



Hartford HealthCare
St. Vincent's Medical Center

Swim Talk NEWSLETTER



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by Cathy Stordy, patient



I have a heart full of gratitude for the incredible support provided to me during my breast cancer journey in 2025.

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After receiving a serious diagnosis, I was suddenly faced with more than doctors' appointments and treatment plans. **The financial strain quickly became overwhelming.** That's when support from Swim Across the Sound made a profound difference. My bills were sent directly to Swim Across the Sound, and the process was seamless and stress-free. Knowing that

payments were sent directly to my service providers lifted an enormous financial burden from my shoulders.

Because of your generosity, I was able to focus fully on my treatment and healing instead of worrying about household expenses.

I am happy and grateful to share that I am now cancer free! While this journey was deeply emotional, I was fortunate to have a wonderful support system of family and friends—and organizations like yours that truly care about the community.

What you do for women and men facing breast cancer is extraordinary. **Your kindness, compassion, and generosity make a real and lasting difference in people's lives.** I will always support Swim Across the Sound and the meaningful work you do in our community. I will be paying it forward to help another patient.

Swim Across the Sound, a community-driven program that supports cancer patients and their families, exists for moments exactly like this. Funded by swimmers, boaters, volunteers and donors who rally each year in support of neighbors facing cancer, the program ensures that no one has to navigate treatment alone — or carry the financial weight by themselves.

Let's Paint the City Blue!

We are diving into our most vibrant campaign yet for the 39th Annual Swim Across the Sound, and you can be a part of it.

Join the sea of blue that will be lining our streets in a city-wide display of hope. Honor a loved one, celebrate a survivor, and showcase your business while supporting cancer patients.

Every banner purchased funds the Swim Financial Assistance Program to help cancer patients in treatment cover essential living expenses such as rent, utilities, and transportation, regardless of where they receive care.

Your support changes lives – and it can change the lives of others facing cancer. Here is a testimonial from one of our patients:

"I am so grateful for Swim Across the Sound after my breast cancer diagnosis. As a nurse, I was familiar with disease and disability, yet I watched my own life suddenly come to a complete standstill. Treatment and complications kept me out of work for longer than expected. During a time filled with fear, uncertainty, and recovery, your generosity brought real relief, comfort, and hope. Thank you to the incredible donors, volunteers and swimmers who make this possible. I encourage others to donate if they can - the impact of this gift extends far beyond financial support."

To learn more, contact Tyler.Burr@hhchealth.org or visit:

<https://giving.stvincents.org/annual-campaigns/paint-the-city-blue>.

Deadline to secure a banner is April 20, 2026



Registration NOW OPEN for the 2026 Ronald J. Bianchi Golf Tournament

June 1, 2026 | 10am-5pm

Although winter is in full swing, we're already looking forward to warmer days on the green! We are thrilled to invite you to the annual **Ronald J. Bianchi Invitational Golf Tournament**, taking place on **Monday, June 1, 2026**.

You will not want to miss the fun, including an incredible opportunity to win a **dream golf getaway to Pebble Beach**.

Beyond the fun, this event raises vital funds for cancer patients and families throughout the Fairfield Region.

To see all support & player opportunities, please visit:
<https://giving.stvincents.org/event/golf-tournament/>

For more information, contact:
475-210-7308

Location:
Brooklawn Country Club
500 Algonquin Road | Fairfield



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**Registration Open
for the 2026
Swim Across the Sound
August 1, 2026**

To register as a swimmer, boater, or
volunteer, visit:

<https://giving.stvincents.org/swim-marathon/>

**Thank you to our sponsors and to all who participate or donate
toward our Swim assistance program and events.**

**Your contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of
cancer patients.**

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