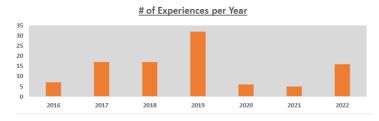


# **OUR MISSION**

Giving Adults Undergoing Cancer Treatment a Time to Remember who they are by Forgetting their Diagnosis for a Few Hours

**2022: A MILESTONE YEAR** 

**Rebuilding, Reuniting and Restoring Hope** During 2022 we have grown our volunteer base. We have provided over 100 Experiences since inception by bringing past friends together to celebrate. And lastly, we have given 16 experiences this year alone which eclipses our last two years. Proving hope springs eternal.



## **OUR 100th EXPERIENCE**

We ended 2022 by celebrating our *100th Experience* in December with a gathering of volunteers and prior recipients. We honored this milestone, noting that 100 Experiences represents 100 recipients with smiles, 100 good times with loved ones, and 100 breaks from the dreariness and drudgery of cancer treatments.

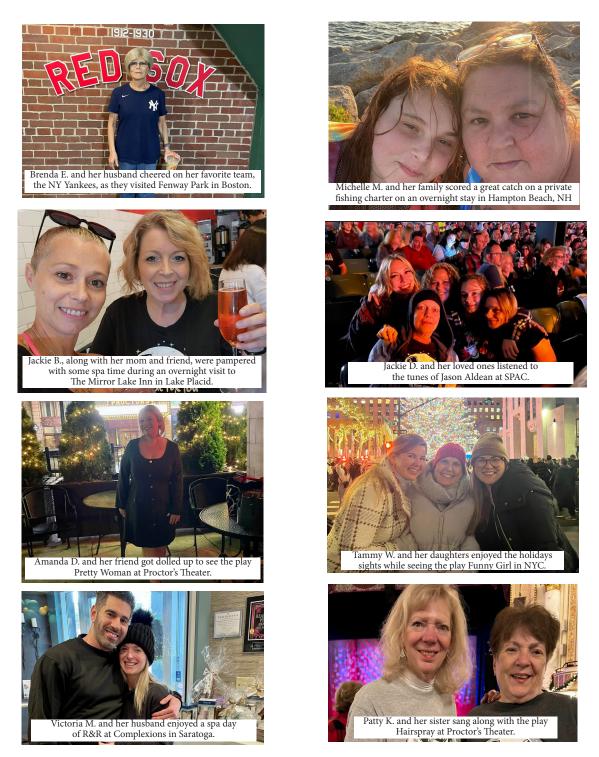




## **2022 EXPERIENCES**

Take a look at these folks on this page and the next who decided to take a day off from cancer. It is evident by their smiles that getting away for a few hours with family and friends is good for the soul. Nothing like endorphins to increase one's mood and a change of pace to put a spring back in one's step.





Deirdre C. and her friends cruised on the Hudson River before a delicious dinner together

#### Lauren G. and her family rocked out with The Lumineers at SPAC

Stephen J. and his extended family enjoyed some quality time together during dinner at Delmonico's Steakhouse

Pat S. and her family celebrated the holidays at the Christmas Spectacular show at Radio City Music Hall in NYC

Diane K. and her friends saw the Albany Symphony Christmas show at The Palace Theater

#### FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES

When you receive an Experience from Night Out For You, you become part of our collective family. We want to recognize and remember these wonderful folks. We send our sincere condolences to the loved ones of these recipients who have recently passed away.













Wanda Wells



Melissa Bressette

Deirdre Canaday

Ruth Dennehey Ka

Becky Pettit

Cathy Williams

## VOLUNTEERING

Night Out For You is 100% volunteer-based. In addition to our volunteer Board of Directors, we rely on volunteers to:

Plan and organize customized Experiences for adults with cancer

- · Distribute marketing materials at hospitals, medical practices, and within the community
- Attend and promote our mission at fundraising and other community forums & events
- Brainstorm and develop fundraising activities, ranging from acquiring auction items from local businesses to crafting personalized baskets for fundraisers to hosting specialty fundraisers
- Market and promote our organization through social media and other active channels

During 2022, we expanded our network of volunteers to supplement our existing teams. The Experience Specialist team is special in that it now consists of 7 prior NOFY recipients, who have been trained to lead the planning efforts for future NOFY Experiences. For these individuals, the journey has come full circle as they can share the joy of their own Experiences with new recipients. Welcome to Sue Clothier, Christine Krenzer, Megan Sanders, and Iteashia Turner!

We also actively curated our Fundraising Volunteer team, adding over 20 individuals to assist with future fundraising events, to brainstorm additional fundraising ventures, and to expand our footprint within the community. Be on the lookout for ways to join or assist this team as it continues to grow!



#### WEBSITE REDESIGN COMING SOON



Launching in early 2023, the new and improved www.nightoutforyou.org will feature:

An online Experience Request Form for recipients & guests

- A calendar of all Experiences, fundraising and other events
- Volunteer opportunities
- Media coverage
  - · Updated forms, testimonials and photos

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

During 2022, we returned to the *Albany Funny Bone* in Crossgates Mall to share a night full of comedy at our annual "Good For a Laugh" fundraiser.

We were recognized by the Sunmark Charitable Community Foundation and Sunmark Credit Union as part of their "People Helping People" honorees. We also joined Sunmark staff for the Schenectady Christmas parade.

One of our recipients, Erin Herlihy-Albright, generously donated proceeds to us from sales of a book she authored about her journey with multiple cancers.

For the 5th consecutive year, we were the recipient of the Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy Go Pink fundraiser.

CSEA Capital Region 4 donated proceeds from their region's bowling event and basket raffles to us.

Tito's Handmade Vodka raised funds for us during their 25th anniversary party.

The Alexis Diner sold t-shirts for us during breast cancer awareness month.

Mary Kay Cosmetics donated custom gift sets with lotions, socks and other goodies for our recipients.

We participated in the Get Local "Summer Pop-Up" event, NY Women's Expo, and Men's Expo to raise awareness.

*Girl Scout Troop 136* of East Greenbush, NY provided us hand-made ornaments in different colors to remind us that cancer comes in different shapes, sizes and colors. We gave these to most of our donorship to share in the joy that *Night Out For You* provides adults with cancer.



To continue our mission, we rely heavily on individual and corporate donations. The cost to fund Experiences has risen over the last few years as businesses, including ours, adapt to a post-COVID climate. We simply cannot do what we do without your financial contributions and we THANK YOU for all your continued support. To make a donation, please visit <u>www.nightoutforyou.org/Donate</u>. You can also support us by purchasing through Amazon Smile, designating United Way contributions directly to us, or by hosting a Facebook fundraiser.

Would you like to help make an impact on our community together? Perhaps you would be willing to host a cocktail party in honor of us or collect raffle items for us? Alternatively, your business or neighborhood may wish to fully or partially sponsor an Experience? Please reach out to us at request@nightoutforyou.org with your own fundraising ideas!



#### SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

5th Annual **"Good For A Laugh"** Fundraiser Funny Bone Comedy Club, Crossgates Mall

Buy tickets now for this fun filled event http://albany.funnybone.com

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