

## Our History

- **May 22, 2000:** *The Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Alaska. We are a 501(c)(3) -- organized exclusively for charitable contributions.*
- **February 25, 2001:** *Two benches with dedication plaques were placed at Crescent Harbor.*



- **June 2001:** *The dedication of Path of Hope.*

- **2003:** *Pathways in the park were built by Sitka Trail Works with an Alaska Trail Initiative Grant.*

- **2003-2006:** *SCSS has made grants to over twenty-five individuals and families affected by cancer. These*

*grants carry a message of caring and support from the community as a whole.*

- **2006:** *Six benches with dedication plaques and rhododendrons were placed in the Path of Hope.*



- **2007:** *SCSS issued an RFP to Sitka artists for art work for the park. Reviewed ten applicants and selected Steve Lawrie's artwork.*

- **2007:** *Thirteen grants given out.*

- **2008 & 2010** *SCSS received Rasmuson Foundation Grants for sculptured artwork.*

- **2008:** *Sitka Trail Works donated signs & park material using their ATI grant.*

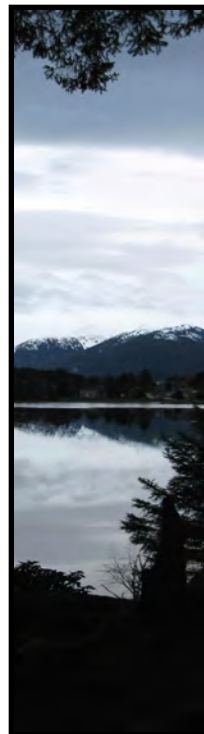
- **2008:** *Volunteers installed pavers near the Book of Hope site; planted perennials, trees & shrubs throughout the park.*
- **October 4, 2008:** *The dedication of the Flame of Hope sculpture, donor names plaque & entrance signs.*
- **December 31, 2008** *Twenty-two grants were given out*
- **December 31, 2009:** *Twenty-four grants were given out. Sitka Cancer Support Group was established.*
- **October 30, 2010:** *Dedication of the Book of Hope and pages with inspirational verses scattered thru the Park.*
- **December 2010:** **PARK IS COMPLETED**



*Because we have cancer in our past, we help Sitkans who are dealing with cancer in the present; through grant assistance, the SCSS support group and Path of Hope Park.*

*SCSS goal is to continue to provide mini grants to Sitka residents dealing with cancer from the generous donations from our community.*

*The Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society encourages you to join our SCSS Support Group meeting held every 3rd Sunday of the month. Meeting notice will be in the newspaper.*



### 2022 SCSS Current Board Members

**Carolyn Fredrickson**–

*President/Publicity*

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**Candi Barger** -- Vice President

*Owner/Broker of Sitka Realty*

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## OUR MISSION:

**To honor, educate, comfort and inspire individuals and families affected by cancer**



**Path of Hope**



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## The Path of Hope Project

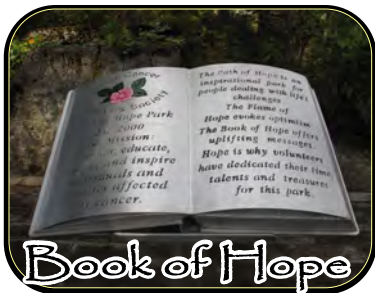
The Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society, Inc. made a commitment to raise funds to landscape and improve the portion of Moller Park between the running track and Swan Lake to create an inspirational park. This has a special meaning to those who are facing cancer and has been structured in a way that can be enjoyed by all residents of Sitka.



The Path of Hope winds through an attractively landscaped area with benches and inspirational plaques that have been placed at intervals along

the path. The inspirational plaques have brief, positive and empowering motivational messages composed to inspire and assist members of our community facing this disease and to embrace family members.

The Book of Hope is the focal point within the Path of Hope park, centrally located on a flagstone path.



Book of Hope

The Book of Hope is inscribed with Our Mission Statement and gives visitors our interpretation of what the park means to us. The books inspirational pages will appear to be scattered as if they have been blown around by the wind and have come to rest in specific places



Flame of Hope

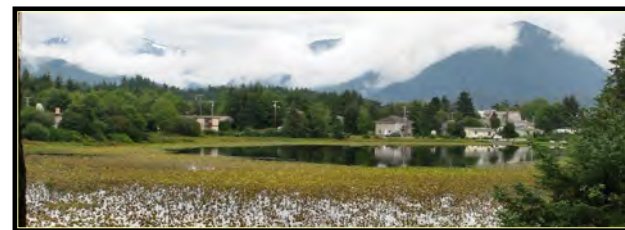
surrounding the Flame of Hope sculpture overlooking the park and Swan Lake. Our wish is for you to enjoy your visit and come back as often as you like.

In addition to the areas which are designed to uplift and inspire, we plan to designate a specific place to honor cancer survivors. It is our desire to



help create a park that is enjoyed by the community and contributes to the quality of life in Sitka.

Our Board of Directors are all cancer survivors and serve without compensation. Currently, the Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society has over 100 members. We plan to continue to raise funds for our project through a combination of grant proposals, member contributions and donations.



We wish to share with our community the lessons learned fighting this disease. Our desire is that the Path of Hope will make a difference in people's lives. We believe this project will increase awareness about cancer survival and give hope. As a result, more members of our community will realize they have the strength and support to survive cancer.

## Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society Mini Grants

1. The Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society Mini Grant Fund provides grants of up to \$1,000.00 to Sitka individuals affected by cancer.
2. Family members and friends may apply on another person's behalf.
3. A physician's signature is needed to clarify eligibility.

The fund is possible by donations & grants from: Ocean Wave Quilters, Julie Hughes Triathlon, Sitka Women's Golf League, Baranof Island Brewery, Pioneer Bar, Sitka Community Hospital, SEARHC Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Individual Donors, Business Donors, the Rasmuson Foundation, the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**To apply for a Grant:** Contact a Board member  
**Email:** [sitkacancersurvivorsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sitkacancersurvivorsociety@gmail.com)  
**Pick up:** 228 Harbor Drive-Sitka Realty office

*Contributions are appreciated & are tax deductible*

