

Volunteer Newsletter

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Pink. A simple color.

Pink represents a promise made from one sister to another to end the suffering caused by breast cancer. It represents the fight women endure when they hear they might lose the one thing that makes them feel like women.

But all that gives way to those who put aside that suffering to help those in need. The WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program

proudly displays pink during the month of October, or Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Through a variety of awareness activities, WVCCSP volunteers raise money for the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund so that West Virginia women can receive life-saving services they may not otherwise be able to afford. We cannot say thank you enough!

IN 2008, OVER \$70,000 WAS RAISED FOR THE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT FUND!



You're Worth It...



Quilts of Hope

Another wonderful Quilts of Hope Project has come to an end. The quilts for the 2006-2008 Project were as vibrant as the women who spent hours perfecting them. With just four yards of challenge fabric provided, each group managed to surprise us with their unique designs and beautiful palette of colors. Thank you quilters for your hard work and dedication to this Project!

Registration forms for the 2008-2010 Quilts of Hope Project have been mailed. If you're interested in participating and did not receive a registration form, or if you know somebody who might be interested, contact Samantha Haverlock at (304) 293-2370.



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Despite the cloudy skies, the freezing temperatures, and even the snow remaining on the ground from a previous winter weather advisory, over 100 volunteers from around the state attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on November 19, 2008, at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV.

Inside, the warm atmosphere radiated what everyone has known all along, that we are all in this fight together. Volunteers greeted one another, shared their stories, and participated in a lively discussion about 2009's possibilities. Beth Snyder, a two-time breast cancer survivor, relayed the importance of volunteerism and the impact it has on women everywhere, and Susie Nicodemus spoke of how the Medicaid Treatment Act took care of her medical bills while she focused on getting better. The Cancer Information Specialists recalled details of successful October events while a slideshow played in the background.

What a tremendous gift the WVBCSP can be to those women in need! The volunteers help provide free or low-cost services to West Virginia women by raising funds and awareness across the state. Thank you volunteers for your tireless efforts to make each October a successful one.



Remembering Janie



October is a month for individuals statewide to help promote breast cancer awareness and raise funds for the prevention, early detection, and treatment of breast cancer for uninsured or underinsured West Virginia women. One of these notable individuals was Janie Altmeyer, a community leader in her own right. Janie had a passion for helping women in her community. While struggling with her own health issues, she never wavered in her commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

Janie launched the "Think Pink" luncheon a few years ago in Wheeling, WV, to raise money for the WV Breast

and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund. Initially, Janie prepared the entire luncheon on her own. In the following years, friends pitched in. Since that first year Janie's signature event has grown to include a silent auction and increasing attention from the public.

Janie lost her battle against cancer this past August, but she never lost her will. That is evident in the friends, cancer survivors, and other individuals willing and ready to continue her legacy. The WVBCSP would like to thank this dedicated group of individuals and remember Janie Altmeyer for her passion and her commitment to improving the lives of others.

Meet the Staff

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program is proud to announce a new addition to its staff. Pam Postalwait is the new tracking and follow-up nurse. Her local ties and impressive understanding of the Program ensure that she will be an asset to the WVBCSP.



Likes:

- ◆ Boating
- ◆ Old music
- ◆ Family time
- ◆ Road trips
- ◆ Fall weather



Dislikes:

- ◆ Breast cancer
- ◆ Being late
- ◆ Clutter
- ◆ Dishonesty
- ◆ Gas prices