### **Featured Events & Highlights**

### Opening Ceremony — Friday, April 29, 4-5 p.m.

Stoweflake Resort Courtyard

Join us as we officially begin the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Weekend of Hope! Our emcee, David Cranmer will take a moment to recognize our dedicated volunteers, the longest returning attendees, and will also share highlights of the weekend to help you make the most out your experience and time in Stowe. At the end, there will also be an opportu-

nity to meet up with others with your cancer type.

We'll also hear from invited guests and dignitaries including Shap Smith, Speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives; Gary Stein, Ph.D. and Claire Verschraegen, M.D., M.S., Co-Directors of the University of Vermont Cancer Center; and comments from Ryan Sullivan, our

keynote presenter on Saturday.

The opening ceremony wouldn't be complete without a performance by "The Boobie Sisters" – laughter and song from a group of courageous breast cancer survivors.

Note: this will be outdoors please remember your sun protec-

(Rainsite: Stoweflake Pinnacle Ballroom)

### FASHION SHOW!!

Friday, April 29 6:45 pm - 7:25 pm



The Green Ribbon Retailers are proud to present the "Pretty in Pink" Fashion Show, beginning promptly at 6:45 p.m., at the STOWEFLAKE RESORT - Pinnacle Ballroom. All are welcome to attend! Come see some beautiful Cancer Survivors model the latest fashion trends from participating Green Ribbon Retailers. The Roundtable Discussions scheduled for Friday evening will begin immediately after.

#### Master of Ceremonies for Opening and Closing - David Cranmer

David is a 17 year Leukemia and Bone Marrow Transplant survivor as well as 2 other cancer diagnosies. He attended his first Stowe Weekend of Hope in 2005 and has served on the Planning Committee since 2006. He is the co-founder and President of the

Vermont Cancer Survivor Network, which offers peer support for Vermonters living with cancer.

A member of the University of Vermont Cancer Center, his articles have been published by the Centers for Disease Control, the National Cancer Institute, the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society and the Journal for Public Health. He has presented at national, regional and state cancer conferences as well as the Weekend of Hope.

He volunteers as the Patient Advocate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as well as an officer on the SWOH Board of Directors

### Friday Night Entertainment

Evening Social, April 29, 8:30 p.m. • Stoweflake Resort/ Charlie B's

Join us for a relaxing, entertaining evening with live music by Sean "Mad Dog" Madden and Brett Sears—singer/songwriters from Albany, NY. A rare mix of folk, rock and alternative sounds, these talented recording artists bring the acoustic guitar to life in support of the Stowe Weekend of Hope!

### Keynote Address — Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.

Stoweflake Resort / Pinnacle Ballroom

The Dawn of the Immunotherapy Era: The Beginning of the End for Cancer?

Dr. Ryan Sullivan, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Ryan Sullivan is board certified in Medical Oncology and an Attending Physician in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). He attended Colby College for undergraduate studies and then matriculated to the University of Connecticut Medical School, graduating in 2001. He first trained in Internal Medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA and then at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Hematology/Oncology. At the MGH, he is a member of the Center for Melanoma, the Termeer



Center for Targeted Therapy, and the Center for Cancer Immunotherapy at the MGH Cancer Center.

Dr. Sullivan is an active clinical and translational investigator whose main areas of interest are the development of novel molecular and immune targeted agents for malignant melanoma and other solid tumors, the translation of promising preclinical findings into early stage clinical trials, and the development of predictive biomarkers for investigational as well as standard treatment approaches. He currently serves as the Principal Investigator on multiple clinical trials including combination regimens for the treatment of BRAF-mutant melanoma, and also is leading a number of biomarker studies in patients with melanoma. He has authored more than 60 research articles, abstracts and reviews in the peer-reviewed liter-



### Spreading Hope Through Humor with the Boobie Sisters

The Boobie Sisters have been performing since 2003 at many cancer and women related events. The program will use a combination of songs and stories using laughter as a tool in the healing process. The Boobie Sisters are all breast cancer survivors. The goal of the group is to spread hope to those impacted by this disease using songs that bring laughter and inspiration.

In addition to the Opening Ceremony on Friday, April 29, a special performance by the Boobie Sisters will take place on Saturday, April 30, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at The Stoweflake Resort in Pinnacle A.

### Closing Ceremony and Dedication of Flags of Hope & Healing

Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Stoweflake Resort/Pinnacle Ballroom

Join us and be entertained, amazed and uplifted! World-class

performances by the award-wining talent of the TRIP Dance Company; uplifting songs from "Alive with Song!"; and melodic voice of Hannah Marshall. As always, the ceremony will con-

clude with the remembrance of those we have lost to cancer and with the reading of the Lakota Prayer of Healings as we dedicate the Flags of Hope. Raffle prize winners will be announced.

# Raffle tickets for sale!

BE SURE to participate in the Stowe Weekend of Hope diamond necklace raffle, Sponsored by Von Bargen's Fine Jewelry! The TINY TREASURES DIA-MOND HOPE NECK-LACE is an 18K White Gold Diamond Hope Necklace, valued at \$700. Tickets are just \$15 each with the winner drawn at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win.



### **SPRING CUISINE:** budget friendly seasonal recipes that are simple, healthy & delicious

Pink Ribbon Cooking is proud to support Stowe Weekend of Hope and those that attend. We hope this gift of simple and healthy recipes is a welcome addition to your kitchen this year.

-Chef Curtiss



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## Interfaith Candlelight Service for Remembrance and Hope

Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. Stowe Community Church

This interfaith service is one of the most poignant elements of the weekend. Through singing, dancing, sharing, and a memorial candle lighting, those gathered will listen to a respectful reading of the rolls of cancer survivors both present and past. Donations collected at the Candlelight Service will benefit the Stowe Weekend of Hope.

To purchase a luminary bag in someone's honor, stop by the registration desk. Luminaries will be available for \$5 throughout the weekend until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, and at the Church starting at 5:00 p.m.