

A conceptual image featuring a globe of the Earth, showing continents and oceans, held gently by several hands of different skin tones. The hands are positioned around the globe, with some fingers resting on its surface. The background is a clear blue sky with soft, white clouds. The overall tone is hopeful and inclusive.

The Cancer Resource Center
and Kitchen Theatre present...

**The Multicultural Fashion
Show**

Jum Warritay



Jum Warritay's participation in the fashion show was prompted by her appreciation for the work, effort, and love the Cancer Resource Center offers to people impacted by cancer. Jum was diagnosed with cancer in October 2015, and was able to use the resources at the CRC to get a second opinion for her treatment regimen. Jum's research is on African print textiles – the material associated with dashiki and a lot of 'traditional' African clothing. Jum loves swimming and watching reality TV competitions, including The Amazing Race, The Voice and Chopped.

Aafke Steenhuis



Aafke Steenhuis, who was diagnosed in 2011, has participated in the CRC as a supporter, support group attendee, and sock knitter. Aafke teaches quilting at LACS, and has nine children and six grandchildren.

Monica Vakiner



Monica Vakiner was diagnosed with cancer in July 2008. She started her time with the CRC by serving as a hospital volunteer at CMC's chemo suite and radiation, along with participating in the Friday Noon support group. In October 2014, Monica started working part-time at the CRC and just a year later, became Director of Client Services. An avid traveler and mother of three wonderful children and three fur babies, her participation today is inspired by her experience as a survivor and her desire to share her story with the community.

Carrie LaZarre



Carrie LaZarre wanted to participate in the fashion show to demonstrate the presence and initiative of cancer patients in the community, bring more attention to the CRC, and have fun. Since her diagnosis with Stage IV colon cancer ten years ago, Carrie has participated in the CRC's Walkathon, support groups, survivor's parties, and more. Carrie is an elementary school teacher and a travel enthusiast.

Bob Riter



Bob Riter is a native of Huntington, WV. He received his undergraduate degree from Oberlin College and a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan. He came to Ithaca in 1994 to teach at Ithaca College. He was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996 and quickly became involved in the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance, becoming a full-time employee in 2000. He's been here ever since. In addition, Bob has been writing a regular column about living with cancer for the *Ithaca Journal* for the past 10 years

Lee Ginenthal



Lee Ginenthal was diagnosed with cancer in May 2010, and has since been a member of the prostate cancer support group, the men's breakfast group, and created the healing garden at the CRC. Lee is the owner of the Der Rosenmeister Nursery, and soon-to-be-retired from the Ithaca City School District. He is participating today in the hope of showing others that there is a life after diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Cal Walker



Cal Walker has benefitted by receiving visits from CRC staff and volunteers, reading CRC reference materials, and using the courtesy ride service to go to NYC for medical consultations since being diagnosed with lymphoma in January 2015. He hopes that by participating in the fashion show, he can help to raise funds and recruit volunteers for the CRC, in addition to demonstrating that people with cancer diagnoses can lead happy, healthy, and normal lives. Cal has been a foster parent to over fifty (50) children over the last 17 years!

Skip Hewitt



Skip Hewitt volunteers in radiation oncology at CMC and has received four separate cancer diagnoses since 2004. He fully admits that his participation today stems from his arm getting twisted, and we are very thankful! Skip is a native Ithacan, born just three hospitals ago.

Maimouna Phelan



Maimouna Phelan was diagnosed in December 2015 with ovarian cancer and in the same month had surgery. She remembers how, immediately after her diagnosis, she and her husband rushed to the CRC and were able to get kind, gentle, and reassuring help from Bob. They left the center that day feeling armed with ideas, strategies, and hope. Soon after, Maimouna joined the noon group. Originally from Niger, West Africa, Maimouna has lived in Ithaca for eleven years with her family and is proud to be a part of the Ithaca Community. She is participating today to show her solidarity with other people touched by cancer.

Jill Greene



Jill Greene is participating in the Fashion Show to support the CRC and celebrate the beauty and strength of survival. She was diagnosed with Stage 1 endometrial cancer in 2005, and has since participated in many of the CRC 5K and Walk-athon events. During her treatments, Jill pushed herself mentally and physically by riding her bike around all of the Finger Lakes with her husband and friend Kelly. This goal kept her focused on her bigger goals to beat cancer and have children. Jill has since beat cancer and then was able to have two children!

Maria Gemma Canzano



Maria Gemma Canzano is participating in the Fashion Show to help others going through cancer now and in the future. When Maria had her annual mammogram in February 2012, she learned that she had stage 2 cancer. When doctors removed the tumor, they also found and removed two lymph nodes. She was introduced to the resources at the CRC through Rocio.

Kathe Farrell



Kathe Farrell was diagnosed with MDS in the Spring of 2012 and diagnosed with AML Leukemia in the Fall of 2012. She had a bone marrow/stem cell transplant in Rochester, NY in July, 2013. She currently attends the women's noon group at the CRC and is participating today to show others that it is possible to look good, feel good, and express herself through her clothing after cancer.

Rachel Newton



Rachel Newton heard about the CRC from a friend after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2014. Rachel recalls how, the week before her cancer surgery, CRC staff listened, offered advice, and reassured her during this time. She is participating in the Fashion Show to step out of her comfort zone, remind herself of how strong she is, and because her dear friend Rocio Zepp asked her to! Some interesting facts about Rachel are that at 5'11", she is the shortest of her siblings and she loves to spend time at the beach.

Rosemary Lang



Rosemary Lang was diagnosed with cancer in June 2016 and is a member of the colorectal support group. She is a big fan of the CRC, and is volunteering today to share her enthusiasm for the CRC's mission. In addition, Rosemary and her husband love to ride adventure bike motorcycles through the twisty roads of the Appalachian and Smoky Mountains!





Thank you!!

