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# Cayuga Health Announces Affiliation with Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes

**(Ithaca, NY) July 11, 2024** – Officials from Cayuga Health (CHS) and Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes (CRC) announce their affiliation, effective July 1, 2024.

"The Cayuga Cancer Center has worked closely with CRC for decades. The Cayuga Health team is very pleased to announce this enhancement of our relationship," states Dr. Martin Stallone, CEO for Cayuga Health. "The affiliation ensures that the critical support services CRC has provided to cancer patients in our community will continue for decades into the future. With additional resources of the health system, CHS expects to enhance and grow the support services CRC provides to those in our community."

CRC was founded as the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance in 1994. In the last 20 years, CRC's mission has evolved to create and sustain an inclusive community of support for people living with and affected by various kinds of cancer. The CRC Board of Directors has made the decision to affiliate to ensure the financial sustainability of the important services the organization brings to those facing cancer in our region.

"The Cancer Resource Center team provides one-on-one personalized support and facilitates support groups to make sure that no one in our area faces cancer alone," stated Jerry Dietz, President, CRC Board of Directors. "The affiliation with Cayuga Health will introduce efficiencies, allowing more of the money raised for CRC to directly support the care of patients and continue our mission-based work."

Donations previously received by CRC and those raised in the future will directly benefit the CRC programming. The CRC signature Fundraising Walkathon and 5K will be held again this year on October 5, 2024.

Tom LiVigne, Chairman, Cayuga Health Board of Directors states, “The efforts of Cayuga Health Cancer Center and Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes have a natural synergy. But be assured, all oncology patients and survivors in the community will continue to have access to CRC services, no matter where they receive care. Cayuga Health is pleased to ensure the longevity of the CRC support programs for our entire community.”

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**About Cayuga Health**
Cayuga Health (CH) has two hospitals, Cayuga Medical Center, and Schuyler Hospital, as well as a multi-specialty group, Cayuga Medical Associates. Combined employment, including affiliated organizations, is over 3,100 employees. CH is clinically affiliated with Mayo Medical Laboratories, Rochester Regional Health for cardiac services, and the University of Rochester for neurosciences. Visit www.cayugahealth.org for more information.

**About Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes**
The Cancer Resource Center is a group of generous and compassionate individuals dedicated to serving anyone affected by cancer in the Finger Lakes region. We offer one-on-one guidance sessions with trained staff and volunteer professionals, peer support groups for all kinds of cancer patients, their caregivers, and survivors, weekly health and wellness classes, boutique products and services, monthly educational webinars on relevant topics, and limited financial assistance for treatment and cancer-related hardships—all at no charge to patients, so that no one faces cancer alone.