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**Mary's Place by the Sea Sets Participation Record, Raises \$220,000 at 14th Annual Walk-A-Thon/
7th Annual 5k Run to Provide Healing Services to Women with Cancer**

OCEAN GROVE, N.J., Oct. 22, 2025 – [Mary's Place by the Sea](#), a nonprofit offering wellness retreats and services for women with cancer, set a new participation record at its 14th Annual Walk-A-Thon/7th Annual 5k Run on Oct. 18, 2025. Over 1,500 participants walked and ran in Mary's Place's largest fundraiser, helping to raise \$220,000 to provide women with cancer integrative services to heal their mind, body and soul. This was the largest number of participants to join the event since it began, surpassing the organization's fundraising goal of \$200,000.

Founded in 2009, Mary's Place by the Sea has served over 16,000 women with cancer, offering complimentary overnight stays and day visits that include personalized services for the mind, body and soul, including oncology massage, health coaching and reiki at its custom-built home in Ocean Grove, N.J. Virtual services are also available before and after cancer treatment. All services, private accommodations and meals are provided at NO COST to guests.

"This year's Annual Walk-A-Thon & 5K Run was our largest ever, giving us the opportunity to provide more services to more women with cancer," said Executive Director and Founder Michele Gannon, Mary's Place by the Sea. "The support of our community, former guests and volunteers is truly tremendous. As the rates of cancer have increased, so has the need for the experience Mary's Place offers to help women during their healing journey. The funds raised will give women with cancer the chance to rest, relax and connect with others who understand their cancer journey."

Along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean on Ocean Pathway, the event began with an opening ceremony and ended with a vendor market, food vendors and trucks, and live music from the Pat Roddy Band. This year's Annual Walk-A-Thon & 5K Run had 43 teams and 350 individual fundraisers participate.

Every contribution supports Mary's Place's mission to offer women with cancer a place of healing. Fundraising for the event will remain open through Oct. 31, 2025. To make a donation, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/OceanGrove/MarysPlacebytheSeaWalkathon>.

About Mary's Place by the Sea

Mary's Place by the Sea provides wellness retreats for women with a cancer diagnosis. Guests of Mary's Place are provided with unconditional care during their time of need at NO COST. During day retreats and two-night retreats, guests experience integrative services, such as oncology massage, nutritional counseling, guided meditation, yoga, expressive writing, and much more. Mary's Place by the Sea operates out of a state-of-the-art, custom-built, ten-bedroom home, located at 22 Main Avenue in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. In addition to its in-person program, virtual services are also offered. Since its founding in 2009, Mary's Place has served over 16,000 women with cancer. Mary's Place by the Sea is a

nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization. To watch a video to learn more about Mary's Place, please go to:
<https://youtu.be/JXTtz07ZoC0>.

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