



Voices of Hope Membership Information

Please read this entire document before signing the membership agreement

Who we are:

We consider ourselves ordinary people on an extraordinary mission to find a cure for cancer.

Voices of Hope is a registered, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose members share a passion for the performing arts and a desire to join the fight against cancer by raising awareness and funds for cancer research.

Founded by local performer Greg Chastain, who lost his mother in 2009 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer, our members are volunteer directors, technicians, vocalists, dancers, musicians and supporters of the arts who dedicate their time and talents to raise funds for the fight against cancer. Nearly every one our members has a personal relationship with someone who has or is battling cancer... some are survivors themselves... too many have lost loved ones to this terrible disease.

What we do:

With music as our voice, we share stories of hope, loss, and courage to raise awareness and funds to support cancer research, and to inspire others to join our fight for a cure!

VOH produces two major performance events a year, and a number of smaller performance and PR events, as well as some non-performance fundraising activities, all to raise awareness of and financial support for our mission. Not every member performs on stage and performing members do not need to perform in every production. However, we hope that our members try to support as many of our productions and activities throughout the year as possible.

To date, **our major performance events** have been at such visible venues as Boston Symphony Hall, New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, the beautiful oceanside Shalin Liu theater in Rockport, and the amazing theater we now like to call home - The North Shore Music Theatre.

Our **public relations events** provide our members with fun and unique performance opportunities while raising visibility for VOH and providing support to other fundraising organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Lungevity, and Conquer Cancer Coalition. Past events have included performances at the Hatch Shell, Castle Island, and City Hall Plaza in Boston, in addition to performing the National Anthem for the NE Patriots, Boston Red Sox, Celtics, NASCAR, the New England Revolution, and the Lowell Spinners,!

Our non-performance events include opportunities to introduce VOH to a broader audience thru our annual golf and tennis tournaments and a number of member driven fundraising events including home parties and other sales and service offerings that provide a portion of their proceeds to VOH.

Where the money goes:

***Since 2009, VOH has donated over \$780,000 dollars to cancer research
\$646,000 of which has gone to our partners at Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies
at Mass General Cancer Center!***

In 2019, Voices of Hope is proud to continue our support for the **Henri and Belinda Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies** at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. To read about the amazing work they are doing to advance cancer research, please go to: www.massgeneral.org/cancer and search "Termeer Center" in the search box.



Member Requirements:

- Pay **Membership Dues**: \$60.00 per calendar year (paid to Voices of Hope).
- Submit your name, address, email address, phone number(s), and **update any changes** to the Director of Membership.
- Purchase a Voices of Hope sweatshirt or t-shirt for performances that call for the cast to wear their “**VOH Gear**”.
- **Promote** events by helping to sell tickets to friends, family, and co-workers.
- If in a production, provide at least one ad for the **show program**.

Member Expectations:

- Respect the goals, mission, and property of the organization.
- Read all emails from the organization and respond as requested* (please see below).
- Be a supportive/active member by performing, working at, and/or attending our performances, participating in fund raising activities, serving on committees, and assisting where needed.
- Promote the organization and its mission through your conversations with others in person and on Social Media.
- Attend periodic “Nest” clean-up sessions, which maintain and improve our home.
- When involved in a performance, respect the decisions of the artistic team, and support the process and your peer performers by being attentive to the schedule as well as being on time and prepared for all rehearsals and production calls.

** VOH maintains an active membership page on Facebook. All critical communication is done via email so Facebook is not a requirement, however, it is an important part of our connectivity with each other and we encourage all members to join if possible. PLEASE NOTE, Facebook is ONLY for VOH related communications (i.e.: rehearsal updates, event details, member fundraisers, costume sharing, carpooling, support, etc.). It is NOT for the promotion of non-VOH productions or business.*

As long as there is research to be done, our voices of Hope will sing out for a cure!

Voices of Hope Membership Agreement

Please complete the information below and return it with your \$60 Membership Dues.
If you are already a member, please only fill in your name and any new or updated information.
Your Membership Dues will cover you for all activities in the **2020** calendar year.

I have read the above information and would like to become a member of the VOH organization.

Signature _____

Print Name: _____

I am already a VOH Member and my information has not changed.

I am already a member and the information below is new or updated.

I am a new member.

Physical Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: **h-** _____ **c-** _____

Checks can be made out to: *Voices of Hope* and can be mailed to or returned directly to:

VOH c/o - Beth Consoli - 35 Meadowood Road - North Andover, MA 01845

Date: _____ For Calendar Year: **2020** Cash / Check # _____

Do you have any non-performing skills that may benefit the organization? Are you a good sewer?
Are you great with Photoshop? Do you know your way around power tools for set building or are
you artistic for painting sets?

Think outside the box – is there a talent in you that we haven't tapped into yet???

