

Support Connection Launches New Website as 20th Walk Approaches

By Adam Choy

For 20 years people locally and nationally have been receiving assistance after receiving breast and ovarian cancer diagnoses through the nonprofit organization Support Connection.

Last week Support Connection hit a milestone in their mission by launching an updated website with several new features.

The redesigned site, 11 months in the making, will continue to include all of the information that has been available along with new features, including an articles tab that connects visitors to a page filled with survivors' stories and news.

The survivors' stories page was "a good way for people to feel inspired and hopeful and to see what their support means to people," said Barbara Cervoni, Support Connection's director of services and communications.

"This is a very momentous occasion for us and the timing was great considering this website launch coincides with the 20th anniversary of our walk," Cervoni said.

She said the public is encouraged to submit stories for online publication.

Another exciting element on the site is the video "Help and hope for People Living with Breast and Ovarian Cancer."

The moving film shows how Support Connection's free services makes a difference in the lives of people who are affected by breast and ovarian cancer. It includes personal interviews with staff members and people who have benefited from the organization's services. The video was produced by Emmy Award nominee Bill Powers.

In addition, the website offers up-to-date news on major calendar events such as golf outings and charity walks, new and easier ways to get into contact with a representative of the company, a donation tab that allows anyone to volunteer for the organization in their free time and



The annual Support-A-Walk is the biggest event of the year for Support Connection, which recently launched its redesigned website.

Ubuntu Africa Founder to Speak at Harvey Commencement

The Harvey School has announced that Whitney Johnson, the founder of the not-for-profit Ubuntu Africa (UBA) and its executive director, will deliver the keynote address at the school's June 5 commencement.

Inspired by her college experiences while studying abroad in Cape Town, South Africa and volunteering in an orphanage in the nearby township of Khayelitsha, the 29-year-old Bedford native founded UBA, dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children living with HIV in underserved communities.

Johnson, a 2006 graduate of Colorado College with a degree in psychology, has been a frequent visitor to the Harvey campus the past few years and has inspired Harvey students to initiate fundraising activities on behalf of UBA, including the highly successful Ubuntu Benefit Fashion Show held during Black History Month the past two years in February.

The 75 members of the graduating class will also hear an address from valedictorian Lillian Brouwer of Stamford, Conn. She is Harvey's top scholar and will be attending Barnard College in the fall.



Harvey School alumnus and commencement speaker Whitney Johnson, left, with Head Master Barry Fenstermacher.

a section that lists resources for those battling cancer and their loved ones.

This year's Support-A-Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5 at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. It was started in 1995 by local residents to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer and raise critically important funds. People travel from throughout the Hudson Valley and the tri-state area to take part in the inspiring event.

To learn more about Support Connection, its website and the 20th annual Support-A-Walk, visit www.supportconnection.org.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Spot On. Geoffrey Wheatcroft's recent New York Times Magazine profile of the anti-European British politician Nigel Farage, entitled "A Spot of Tea Party?" is the source for the quiz words this week. You may not agree with Farage's U.K. Independence Party's politics, but you might elect to add some of these words to your vocabulary.

- creed (n.)
A) an oath of allegiance B) a set of beliefs C) a short oration
- placate (v.)
A) to set in motion B) proclaim publicly C) soothe
- duopoly (n.)
A) control by two powers B) an act of duping C) a counterpart
- convivial (adj.)
A) firmly united B) sociable C) dedicated to a cause
- loquacious (adj.)
A) wordy B) not widespread C) dignified
- roistering (v.)
A) to risk danger B) stir up C) carouse
- mountebank (n.)
A) a plan of action B) a boastful pretender C) complete freedom
- contumacious (adj.)
A) stubbornly disobedient B) simultaneous C) promoting improvement

ANSWERS:
1. B. A set of fundamental beliefs
2. C. To soothe or mollify, especially by concessions.
3. A. Preponderant influence or control by two
4. B. Sociable; jovial or festive
5. A. Given to fluent or excessive talk; wordy
6. C. To engage in noisy revelry; carouse
7. B. A boastful, unscrupulous pretender
8. A. Stubbornly disobedient; rebellious

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