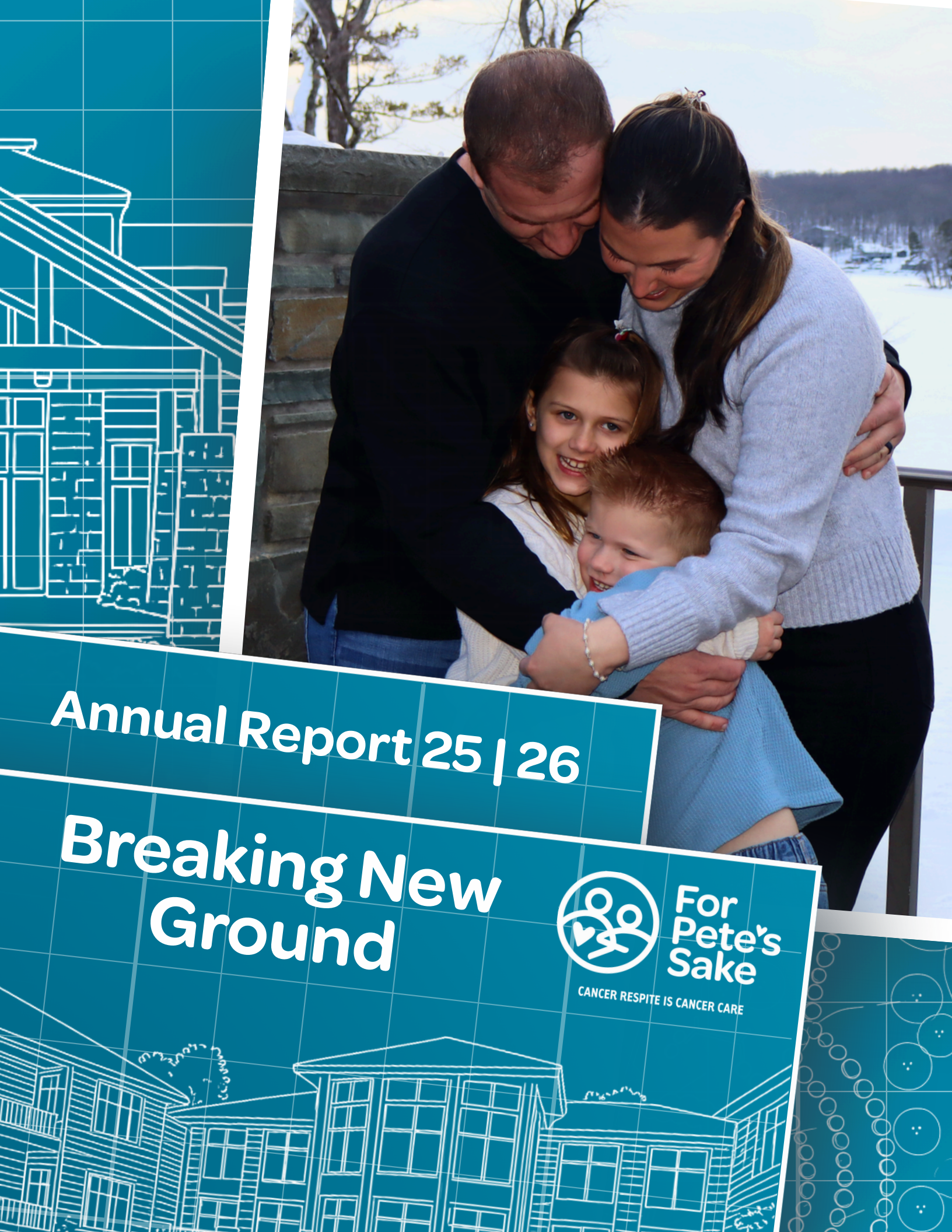

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Breaking New Ground
For Pete's Sake
CANCER RESPITE IS CANCER CARE

From Our Founder and Board Chair

For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation has reached a pivotal moment.

For over 25 years, we have provided restorative Respite Experiences to adult cancer patients, their caregivers, and their children because time away from the weight of cancer isn't a luxury. It's care. We were built on a vision, and this year, we took the biggest step yet toward making that vision a permanent reality by breaking ground on the nation's first-of-its-kind cancer respite center: Pete's Dream.

There was no more fitting name. Pete's Dream is exactly what it sounds like: Pete's vision of a place where families affected by cancer find renewed hope and reconnect with one another. It is the physical manifestation of years of promise, purpose, and the unwavering belief that no family should carry this journey alone.

On May 7, community leaders, partners, and supporters joined us at the site adjacent to Woodloch to put shovels in the ground. You could feel the weight of everything before that moment and the excitement of everything still to come.

This year, FPS provided 38,608 hours of respite. We launched the Alumni Connection Series, which gives survivors, family members, and those who carry on after a loss new ways to find community. And we refreshed our brand, tagline, and logo to reflect what we already know to be true: cancer respite is cancer care.

Even as we continue to grow and improve our programming this year, Pete's Dream will dramatically change FPS. From one purpose-built destination designed around healing, hope, and connection, we'll grow within a few years to reach more than 4,000 patients and families annually, expand from 5 states to 15, and partner with hundreds of hospitals and cancer centers nationwide.

None of this happens without you. You are the reason this respite center will open its doors. Every event attended, every dollar raised, every family referred, every story shared has made this dream possible. This report looks back on our year and looks ahead to what we will accomplish together. Thank you for all you do for families affected by cancer.



Marcella B. Schankweiler, Esq.
Founder and CEO



Meghan Patton
Board Chair

Building the FPS Brand

Previous Logo



New Logo

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For Pete's Sake 2

3 CANCER RESPITE IS CANCER CARE

1. For more than 25 years, For Pete's Sake has delivered Respite Experiences to the whole family, which strengthens its ability to cope with cancer.
2. We drew on this history and the vision of our founder Peter R. Bossow, Jr. (Pete) to guide us as we construct the nation's first-of-its-kind cancer respite center.
3. Our tagline reflects years of data that prove cancer respite is an integral part of the continuum of care.

New Logo

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Pete's Dream 2

THE CANCER RESPITE CENTER FOR FAMILIES 3

1. Pete's Dream will be a peaceful and accessible destination where families can step away from the clinical environment and focus on healing, connection, and strength.
2. Before he passed, our founder Pete sketched out his dream of creating a respite center where families could heal their mind, body, and spirit.
3. The respite center is intentionally designed for families based on years of data reflecting a holistic approach to care based on the FPS Family Health Model.

Pete's Dream



Pete's Dream
THE CANCER RESPITE CENTER FOR FAMILIES

Built on 20+ years of qualitative and quantitative outcome data from thousands of Respite Recipients and input from oncology professionals, Pete's Dream will be the nation's first-of-its-kind cancer respite center designed exclusively for cancer patients and their families.

Every space is intentionally designed for transformative experiences that will change the continuum of care. At full occupancy, the center will let us grow from a few hundred people served to over 4,000 annually.

FPS Family Health Model Programming at Pete's Dream will include dedicated spaces for:

- Wellness and movement
- Music and education
- Creative arts and STEAM activities
- Pool and outdoor experiences
- Playground and nature trails
- Approximately 60,000 meals served annually around the family table



Our interfaith chapel will host quiet meditation, spiritual healing, and renewal of vows.



Our courtyard will blend the tranquility of the outdoors with a peaceful gathering place for community.

Pete's Dream Groundbreaking Ceremony

On May 7, 2026, we celebrated a dream come true. Donors, supporters, FPS Alumni, volunteers, and local leaders joined us to break ground on our new respite center.



FPS has been awarded $5.5 million through the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) thanks to the dedicated support of Governor Josh Shapiro, Senator Lisa Baker, and other key leaders including Representatives Jordan Harris, Jeff Olsommer, and Jonathan Fritz. We appreciate these leaders for their investment to expand supportive care services for patients and families.

We are deeply grateful to the elected officials, our construction and project partners, the Kiesendahl family, the entire Woodloch team, FPS staff, supporters, and Alumni, who joined us to celebrate this historic milestone.





Respite Recipients, nominators and members of Pete's family shared personal reflections on how they live Pete's dream, a powerful reminder that FPS is a community that finds connection and healing together.



Respite Recipients from across the years helped break ground in Hawley, PA.

A Measurable Impact on Cancer Patients

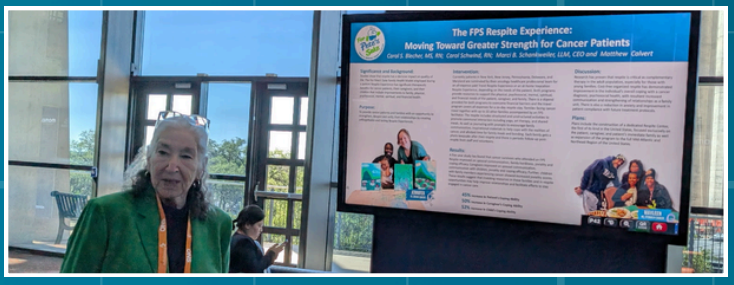
In the 25-26 fiscal year, FPS piloted the use of the FACIT Measurement System to assess patients' physical, social, family, emotional, and functional well-being. Surveys were collected pre- and post-respite at three-month intervals for up to one year. Results were remarkable!

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data points within the FACIT questions, equal to a

97% positive outcome rate for FPS Respite Recipients.

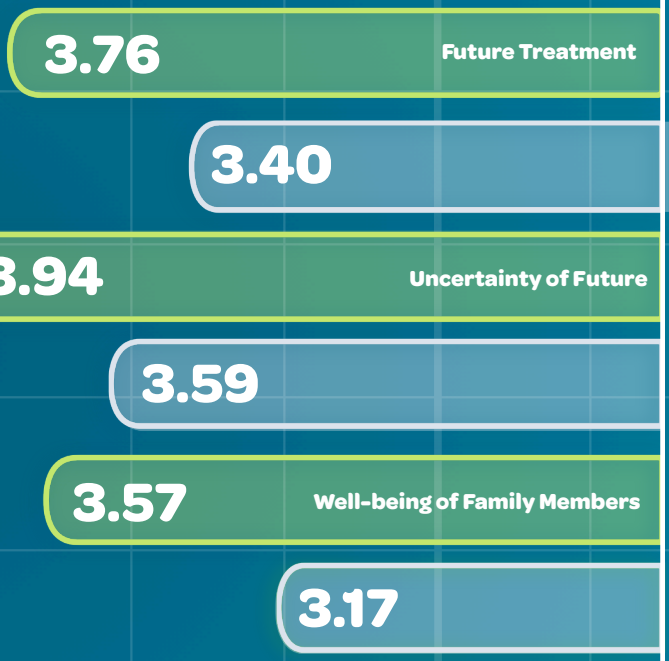
This year, FPS staff and volunteer facilitators presented these findings at oncology summits, health fairs, and hospital systems, among them the Oncology Nursing Society National Conference in San Antonio, TX.



Data from Patient Pre- and Post-Respite Survey

Pre-respite Survey
Post-respite Survey

Lower scores equate to less concern. The drop shows how much concern eased after a Respite Experience.



Results from 460 completed patient surveys

**Data represents average concern scores on a scale from 5.00 (Most Concern) to 0.00 (No Concern).*

Developed with oncology professionals, our FPS Family Health Model strengthens the family unit and improves physical, psychosocial, mental, spiritual, and financial health across the cancer journey. Read more about our evidence-based programs here.

Family Health

Family resilience is enhanced when parents effectively leverage internal and external resources in confronting significant challenges. Three key factors contributing to family resilience include adaptability to role and routine changes, open family communication, and the acceptance of support from others.

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FPS Alumni Community



Our FPS Alumni Program carries the impact of respite well beyond the experience itself, through educational symposiums, psychosocial events, online education, and resources such as bereavement care.

This year we launched the FPS Alumni Connection Series with a creative arts symposium in the Bronx. Patients who traveled with FPS as far back as 2019 reconnected with us over nutritious food and painted winter scenes. We followed with events on nutrition in Delaware, movement and physical health in New Jersey, and art and mindfulness in Maryland. Next year, we plan to continue to bring these events to more of our service area, starting with a cooking and nutrition event in Pittsburgh!

"Genmab is proud to partner with For Pete's Sake as they work to transform the cancer care experience for patients and their families. As a founding funder of the educational symposiums, we are pleased to help expand access to FPS Respite by supporting programs that reinforce its lasting benefits and provide continued resources for families post-respite."

- Amy Dupuis, Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility at Genmab

Genmab

"The Arch Group Foundation is proud to support For Pete's Sake's steadfast mission toward creating lasting Respite Experiences and continued support to families facing cancer."

- Anjelica Kleineweber, President of Arch Group Foundation

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ARCH GROUP FOUNDATION

25-26 Respite by the Numbers

38,608
hours of respite at Woodloch

3,048
meals served on respite

469
FPS Alumni served

38%
of recipients are children with parents fighting cancer

546
program inquiries

62%
of patients have advanced-stage cancer



90%
of families served in financial duress

"This Respite Experience means more to me than I can put into words. After everything this year has brought, having something like this feels like such a gift!"

- Stacey, 51, Leukemia

3,162
total families served since program inception



A note from

Carol Schwind
Director of Mission & Care Services

Every family who comes to For Pete's Sake carries something different. A new diagnosis. Months of treatment. Uncertainty about the future. The exhaustion that comes from trying to hold life together while facing cancer.

What they share is a need to pause. This year, FPS provided 38,608 hours of restorative respite to families facing cancer. Every journey is unique, but the impact is remarkably similar. Families return home more connected, more hopeful, and better equipped for the challenges to come. Time away does not change a diagnosis, but it can change how a family experiences the road ahead.

One of those families was Stacey and her husband, Tom. After treatment for leukemia, Stacey found herself in search of the joy and connection that cancer had taken from her life. During an FPS Respite Experience, she rediscovered both. Surrounded by other families who understood her journey, she found laughter, friendship, and a renewed sense of possibility. Her story reminds us that healing is about more than physical recovery. It is also about restoring the spirit.

Our commitment to families extends far beyond their Respite Experience. Through alumni gatherings, educational programs, social events, and bereavement support, we walk alongside families long after they return home. This year, 469 alumni participated in these ongoing opportunities for connection and support, which helps ensure that no family faces cancer alone.

Every number in this report represents a family, a relationship strengthened, a burden lightened, or a moment of joy rediscovered. Thank you for the support that makes these moments possible and helps us bring care, connection, and hope to families affected by cancer.

Our Finances

Thank you for entrusting us with your generosity.
We have a commitment to transparency, and you can view our audited financial reports on our website here.

Total Support and Revenue^	
Appeal Types	**Revenue**
Pete's Dream	$8,149,013
Annual Appeal	$1,486,815
Grants	$201,973
Signature Events	$780,661
Alumni and Community Events	$55,207
In-Kind	$440,611
Other Income*	$959,876
Total	$12,074,156

^Unaudited Financials
*Other income includes investment and unrealized gains

Functional Expenses



Program | Fundraising | Management & General

Giving Communities

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- Individual
- Corporate & Foundation
- Pete's Dream
- Legacy Donors
- Endowment
- The Respite Circle

Signature Events

Peter R. Bossow, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament



Named for our founder, the Peter R. Bossow, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament is our longest running event which pairs a great day on the course with philanthropy.

For Pete's Sake Gala



We celebrated the 25th year of our FPS Gala, rallying together our community of generous donors who raised funds to support 41 healing family respites.

NYC Happy Hour



Our Happy Hour celebrates the enduring legacy of FPS Respite Recipients Oi Yin and Rafael Gonzalez. Each year, the event brings together supporters whose generosity helps ensure more Greater New York families receive the gift of respite.

For Pete's Sake, Walk!



More than 1,500 walkers joined our 15th Annual FPS Walk! to Stride for Respite at Citizens Bank Park. Powered by volunteers, team captains, and fundraisers, the Walk! helps ensure no one with cancer walks alone.

Alumni and Community Events

Hope and Healing Celebration (formerly Pancakes for Pete)



FPS Alumni families celebrated National For Pete's Sake Day over breakfast and honored the original team that helped create the FPS Respite Program.

FPS Community Tailgate and Phillies Game



On June 15, over 500 FPS Alumni and supporters enjoyed sweet treats, beautiful weather, and a great night at the ballpark.

Maryanne Pastry Shoppe Cornhole for Cancer Tournament



The 6th Annual Cornhole for Cancer Tournament brought sunshine, friendly competition, and incredible energy to Sea Isle City. Thank you to everyone who competed!



At just 32 years old, Lufei's life changed abruptly when she was diagnosed with a rare cancer. She was forced to step away from her career and focus fully on healing, with her husband Alex beside her every step of the way.

A For Pete's Sake Respite gave Lufei and Alex what they needed most: a chance to slow down and reconnect. On respite, they spent time outdoors, savored the stillness, and shared lighthearted moments with other families. As Halloween approached, the pumpkins they painted with other children on respite became an unexpected highlight.

Built by the FPS Community



This year, our community demonstrated an extraordinary belief in the future of For Pete's Sake.

As we continue to grow and evolve, supporters showed up in remarkable ways. Donors invested in our mission, volunteers gave their time and talents, corporate partners deepened their commitment, and advocates shared our story with new audiences. Together, they built momentum that will shape FPS for years to come.

What stands out most is not any single milestone, but the collective confidence our community has placed in this organization. That belief fueled an important year of progress and ensured that families continued to experience the restorative power of respite.

The impact in this report comes from thousands of acts of generosity, leadership, and partnership. Each gift, introduction, sponsorship, volunteer hour, and shared story strengthened our ability to serve families today and prepare for an even greater tomorrow.

We look ahead with tremendous gratitude. Thank you for your faith in our mission and your investment in our future. Together, you make respite possible for families affected by cancer.



Cristine B. Largoza
Chief Engagement Officer

Our community brings its belief in respite to life through volunteerism, fundraising, and advocacy.



Behind every Respite Experience is a team of generous volunteers. Their efforts help ensure families facing cancer receive the care, connection, and renewal they deserve.



Our corporate and foundation partners are more than funders. They are champions of the belief that cancer respite is cancer care, and they help expand access to healing, hope, and connection for families across our service area.



More than 50 community-led events rallied support for FPS this year. From tournaments and retail events to creative grassroots fundraisers, each event reflected a shared commitment to ensure families affected by cancer never walk this journey alone.

"The FPS Building Committee, design team, general contractor, and many other team members have worked to bring Pete's Dream to life. After years of planning, financing, and construction budgeting we achieved a major milestone with the groundbreaking earlier this year and we have ensured this project will be successful while keeping the spirit of respite and Pete's original vision at the forefront of every decision along the way."

– Board Member Chris Condon

"The opening of Pete's Dream will represent an exciting new chapter for For Pete's Sake. Through the work of the volunteer Advancement and Technology Committees, we're helping build the capacity, partnerships, and infrastructure needed to bring respite to more families than ever before. We're excited about the future and committed to thoughtfully growing the reach and impact of this incredible mission."

– Board Member Tom McGinn

Board of Directors

Reflects members that joined and transitioned during the 25-26 fiscal year

Marcella Bossow Schankweiler, Esq.
Founder and CEO

Meghan Patton
Chair

Joseph Manion
Vice Chair

Paul Mullen
Treasurer

Colleen Lange
Secretary

Kristin Bello Williamson
Board Member

Vivian Cheng Larsen
Board Member

Christopher Condon
Board Member

Chuck Grohoski
Board Member

Bob Kiesendahl
Board Member

Vanessa Mapson
Board Member

William Matthews, Esq.
Board Member

Thomas McGinn
Board Member

Mike Minghenelli
Board Member

Dr. Christopher Selgrath
Board Member

Meet the FPS Staff





Make an Impact



Volunteer

There are many ways to volunteer with us, each with unique opportunities to match different levels of time and talent. We work closely with every volunteer to find the best way for you to contribute to FPS's mission.



Young Professionals Society

Join our society and engage with young professionals, cancer ambassadors, and emerging leaders (ages 21 to 35) through social, networking, and fundraising events.



Host a Fundraising Event

Host a community event, celebrate your birthday, or honor a loved one, and raise essential funds for FPS your way!

Thank you to everyone who has supported this mission and helped create life-changing Respite Experiences for the families we serve. We could not do this without our incredible village of supporters, staff, board members, volunteers, nominators, and advocates who help ensure a brighter future for families facing cancer. We hope you'll get involved and join us as we change the continuum of care for cancer patients and their families.

Donate

Provide recurring support through monthly, quarterly, or annual giving that helps sustain access to Respite Experiences throughout the year.



Partner with Us

Engage your business, school, or community organization through corporate sponsorships, workplace giving and matching gifts, employee engagement opportunities, volunteerism, community fundraising events, and educational partnerships.



Leave a Legacy

Include For Pete's Sake in your estate plans or establish an endowment gift to ensure families can access respite for generations to come. Legacy gifts may be designated or unrestricted based on your philanthropic intent.



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