients with the **free-of-charge** counseling and support that gives them a real chance – a fighting chance – of beating this disease.”*

Duncan Darrow
Chairman of Fighting Chance



“For cancer patients, the Sag Harbor office of Fighting Chance is like a sanctuary infused with compassion and empathy . . . that alone means a great deal to those who are suffering and I say that based on my service for over 50 years as a Catholic nun.”

Sister Ann Marino, R.S.H.M
Director of the Cormaria Retreat House in Sag Harbor

When Gerry Met Jim . . . and the Swim Got Started



It was 2008, and for several years, Gerry Oakes had been the cornerstone of long-distance swims in Nassau County that raised funds for cancer research as well as for groups like Fighting Chance that provided cancer patients with psycho-social counseling during their cancer journeys.

Now Gerry aspired to raise even more funds by establishing a long-distance swim as a major summer event for the Hamptons. Just at that time, as fate would have it, Gerry met up with Jim Arnold, a civic-minded East End resident who was a leader of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue group.

When they first met, Gerry and Jim compared notes about all of the 20-mile swims around the world that they had completed and those that were on their "bucket lists." These two guys really love to swim! Better yet, they love organizing community swims for good causes.

Before long, the Hamptons Swim Against Cancer was born and it has been going strong from 2009 through this summer's 2014 event . . . 6 years in a row!



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Meet the Swim Organizers & East End Charity Beneficiary



Since 1987, Swim Across America has been dedicated to raising money for cancer care support, and cancer research through swimming-related events. There are over 20 SAA chapters across the United States.

East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue is comprised of volunteer lifeguards who respond to 911 dispatched emergencies year round in East Hampton.

EHVOR members also coordinate community swim events (and provide safety and supervision for them) including the Hamptons Swim Against Cancer



Since 2002, Fighting Chance, through its staff of healthcare professionals, has provided free-of-charge counseling to thousands of newly-diagnosed cancer patients on the East End of Long Island. By providing these patients with a skilled navigator during their cancer journey, the patient stands a better chance – a real fighting chance – of beating the disease.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



SWIM WITH A TEAM

One of the things that makes the Hamtons Swim rewarding for so many is that they participate as part of a team.

Anyone, of course, can join "Team Fighting Chance." There are always teams formed around friends from school, extended families or folks who work together.



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SWIM IN SUPPORT OF A PATIENT

If you have a loved one who is battling cancer, swimming is another common motivation. These swimmers feel that their participation is a powerful way to express support for a very special patient.



This issue is dedicated to the memory of Karin Anderson and Jeff Bogetti. Both received counseling at Fighting Chance during their cancer journeys, and both were supporters of the Swim Against Cancer.

FIGHTING CHANCE

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

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Or for information, please call our Sag Harbor office at 631 725 4646
www.fightingchance.org

