

HUNDREDS JOIN TOGETHER AT SID JACOBSON JCC

TO CELEBRATE RESILIENCE OF CANCER SURVIVORS

BY IAN SCHRAIER

Nearly 500 participants gathered Sunday, September 29th, for Sid Jacobson JCC's annual Stronger Than Cancer 5K Run, Walk, and Family Fun Day, raising close to \$300,000 in support of the Nancy Marx Cancer Wellness Center (NMCWC).

The funds raised will ensure that the Center can continue providing essential services free of charge to individuals and families affected by cancer across Long Island and the greater New York City metropolitan area. These services include individual and family counseling, support groups, wellness programs such as yoga and fitness, and a wide range of resources to assist survivors and caregivers as they navigate the challenges of cancer. The event saw a diverse group of runners, walkers, families, and community members come together to support those impacted by cancer. From the starting line to the finish, participants were met with cheers, followed by the first-ever after-party featuring live entertainment and refreshments provided by local food vendors, creating an atmosphere of celebration and unity.

This year, Sid Jacobson JCC honored Susan Stein, a social worker at NMCWC, for her exceptional dedication and the positive impact on the lives of so many individuals touched by cancer.



Additionally, Sid Jacobson JCC's NMCWC Advisory Board was presented with the Community Service Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions. Harvey C. Marx, Survivor Sponsor and Co-Chair Emeritus of the Stronger Than Cancer 5K reflected on the day's personal significance: "Each year, I walk in memory of my wife, Nancy, and am reminded of the vital role our Cancer Wellness Center plays for those affected by cancer in her name. The Stronger Than Cancer 5K allows me to honor her legacy and ensure that the Center can keep offering its invaluable, free services to our community."

The Stronger Than Cancer 5k is not just a race; it's a movement of resilience and courage. SJCC and NMCWC are fueling the programs that support cancer survivors and their families, ensuring they know they never have to face this journey alone.

Roslyn Living was proud to be a CHAMPION SPONSOR in attendance, and its Publisher, Prashant Gupta, gave a stellar and impactful performance as the Emcee for the event.

BRYANT VIBRANT: "LITERALLY," A LANDMARK OF ROSLYN!

BY AMANDA BERNOCCO

The Bryant Library, a unique institution in our community, is dedicated to providing access to ideas, promoting lifelong reading for pleasure, and fostering knowledge by offering classic and popular literature in a variety of formats. Our commitment extends to providing materials and services that cater to the personal, educational, and professional needs of community residents of all ages.

In honour of our Thanksgiving spirit, here are some testimonials of gratitude from this organization's esteemed staff.

"I am grateful for the Roslyn community of readers. The Bryant Library hosts several book groups. I'm very proud of the interaction between the library and Roslyn patrons. We discuss books that are varied and engaging. We enjoy insightful and fun discussions. Roslyn readers are the best." — Beth Siegel, Head of Reference

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the teens of the Roslyn community. I am constantly amazed by their creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to their volunteer work at The Bryant Library." — Adriana Zappolo, Young Adult Librarian

"It feels like I grew up in the library. I remember, as a child, coming into the library with my mother, who was also a former board member many moons ago. I started working at the library in High

School and continued until I moved away. After moving back to the area, the library happily welcomed me back. That welcoming spirit is what has always drawn me to The Bryant Library (and libraries in general.) As a child and adult, I have often felt like an outsider, but the library was always a place I felt like I could belong, immersing myself in books or movies and music." — Frank Warren, Senior Clerk

"I am grateful for the incredible Bryant Library staff, who work tirelessly every day to provide programs and services to people at every age and stage of life in this community. The library is such a special place. It's wonderful to help foster a love for lifelong learning in the community — whether it's through our extensive collection of books and movies, our creative and educational programming, borrowing our free museum passes and Library of Things items, checking out our free databases, exploring our Local History Collection, using our technologies (including our new 3D printer), and so much more." — Amanda Bernocco, Director of Public Relations and Programming

