

NEWS RELEASE

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Grants \$360,000 to Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Community Partners

- *Funds benefit the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, Ellen's Well support program, and The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Community Partnership*
- *The Ellen Hermanson Foundation expands Board of Directors by three members*

Southampton, NY (February 2, 2023) — **The Ellen Hermanson Foundation** announced today that it awarded \$360,000 in grants for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Recipients include **Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, The Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreational Center, OLA (Organización Latino-Americana) of Eastern Long Island, The Retreat,** and the **Shinnecock Health Center.** Administered in partnership with the **Southampton Hospital Foundation** in coordination with the **Phillips Family Cancer Center,** the grants benefit the **Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital** and regional satellites, and **Ellen's Well,** a program that provides psychosocial support to breast and gynecological cancer patients.

"In addition to providing funding for key staff and advanced technology at The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, we are thrilled to continue our support of **The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Community Partnership** with our sister organizations. Now in our second year of the collaboration, we are pleased to be reaching more women who have historically been on the fringes of access to medical care — the uninsured, the underinsured, the undocumented, and anyone who needs support after receiving a breast cancer diagnosis," said **Julie Ratner, Ed.D., Co-founder and Board President of The Ellen Hermanson Foundation.** "Guided by our mission to ensure access to quality breast health care and by our core belief that health care is a human right, no one is turned away from the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center for lack of insurance or inability to pay for screenings or treatment."

"Now in our 28th year, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation remains a grassroots organization. We continue to provide essential funding for breast cancer education, screenings, and treatment only with the commitment and support of generous community members who step up year after year to donate, buy an event ticket, participate in **Ellen's Run,** become a volunteer, or join us in fundraising," added **Anne Tschida Gomberg, Executive Director of The Ellen Hermanson Foundation.** "Additionally, to boost our growth and ability to help more people, in 2022 the Foundation was pleased to welcome three new Board members: **Melissa Cohn, James Levin and Thuyen Nguyen** — each with a strong connection to our cause and to the East End community." The Board is led by Executive Committee **Julie Ratner, Ed.D., Co-founder and President; Ann Ciardullo, Vice President; Hugo Moreno, Treasurer; Cathy Tweedy, Secretary;** along with current Board members **Constance M. Chen, M.D.; Amanda Star Frazer, J.D.; Hope Klein Langer; Eileen Rappaport; Dee Rivera;** and **Iris Shokoff.**

In December 2022 the Board approved the following grants to fund 2023 programs:

The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

- Salary stipend for the Ellen's Well **licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)** providing group and individual therapy
- **Technology fund** toward a new tomosynthesis mammography machine
- Salary stipend for a **nurse practitioner** — performing community outreach, writing screening prescriptions and following patients in their breast health care
- Salary stipend for an **(RN) oncology nurse patient navigator**
- **Emergency fund** for breast screenings and diagnostic procedures
- **Ellen's Well micro-grants** for transportation and social services, to be distributed by the patient navigator

Shinnecock Health Center (Stony Brook Southampton Hospital)

- Funding for the **Pink Shawl Program** for outreach and social assistance for breast health care
- **Micro-grants** for transportation and social assistance for breast cancer patients

Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreational Center

- Funding for a **bilingual licensed clinical social worker** and **outreach worker**
- **Micro-grants** for social assistance for breast cancer patients
- Underwriting for an educational **community forum** about breast cancer
- Funding for breast health projects with the **Latina Sistas** and the **Witness Project of Long Island**

OLA (Organización Latino-Americana) of Eastern Long Island

- Funding for **bilingual outreach**
- **Micro-grants** for social assistance for breast cancer patients

The Retreat

- Funding for **bilingual outreach**
- **Micro-grants** for social assistance for breast cancer patients

Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert

- Underwriting for the annual **Ellen Hermanson Memorial Symposium**

"Under the leadership of **Medical Director Dr. Edna Kapenhas**, the **Ellen Hermanson Breast Center** is committed to provide the most advanced technology and compassionate care available in a community hospital setting," said Dr. Ratner.

"I am proud that the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center together with the Phillips Family Cancer Center offer comprehensive breast health and cancer care so that patients can receive the treatment they need without leaving the East End," said Dr. Kapenhas. "The gift of top-notch technology benefits everyone, especially coupled with expanded outreach into the community to ensure that no one falls through the cracks."

"We are grateful for this generous grant from The Ellen Hermanson Foundation which helps provide crucial screenings, education and resources to women throughout the East End who may not have insurance," said **Robert S. Chaloner, Chief Administrative Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital**. "The grant also helps underwrite advanced technologies for our Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, resulting in the hospital being recognized as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR)."

Photos:

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Photographer, Amanda Mullin for Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

Photo in front of the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center:

Photo caption, from left: Anne Tschida Gomberg, Executive Director, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation; Fredric I. Weinbaum, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital; Cathy Tweedy, Secretary of the Board of Directors, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation; Julie Ratner, Co-founder and President of the Board of Directors, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation; Ann Ciardullo, Vice President of the Board of Directors, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation; Laura Borghardt, MS, MBA, CMD, Director, SBSH Cancer Services, The Phillips Family Cancer Center and Ellen Hermanson Breast Center

About The Ellen Hermanson Foundation

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation ensures access to state-of-the-art breast health care and empowers people affected by cancer. Funds raised provide access to essential health care in our own community through breast cancer screenings and treatment at the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and satellite locations in Hampton Bays and East Hampton. Through Ellen's Well, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation provides bi-lingual outreach, education and support, transportation and social assistance, and other healing opportunities for breast cancer patients — free of charge. No one is turned away from the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center for lack of insurance or inability to pay for treatment.

About Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

Staffed by more than 280 physicians, dentists, and allied health professionals representing 48 medical specialties, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital is a campus of Stony Brook University Hospital, and offers a diverse array of clinical services, ranging from primary medical care to specialized surgical procedures, including orthopedics and bariatrics. The sole provider of emergency care on Long Island's South Fork, [Stony Brook Southampton Hospital](#) is a provisional Level III adult Trauma Center. The hospital includes The Phillips Family Cancer Center, a Heart and Stroke Center, Breast Health Center, The Center for Advanced Wound Healing, and 32 satellite care centers throughout the South Fork of Long Island. The hospital is the largest employer on the South Fork with more than 1,200 employees.

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