



## DANCING FOR A CURE

### DANCING FOR A CURE (DFAC)

was founded in 2006 by Susan Mendoza Friedman in honor of her best friend, Karen Schek, who was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer at the age of 51. Susan, then Director of the Dance Designs dance studio in Hyannis, Massachusetts, decided to channel her dance energy to find a cure for her dear friend. Further inspired by studio families affected by breast cancer and the prevalence of this disease on Cape Cod, DFAC's mission was born: to raise money to find a cure for breast and ovarian cancer. DFAC is lead by a committee of dedicated Cape Cod women who are passionate about finding a cure for breast and ovarian cancer.



*We will not stop dancing  
until we find a cure!*

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*In Partnership with  
Friends of Dana-Farber  
Cancer Institute*

*to benefit breast and  
ovarian cancer research*



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DFAC holds a variety of fundraising events throughout the year. In addition, the DFAC Committee provides loving support to Cape Cod women with cancer in a variety of ways, including our **Valentine's Hospitality Day**. Dancing for a Cure is proud to partner with the **Friends of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute** in Boston. DFAC donates 100% of its proceeds to the Friends for cutting-edge research. Each September the DFAC Committee members personally select projects that are specifically targeted for ovarian and breast cancer research at the Institute.



Since 2010, Dancing for a Cure has held a 5K Dance Marathon that involves hundreds of dance enthusiasts from the Cape Cod area and beyond. Marathoners from ages 1 to 90 dance for 4 hours (the equivalent of 5K) to music from all decades. Many local dance studios collaborate in this event by bringing their own dance community, performing, and volunteering dance leaders for the marathon.



Honorary Teams participate for loved ones lost or currently battling cancer are also highlighted during the night. The Dance Marathon is totally sponsored by local businesses and individuals, and run by the DFAC Committee and other community volunteers. Past Celebrity MC's include the Bald Ballerina of the Joffrey Ballet Concert Group.

In addition to annual fund raising events, DFAC collaborates with other local organizations that support women's cancers. They also visit local Oncology Centers with their signature 'Hospitality Days' bringing sweet goodies and friendship to those in treatment.

