More than 550 people attended Cancer Pathways’ 22nd annual Surviving with Style fashion show and gala in downtown Seattle on Sept. 14, and there was not a dry eye in the house, according to Executive Director Anna Gottlieb.

The mission of Cancer Pathways (formerly Gilda’s Club Seattle) is simple: No one has to face cancer alone. Cancer Pathways offers education, support and family programs to men, women, teens and children living with cancer, along with their families and friends.

A record-high 28 models, all cancer survivors ranging in age from 4–76, walked the runway in beautiful outfits by local designers, as emcees Michelle Millman and Matt Lorch shared their stories to a boisterous, cheering audience.

During the gala, Cancer Pathways’ largest annual fundraiser, Gottlieb welcomed Molly and Katie Hill, the wife and daughter of the late Andy Hill, who presented the Andy Hill Impact and Influence Award to the late Hunter G. Goodman. Goodman, who died of kidney cancer in April at the age of 49, served as the Secretary of the Washington State Senate.

Goodman’s wife, Sarah, and son, Grayson, accepted the award on Hunter’s behalf. The crowd was moved to tears as the pair spoke about what both Hunter and Andy Hill — close friends — did for their communities. They were both dedicated and passionate cancer advocates.

“Hunter was so important to everybody who knew him and he cared deeply about the work of Cancer Pathways,” Gottlieb said. He was a board member and a great friend to the organization.

Later in the evening, Grayson, 11, explained the importance of Cancer Pathways’ Camp Sparkle, a series of free summer day camps in Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bellevue offered to children ages 6–12 who have been touched by cancer in a variety of ways.

“It was a magical night,” Gottlieb said. “All of the models looked fantastic and, more importantly, inspired the audience. The money we raised will go a long way to ensure that we continue offering all of our programs and services at no cost. We’re already excited for next year.”