

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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## Ms. Fran Drescher

Fran Drescher is best known for her Emmy & Golden Globe nominated portrayal of the loveable Miss Fine on the CBS hit series *The Nanny*, which she starred in, created and executive produced. Due to the success of *The Nanny*, Fran was honored by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu at The Knesset for the distinction of being the first Jewish woman to play a Jewish character on television in almost five decades, which transcended borders worldwide.

Most recently she shared through humor, her personal relationship with her gay ex husband, which supported living an authentic life in the television series *Happily Divorced*. A long time champion for Gay Civil Liberties, Fran was honored with the Human Rights Campaign's Ally for Equality Award and the Stonewall and Liberty Bell Awards for her advocacy and activism.

Fran has been in countless movies and worked with such amazing directors as Rob Reiner, Milos Forman and Francis Ford Coppola in such films as *Jack*, *Ragtime* and *This Is Spinal Tap*, however *Beautician* and *The Beast* in which she executive produced and starred opposite to Mr. Timothy Dalton remains her favorite.

An accomplished author, Fran penned the New York Times bestseller *Enter Whining* and most recently the widely read children's book *Being Wendy*, which explores self acceptance through the experiences of a unique little girl. She received the prestigious NCCS Writer's Award for her autobiographical New York Times bestseller *Cancer Schmancer* in which she bravely shares her personal journey through her battle with cancer and all the silver linings that come out of that experience.

June 21<sup>st</sup>, Fran will celebrate 17 years of being a uterine cancer survivor. She turns lemons into lemonade and pain into purpose through her leadership as a cancer advocate. Her mission is to shift America's focus towards early detection, "Catch it on arrival, 95% survival" and prevention, "Let's not get cancer in the first place. How's that for a cure?" Fran's messaging empowers consumers and homemakers to use their good ol' fashion purchasing power to dictate safer, more responsible manufacturing trends.

Each year, The Fran Drescher Health Summit has brought to the public the latest information by highly respected and cutting edge experts with the sole mission to transform passive patients into active medical consumers. Knowledge is power!

As Founder, President and Visionary of her non-profit, The Cancer Schmancer Movement, she focuses on three prongs to fight the disease: Early Detection, Prevention and Advocacy. Some of CSM's accomplishments include Fran Vans, which provide free mammograms to low income women who are underserved or uninsured, the Detox Your Home Program educates American



families on how to reduce their risk through healthy living and WTF (We The Future), which educates, motivates and empowers young people for a call to action with the CSM agenda.

Fran leverages her international fame for the greater good. Tirelessly she reminds Americans and elected officials that cancer is nonpartisan and poor health is the great equalizer. Fran uses her unique voice on Capital Hill to advocate for a wide range of issues from Environment, Arts, Education, Civil Liberties and of course her most vocal activism, Health Education, prevention and reform. She was extremely instrumental in getting the bi-partisan Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act to pass by unanimous consent. Fran was appointed, the vetted position of U.S. State Department Public Diplomacy Envoy for Women's Health by Secretary of State Rice during the President Bush 43 administration. As a U.S. State Department Envoy, she traveled globally to meet with several of our allied nations and their heads of state, hospitals, cancer patients, local NGOs, as well as U.S. military bases.

Fran has won countless awards for her leadership in the health space, including the John Wayne Institute Woman of Achievement Award, the Gilda Award, City of Hope Woman of the Year Award, the Albert Einstein Medical School Lifetime Achievement Award and the American's for the Arts Citizens Award. Additionally, The Washingtonian named her one of the Top Five Most Effective celebrity lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

Recently Fran appeared on CBS Sunday Morning where she revisited her old neighborhood of Flushing Queens. She feels a great affinity for her alma mater, Queens College and is greatly honored to be this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.