



RESPIRE *Transformed*

PETE'S VISION REALIZED AT WOODLOCH



Support us
in building the
nation's first
cancer respite
center

CANCER.

The unexpected diagnosis. Life changes immediately for everyone: patient, family and friends.

It changed for Pete and myself. We were in disbelief when the doctors explained he had incurable cancer at the age of 29. Amidst our battle, Pete made a simple decision that would impact thousands of people facing cancer just like him. After receiving monetary support from our friends from a beef and beer event, Pete knew he needed a respite from cancer and that I needed it even more as his caregiver. Two weeks later, we removed ourselves from the day-to-day throes of an unrelenting disease and traveled to a destination that allowed us to just BE – as husband and wife. This time spent on respite was transformational on our journey. What we experienced became the foundation for an organization that today is a trailblazer in the cancer community. For Pete’s Sake Cancer Respite Foundation (FPS) was born.

As the only nonprofit in the country that exclusively offers respite for families, FPS has delivered the healing power of respite for more than 20 years.

Two months before Pete died, we had an intimate conversation about building a dedicated respite center for patients and their loved ones. In this sacred space, they could discover two families: the family they were before cancer – and family they never knew they had. Here, they



Pete Bossow, July 1999, two months before he died.

could meet others who know the familiar fears and struggles of life with cancer. Here, they could enjoy the peace that respite brings their own family – and discover the peace of being understood and supported through community. Here, they could achieve inner healing – and not walk alone in this isolating journey.

Here, they could be transformed.

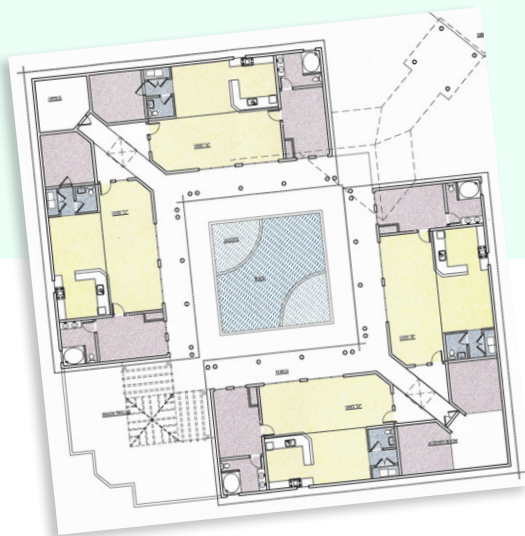
I know Pete is overjoyed today as we announce our **\$25 million Respite Transformed** Campaign to construct the For Pete’s Sake Respite Center at

Woodloch, **an initiative that will open our program to more than 400 cancer centers in 15 states and impact the lives of more than 4000 people annually!** Your support will allow us to extend our reach and magnify our impact so that for years to come, FPS will offer transformational respite experiences in the most scalable, sustainable, effective, and efficient way possible. Help us change cancer care, forever!

Join us and give life to a vision that will advance the continuum of care for thousands facing cancer.

Marci Schankweiler

Founder and CEO
For Pete’s Sake Cancer Respite Foundation



Floorplan of Pete’s original vision for a respite center that he designed prior to his passing on September 1, 1999.

Families Helping Families

“Cancer intimately touched our family, and we leaned on one another during our mother’s journey with this disease. From our family to the many FPS families that this respite center will welcome, let us always have someone to lean on and love! Our family is humbled to support this endeavor.”

Anonymous Family Donation
\$1.25M Commitment to this Campaign



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Pete transformed his terminal cancer diagnosis into his legacy. Today, we invite YOU to leave your legacy and join the Respite Transformed Campaign. Together, we can transform the respite experience into an extraordinary opportunity for families facing cancer as we build the nation's first cancer respite center for families with all types of cancer.

Join us in giving life to Pete's dream of providing families with transformative respite experiences and the gift of community and long-lasting support.

Be a part of this transformative Campaign.

/Respite/ - a period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

TOTAL CAMPAIGN INVESTMENT:

\$25M

- **\$20M**
Capital
Land & Building
- **\$5M**
Addition to
Endowment

\$5.5 Million Capital Funds Raised as of 6.30.2023

\$2.1 Million Endowment Funds Raised as of 6.30.2023

Constructions Begins \$12 Million Raised 2024

Public Launch & Community Outreach 2023-2024

Ribbon Cutting Goal Spring 2026



Sacred Space. Transformative Moments.



Travel by car to a destination that is NOT a hospital or doctor's office, and let anxiety fly out the window!



Explore renewed family connection and new friendships that last beyond the respite.



Rest peacefully in a well-appointed room surrounded by the still and calm of an expansive woodland backdrop.



Calm the mind and body by starting the week with guided meditation and chair yoga.



Play skee ball, pool and shuffleboard in the game room with family and new friends.



Snuggle in front of the large hearth to read a book, write in a journal and reflect on special respite moments.



Relax in the heated pool and watch the kids laugh carefree in the splash pad.



Embrace adventure and enjoy extra Woodloch amenities like rock climbing, go-karting and other outdoor activities.



Create keepsake family art projects, such as modeling clay pottery pieces, as a lasting memoir of respite experiences.



Trade the oncologist's office for a room with views from every window, perfect for reflection and conversation.



Nourish the body with healthy food and time together at indoor and outdoor dining areas – with no dishes to clean up!



Exhale while walking accessible nature trails, enjoying the healing power of fresh air and embracing the body's ability to move.



Write letters to God, caregivers, oncology teams and loved ones in the onsite sanctuary of the chapel.



Join other families around the bonfire to share journeys, be encouraged and know that no family walks alone.



Unite together as community for a daily flag raising gratitude ceremony.



Leave refreshed and committed to treatment protocols that best improve health outcomes.



For Pete's Sake at Woodloch: Healing More Than Ever Before

	Current	Future
States Served	5	15
Families served weekly	2-4	16
Individuals Served by Respite	764	4,496
Nominating Cancer Centers	260	411
Post-respite support & outreach	17,778	69,688
Volunteer Engagement	770	3,840



Pete's Vision Realized at Woodloch

FPS has launched a unique joint venture with long-time partner, Woodloch Resort, to build the **For Pete's Sake Respite Center at Woodloch**. This premiere destination will consolidate all respite experiences to one signature **five-star accessible location**. Ranked as one of America's "Best Inclusive Family Resorts," Woodloch is the perfect backdrop for a dedicated, first-of-its-kind respite center exclusively for FPS families.

Our flagship respite center, the only of its kind in the country, will be nestled in the Poconos on 32 acres adjacent to the Woodloch property. This state-of-the-art facility, designed in collaboration with oncology medical professionals, is crafted to ensure that the psychosocial, emotional, financial, spiritual and physical traumas associated with a cancer diagnosis can be addressed in a secure, restorative environment.

"Since Woodloch Resort's inception, our purpose and 'why' has been to make the world a better place. We believe this is possible by providing an experience that allows our guests to escape the stress and strain in their lives and to focus on their own wellbeing while spending quality time with those that matter most.

As a cancer survivor, I understand the importance of community and family as you navigate your diagnosis. Our partnership was forged after our first conversation with Marci in 2011. Our common mission allowed us to only strengthen this bond over the years which has brought us to our most recent endeavor of constructing a cancer respite facility like no other at Woodloch."

Robert (Bob) Kiesendahl

Owner, Woodloch Resort



Bob, center, surrounded by two families on respite at Woodloch.

For Pete's Sake Respite Center *Transforms* Our Future

We take seriously our profound commitment – our promise – to all our stakeholders, including patients, caregivers and their families, our nominating oncology professionals and our supporters. This commitment manifests in creating and maintaining, to the highest possible standards, the most effective, efficient nonprofit which delivers outstanding outcomes. Thus, the For Pete's Sake Respite Center allows for the alignment of our strategic goals: **Building a Scalable, Sustainable and Evidence-Based Respite Model.**



Scalable Respite Model

- Expands our accommodation inventory to provide in 3 years the same number of life-altering respites FPS provided in its first 20 years.
- Streamlines internal and external operations to facilitate executing an increased number of respites while managing nominator expectations and patient treatment schedules.
- Provides a drivable location that is easily within a day's trip for patients in 15 target states, eliminating the health risks and unpredictable expenses of air travel.
- Drives operational efficiencies that reduce the direct program cost of each respite by 35% and the indirect cost by 29%.
- Creates a replicable respite model that can be employed with other hospitality partners in various geographic areas of the country.



Drive
Times



Sustainable Respite Model

- Leverages Woodloch as an operating partner and establishes an operating model that creates efficiency scales with controlled hospitality and maintenance costs.
- Capitalizes on the remarkable Woodloch partnership with access to the many signature resort amenities already provided within the resort framework.
- Allows for up to 48 weeks of dedicated respite time annually with the remaining weeks used by Woodloch Resort, resulting in the ability to offset operating expenses.
- Uses a robust Respite Volunteer Program that offsets labor costs and allows both past participants and FPS stakeholders to engage and support our onsite respite program.
- Extends the Respite Volunteer Program to oncology professionals so that they too can benefit from the gift of respite in a field marked by burnout and emotional exhaustion.
- Adds an additional \$5 million to our endowment to help offset operational expenses and allows for named legacy opportunities.



“As a loyal supporter for more than eight years, I am so excited and proud to be part of For Pete Sake’s Respite Transformed Campaign. It is important to me to create a lifetime legacy with an endowment gift that will positively impact the lives of so many children with parents fighting cancer. Please join me and create your own legacy with For Pete’s Sake, a nonprofit you can trust.”

Marlene Sandler

\$1M Commitment to this Campaign



Evidence-Based Therapeutic Outcomes

- Designed using 18 years of qualitative and quantitative outcome data from thousands of FPS participants and with input from oncology professionals, every space within the For Pete's Sake Respite Center at Woodloch lends for transformative experiences that will change the continuum of care for cancer patients.
- Dedicated spaces, including an art studio, pool, play areas, chapel and nature trails, provide backdrop for enhanced benefits, such as reduction of stress and anxiety, outlets for creative expression, increased mobility and physical exercise, and private and shared moments for reflection, journaling and spiritual nourishment.
- Our lounges, dining room and campfire rings provide settings for collaborative conversation both within the family unit and with other families so that enhanced communication and deeper connections are mainstays in ongoing support during the cancer journey.
- Presents opportunities for structured programming targeted at patients, caregivers and children, and their corresponding psychosocial, emotional, financial, spiritual and physical needs.
- Immerses families in fun, laughter and joy according to their interests and at their own pace as they use the resort's all-inclusive amenities. As one patient remarked, you pick your day!
- Continues to create an environment for research into evidence-based practices in cancer respite and hone the tools necessary to create lasting, profound impact on families.
- Strengthens the post respite ancillary support by augmenting the opportunities to be part of the Respite Volunteer Program.



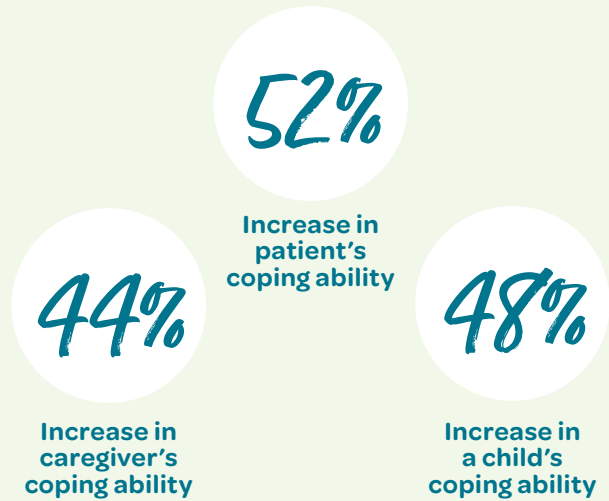
Floorplan depicting the dedicated spaces on the ground floor of the three-story Respite Center. Developed by Kimmel Bogrette and the Building Committee, the facility's shape is meant to model open arms that are outstretched as a symbol of our outreach to families in the crisis of cancer.



Strong Partnerships. Stronger Impact.

Respite makes a difference. Our respite data and outcomes have been recognized by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and published in an April 2020 FPS abstract, titled *Individual and community respite as supportive care for adult cancer patients, their caregivers and their families*. FPS has presented twice at the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) national conference on the therapeutic impact of respite on patients, caregivers and their families relative to strengthened communication, relationships, resilience, quality of life and coping with cancer.

Oncology professionals use clinical assessment factors and our program guidelines to identify and nominate their patients to our respite program. Through close collaboration with oncology professionals, we continue to create an informed and adaptable respite environment that translates to strong, lasting outcomes for families.



Our nominators continually report outcome data to For Pete's Sake to measure impact. 100% of our nominators report improvement in patients' and the families' ability to cope with cancer. Furthermore, oncology professionals themselves report renewed strength and stamina in the clinical setting.

Our oncology partners:



"It's a special privilege to nominate my patients to For Pete's Sake as a unique part of their continuum of patient care. My patients fight a battle that drains them emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually. A break from cancer treatments gives them a chance to refuel with their loved ones, and to return stronger than ever, ready for the challenges that await them."

Et-tsu Chen, M.D.

Medical Director, Radiation Oncology
Abramson Cancer Center at Valley Forge

Families *Transformed* by Respite

Our mission enables cancer patients and their loved ones to strengthen, deepen and unify their relationships by creating unforgettable and lasting respite experiences.



“On our way to Woodloch, my sister (caregiver) and I had the opportunity to share so many thoughts and feelings we had inside pertaining to my cancer journey. It was as if a lost connection had been rekindled. I truly needed a break to just reflect and relax, but the respite experience had a different plan. It made me live again and laugh until my stomach ached. Our walks throughout the day allowed us to appreciate God’s creation and explore nature on a whole different level. I am grateful!”

Nicole, 49, Stage II Cancer, Philadelphia, PA



“For Pete’s Sake has done for my family and I what I couldn’t have done. It is sad that when people read or hear about cancer from an outsider’s point of view, it just seems like data, statistics, numbers. But when you suffer from cancer, you get to see the faces: the families that struggle, highly energetic, motivated men drained to nothing, normally cheerful children barely able to smile. I am grateful there is an organization like FPS that helps lift our morale, that is always willing to provide a lending hand to those who suffer the most. Even though I am in remission, I still have a lot of pain. Last year my fear was focused on my mortality, now it’s about my path to recovery.”

Efrain, 44, Stage IV Cancer, Lititz, PA



“We returned home intimately, emotionally connected, not just as husband and wife, but as one, ready to tackle the uncertainty ahead. We can’t predict the future, but now we know we will travel it together. The day I returned home from respite, I made the appointment for my bowel resection. I felt less anxious and found a renewed trust in my oncologist’s treatment plan and in my own ability to cope with the next phase of treatment. Bring it on!”

Tina, 54, Stage III Cancer, Gloucester, NJ



“Getting out on the golf course with Jason brought me the most joy while on respite. Seeing him enjoy our time alone on the course, and spending that quiet time with him to just laugh and focus on something fun – it meant everything to me. I saw Jason reset his mental state during this respite and now he’s able to think clearly through his plan for future treatment and life in general.”

Erik, caregiver to son, Jason, 33, Stage IV Cancer, South Setauket, NY

Families *Strengthened* by Community Support

Once families return home from respite, they are forever part of the FPS community. Many modes of support exist, ranging from check in calls, access to professional services, mini-breaks throughout the year, patient and caregiver newsletters, private chat groups, event planning to help another family and so much more! **FPS builds community, one family at a time.**

The Power of Community Respite

“ Our FPS community respite included many people with many cancer battles in progress, but somehow, maybe because we felt invincible and alive during our time together on respite, I thought we would all win our battles. Each time we lose someone or hear that a battle is not being overcome, I take it personally. **How could the power of our love and connection not save us all?!**

I was so sad when we lost Danny. I'm heartbroken and speechless as we say goodbye to Wayne. And I am so very angry that our dear Alexandra must fight for every day she has with us. Michelle can't get good news to save her soul. I know that Nicole is cancer free, but we've lost touch with Carolina and Susannah. My news I'll keep to myself until I can't any longer.

The **definition of why we needed one another then** and **why we need one another now** may have shifted. Or, it hasn't shifted at all **but is just realized more deeply** with each touch, each text, each photo as we reach out to stay connected.

Whatever it is, because we have one another, our faith is shaken; our faith is stronger; our hearts break but **our love is bigger and deeper and unwavering**; our memories are much more colorful; and **our lives are fuller by far. Despite the pain in our journey, we are blessed to be journeying together.**”

Paige McFarling

FPS Community Respite Recipient, 2018



Patients Helping Patients

For Pete's Sake hosts a private chat group for our FPS Families to connect with one another, share insights and form new friendships.

Caregivers Helping Caregivers

Our community is there to support our families grieving the loss of their loved ones through our **Carry on Club**, which hosts social gatherings, seminars and an online support system.

Kids *Helping* Kids

Ava's family story is unique. Her father Jeff battled cancer and the family received respite when Ava was only two years old. When Ava was six, Jeff passed away. He was 42. His family continues to keep his legacy alive in many ways. The very next year, Ava's mom Meredith was diagnosed, with breast cancer and received respite at Woodloch Resort in December 2021. The family found strength to face another cancer journey by focusing on helping others through Ava's Cupcakes for Cancer.



Ava's family on respite at Woodloch 2021 .

Aaron's father Rob was diagnosed with cancer in November 2020, and when Aaron learned that his family would receive respite, he was moved by this kindness. He chose to raise funds as his bar mitzvah project to give future FPS families this same gift. He made homemade hot chocolate bombs with the assistance of his Bubbie, Ellen, and sister, Haley. Along with the funds raised, Aaron offers advice to families, especially children, who have a family member with cancer. "You have to stay strong through it," he advised, "and spend time with your family."



Aaron's family together selling hot chocolate bombs.



Ava's Cupcakes for Cancer stand.

Transformational Volunteer Opportunities

Our Respite Volunteer Program allows past FPS families and nominators to be meaningfully connected to the FPS mission in an even greater way: they can volunteer as facilitators at the For Pete's Sake Respite Center at Woodloch. Volunteers will play critical roles in the center's operating structure, assist with family activities, enjoy some special respite time – and all these efforts will offset costs associated with the center. Every person who enters the Respite Center, either in a FPS family capacity or as a volunteer, will be forever transformed by the experience.



“Ten years ago, I went on respite with my husband Dave and two young girls. After his passing, I became involved at FPS as a volunteer and last year was a facilitator at Woodloch with a group of families. Initially, I was apprehensive about the community respite model. That was until I experienced it in action. The families were able to plan their days and enjoy activities either alone or with others. I was inspired and enlightened by the joy, bond and support these families have built on respite – a true gift!”

Lisa Duemler

Past Respite Recipient

“For more than 10 years, I’ve had the honor and privilege to nominate patients to For Pete’s Sake respite program. In June 2021, I had the unique opportunity to be a volunteer facilitator on a respite with two of my nominated patients. I got the pleasure of seeing a group of families bonding together, and even more rewarding was seeing my patients surrender to the calming environment that surrounded them on respite. It was heartwarming to see a daughter reconnect with her mother and for a young father of two sons, who was too sick to play prior to respite, be able to play games in the arcade and splash in the pool together. My time on respite even allowed me to have conversations with my patients to discuss their plans and needs post-respite to ensure the new sense of perspective carries them through their cancer journey.”

Mary Oleksiak

Nominator, Jefferson Health



Will you answer Pete's call?


With assistance from our Woodloch partners and the dedicated For Pete's Sake Board of Directors, we have launched the Respite Transformed Campaign to raise \$25 million by Fall 2026 to fully realize Pete's vision.


The creation of the For Pete's Sake Respite Center at Woodloch signals our commitment to and understanding of the extraordinary needs of those fighting cancer and the devastating effects on their families.


Join For Pete's Sake to create transformative experiences for families facing cancer through the nation's first cancer respite center.



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As the **only respite center** in the entire United States exclusively for families of all cancer types, we invite you to be part of this momentous initiative!



FPS is proud to be only one of 191 nonprofits accredited with the Seal of Excellence from the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO) and has been recognized as an ethical, effective and accountable organization dedicated to the highest level of excellence within the nonprofit sector. Our work also has been recognized by The Philadelphia Inquirer, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Fox News, People Magazine, Major League Baseball, Chick-fil-A, Comcast Newsmakers, University of PA Health System, LIVESTRONG, and in a 2020 abstract published in The Journal of Clinical Oncology.