

Volunteer Newsletter

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In 1993, the Senior Corporate Vice President of Estee Lauder Companies founded October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) and established the pink ribbon as its symbol. BCAM is dedicated to increasing breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. The WVBCCSPP, its volunteers, providers, and other community organizations celebrated its fifteenth annual BCAM with a series of activities, including breakfasts, lunches and dinners, wreath hangings, balloon launches, parades, dinner theaters, free screening clinics, and Walks for Women.



Congratulations volunteers for raising more than \$85,000 for the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund!



Volunteer Luncheon

The WVBCCSPP recognized its volunteers at this year's annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on November 29, 2007. More than 75 volunteers from across the state headed to the Days Inn Hotel in Flatwoods, WV, for a memorable day of fun and friends.

Lisa Perkins started off the day by highlighting her personal experiences with cancer. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and through a series of events found out she had a BRCA gene mutation. Doctors recommended that she have a bilateral mastectomy because of the gene mutation, but

during the surgery, doctors found breast cancer. Despite her circumstances, Lisa fought on. Since going into remission, Lisa and her family have been loyal volunteers of the WVBCCSPP and have raised over \$1,000 each year for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund.

In addition to Lisa's touching presentation, the Cancer Information Specialists highlighted Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities throughout the state and volunteers discussed outreach ideas for October 2008. To end the day, volunteers participated in



a candle lighting ceremony while Josh Groban's song, "You Raise Me Up," played over the speakers. Thank you to all of the volunteers for your continued commitment and support of the Program!

Quilts of Hope in Phase 2

Over the last year, twelve quilting groups have worked determinedly to complete quilts that will no doubt touch the hearts of men and women alike. The Quilts of Hope project was started as a way to raise awareness about breast cancer and honor breast cancer survivors, but to the quilters, it has become much more; it has become a chance to showcase a beautiful talent!

During October 2007, these amazing quilts were displayed across the state and volunteers loyally worked to sell donation tickets to support the WV Breast and Cervical

Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund. Tickets will be sold throughout the new year until October 2008, at which time a winner for each quilt will be chosen. The quilts will be displayed at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in November before being sent to their rightful owners.

The WVBC CSP would like to encourage new and current quilters to participate in the 2008-2010 Quilts of Hope project. The new project will begin in November 2008. If you are interested in participating, please contact Samantha Haverlock, Education Coordinator, at



(304) 293-2370 or by e-mail at shaverlock@hsc.wvu.edu. The Program wants to thank each quilter for all your hard work and dedication to this cause. The women receiving Program services through the Fund appreciate your commitment and the WVBC CSP certainly appreciates each of you!

Creative Ideas From BCAM



STICKERS ON FOOTBALL HELMETS



TABLE CLOTHS



T-SHIRTS



BILLBOARDS



TREE HANGINGS



CAKES



SIGNS

New Staff



The WVBC CSP would like to welcome its new Cancer Information Specialist to the staff. Sandy Duvall will be working in Region 6, which includes

Dislikes

Snakes

Clutter

Floods



Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, and Wetzel counties. She is an RN with a BSN degree from West Liberty State College, has a masters in Community Health Education from WVU, and is a certified Community Health Education Specialist and Diabetes Educator. Sandy

Likes

Computer Games

Reading

Crocheting

Football

Music



has worked in hospitals, inpatient programs, outpatient and staff education, quality improvement, and hospice care.

Welcome Sandy!