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Community Invited to Support Unique Awareness & Fundraising Walk to Benefit the Gathering Place, Spanning Over 30 Miles Across Cleveland Area in a Day

Nurse Practitioner & Ultra-Marathoner Celebrates Retirement by raising funds for cancer support & Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Jan Frandsen, a Nurse Practitioner at Ahuja Medical Center, has spent 22 years caring for patients through his work in Palliative and Hospice care at several Cleveland area healthcare organizations.

As an involved supporter of The Gathering Place's East and West locations, Frandsen got the idea of connecting the two offices by running from one to the other ("Place2Place") to raise funds and awareness for the non-profit. In 2021, Frandsen took the leap and did the run self-supported with a handful of friends running alongside him.

As he celebrates his recent retirement, Frandsen decided to commemorate the transition of his professional career by leading Place2Place again. The purpose of the event is to create awareness of prostate cancer and support the men and their families who are affected by the disease by raising \$10,000 for The Gathering Place. This time his route will include UH Seidman Cancer Center, Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center, and Metro Health Cancer Center. The walk will take place on September 30, the last day of Prostate Cancer Awareness month and will span 30-miles across Cleveland's eastern suburbs, through the city and to the Western suburbs. He estimates the walk time will take around 10 hours total.

Frandsen is a Gathering Place advocate both personally and professionally. The work he did in Palliative and Hospice care provided much needed support for patients and families faced with cancer.

"I have known a lot of people who have trusted me with their lives over the years with cancer," he says. "I want to honor all the patients and families who I have had the privilege of caring for over my career," said Frandsen.

Along the way Frandsen will be joined by friends and colleagues from UH, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth and other healthcare institutions. The community is encouraged to run, walk and cheer him on throughout the streets of Cleveland.

"We have immense gratitude for the work that Jan has not only done for patients and families on the cancer journey, but also for his strength and generosity in creating Place2Place to support our organization," said Michele Seyranian, CEO of The Gathering Place. "What a special way to celebrate a rich career in patient care. We hope that our community will come together to support Jan and help raise awareness for prostate cancer services and support."

There are several ways to celebrate Jan and participate in Place2Place:

1. **Make a Donation** on [The Gathering Place's website](#). Make sure to indicate "Place2place" in the box where the name of the fundraising event is needed.
2. **Walk with Jan:** As far or as long as you want! If you want to walk, email janfrandsen@mac.com. Use the subject line "Place2place - Walker".
3. **Volunteer!** People are needed to assist on the five planned aid-stations along the route. Email janfrandsen@mac.com to sign up and use the subject line "Place2place - Volunteer".
4. **Cheer Jan On!** Look for Jan along his route from The Gathering Place in Beachwood at 7 a.m., Green Road, Shelbourne and onto North Park, Coventry, cross Cedar onto Surrey, Cross Euclid Heights onto Derbyshire to Overlook/Edgehill West on Edgehill - straight on Cornell to Euclid and head to Seidman Cancer Center for a break. The route will continue on Carnegie to 105th street, South on 105th Street, West on Carnegie with a break at Taussig. Continue West on Carnegie and North of 95th street, West on Euclid all the way to Public Square, West on Detroit to W 25, South on 25 with a break at Metro. Continue West on Trowbridge, North on Fulton, West on Clark, North on W 65, West on Detroit, North on Lake. Continue at Lake to Colombia and intersection to TGP West.

ABOUT THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place is a non-profit, community-based cancer support center that focuses on the social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of individuals with cancer and their family and friends. With programs provided free of charge, The Gathering Place's services are designed to complement traditional medicine with a mind-body-spirit approach. Since its inception, The Gathering Place has helped more than 20,000 people touched by cancer with more than 115,000 visits. Visit The Gathering Place online at www.touchedbycancer.org.