Did you know that NYOH physicians and staff raise funds year round for the benefit of our patients? Money is raised in small and large ways, both for the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation and for various national fundraising events. Whether it’s paying $1 to wear jeans on Fridays, or enjoying potlucks and ice cream socials, staff throughout the practice find fun ways to raise money for the Foundation.

Then, come October, people strap on their walking shoes and participate in several national fundraising walks. This year, the NYOH Cares Team participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the Light the Night Walk — raising $1,990 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The NYOH Cares Team even braved SNOW at the Making Strides Walk and raised an impressive $4,590.

Leading up to the Making Strides Walk, staff across the practice sites contributed to gift baskets to raffle off, raising $864 for the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation. Thank you to everyone who walked, donated support and contributed to the gift baskets.
Getting to Know... Pat Brady, PA-C

On November 7th, 2015, 100 people gathered at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse to enjoy Pat Brady in her one woman show Act III. The show raised $1800, with $900 going to the Schenectady Civic Players, and the other $900 going to the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation. In the audience were friends, coworkers, and many family members, including her two children and seven grandchildren, some of whom travelled from as far away as Fresno, California in order to attend.

The two charities that benefited from the performance, perfectly represent the two interests Pat has simultaneously pursued for the last 25 years — medicine and performing. In 1990, when her daughter left for college, Pat went to work at the Riverview Cancer Center as a phlebotomist, and also took to the stage as Lily in a performance of Annie (with her dog playing the role of Sandy).

Since then, Pat has performed in more than 40 productions, including the roles of Mrs. Danvers in Rebecca, and Fraulein Kost in Cabaret. She returned to school in 1993 to become a Physician Assistant, an opportunity she credits partly to the letters of recommendation she received from Drs Silver, Pipito, Jaski, and Wertalik, the physicians she worked with at the time. After graduating, she went to work in family practice medicine, but returned to NYOH in 1999, and has worked here since.

When asked how she manages to balance it all, Pat said that her two divergent interests satisfy both her objective/scientific side and her creative side, and that “It balances me.”