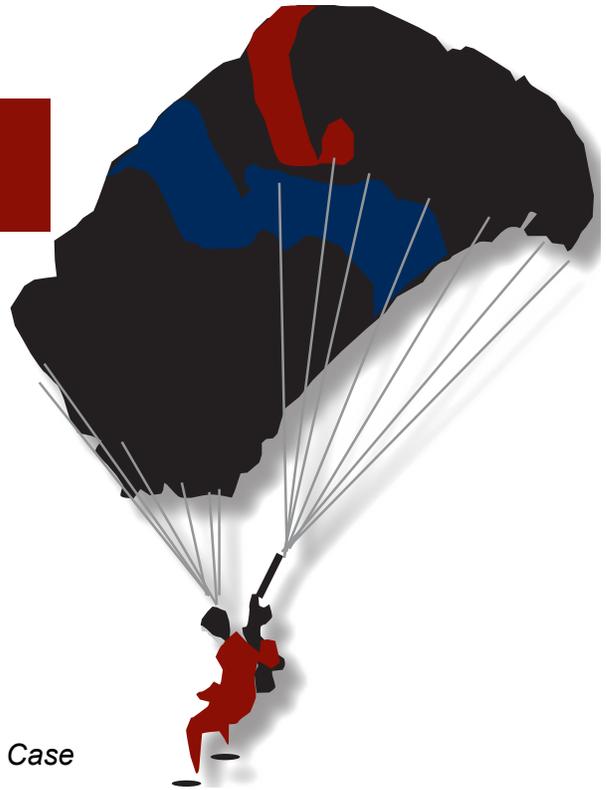


THE ART OF FLYING

 DANA-FARBER
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“Just bring an open mind and heart” -- Jessica Case

The “Art of Flying” Benefit is organized to raise awareness and exposure to the Creative Arts Department at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Creative Arts Department offers gentle therapies that are especially helpful during difficult times, when a new patient often feel overwhelmed with diagnoses and treatment plans of cancer.

Cancer has touched all of us one way or another, possibly in the initial diagnosis phase or perhaps someone you know is a cancer survivor, Whatever your involvement, cancer is a life event for everyone involved. The need for a peaceful respite is so powerful in these times.

The First Annual Art of Flying offers everyone an important opportunity to become involved. It could be taking that leap of faith at 13,500 feet, or it could be another kind of leap of faith on the ground raising awareness and much needed funds. The Art Of Flying represents that special place where there is no confrontation, labeling, or judgment, just a place where people help people in order to find peace in the midst of a daunting struggle.

The Creative Arts Department, at Dana-Farber, throughout the year give our friend a place of quietude and creativity where guest artists offer workshops in writing poetry, making jewelry, knitting, creating collages, landscape painting, and music lessons. The department offers drama, and other artistic opportunities to patients, family members, caregivers, and staff members. Materials are provided free of charge, and no artistic experience is necessary; only an open mind and heart.

This skydiving event and benefit was founded by inspired and dedicated people from all walks of life who came together to discover different ways to be helpful during this trying and yet inspirational moment in the lives of cancer patients.

We feel that destiny has brought our team together. Business people, skydivers, veterans, doctors, registered nurses, volunteers and all sorts of giving individuals. We have accepted the challenge of finding new ways to raise money to do just one simple and very important thing: *make a difference*. Please, join us and help us by accepting the challenge too.

