

Kelly's Warriors raise \$30,000 during Walk for the Cure

Ten friends and family members of Kelly Eyt Pomrinke joined more than 3,000 walkers on a 60-mile journey through Philadelphia on October 17, 18 and 19 during the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure.

Kelly's Warriors walked in memory of their loved one who inspired them in her battle against breast cancer, a battle she lost in November 2006 at the young age of 32, just over a month after she participated in the 2006 3-Day Walk.

"We walk not only for Kelly, but for all of the other mothers, wives, daughters and friends fighting the battle of breast cancer," said Jon Pomrinke, Kelly's husband and a native of Dallas. "The walk was a wonderful experience for our entire team; it gives you a real sense of accomplishment. The bonding between team members, friends, family and even strangers is priceless. It is our hope that we can be a part of the cure and change the outcome for other families."

Pomrinke also walks for his daughter Kira, almost 4 years old,



The late Kelly Pomrinke embraces her daughter, Kira, at the completion of the 2006 Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure in Philadelphia.

who is considered at risk for cancer because of the family history. Kelly Pomrinke was diagnosed just two months after Kira was born.

"Kira knows and understands why we walk," Pomrinke said. "The walk is a big part of her life right now and I'm sure it always will be."

The name of the team is Kelly's Warriors because Kelly was a fighter, a warrior and the team wanted to carry on her strength. In addition to her husband, local walkers

included Maureen Gallagher, Holly Fry, Tracy Banks, Missy Hiedcavage and Mike Koprowski.

Thirty thousand dollars were raised by the team to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust, both of which fund important breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

The walk began on a cool, crisp fall morning at Willow Grove Park Mall with the opening ceremony.

"The Philadelphia Community, as well as many friends and family came out in full force supporting us with snacks, drinks, high fives and smiles," said walker Maureen Gallagher.

After a 20-mile walk on day one, the group settled down in camp for the night at Fairmount Park. Temple University football players, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helped with gear and tents. Saturday was another beautiful day.

"Center City Philadelphia painted the town pink with the skyline and

fountains and our tour through the city and on Kelly's Drive was a gorgeous path, which kept us all motivated to continue with this grueling journey," Gallagher said.

The final day began with cool weather and a definite excitement in the air. The team walked through Philadelphia and surrounding sub-

urbs to its final destination, Villanova University, which proved to be a beautiful site to end the long journey.

"We all know someone, a friend, co-worker or family member who has been affected by cancer," Jon Pomrinke said. "I would like to encourage everyone to get involved

in next year's walk and help us raise money to find a cure."

Donations are being accepted for Kelly's Warriors - 2009 Walk to Benefit the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation. Anyone who would like to fund or join the team for next year's walk is asked to contact Maureen Gallagher at 674-8765.



Kelly's Warriors raised \$3,000 toward breast cancer research during this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure in Philadelphia. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Maureen Gallagher, Jon Pomrinke, Michelle Harris and Becky Burns. Second row, Jen Roberts, Holly Fry, Tracy Banks, Cheryl Magee, Missy Hiedcavage and Mike Koprowski.

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Planning a Holiday Fair at the Meadows Nursing Center for Wednesday, Nov. 12, are from left, first row, Barbara Sinnott and Marilyn Gregorski, Volunteer Coordinator; Second row, Betty Sorchik, Margie Blank, Leann Emerick R.N.; Bernie Hill, Margie Hislop, Louise Montigny and Bernie Szczechowicz.

Holiday Fair will be held at Meadows on Wednesday

In keeping with the season, the Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, is planning a Holiday Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Admission is free and all proceeds will benefit the 130 residents of the center.

The fair will include vendors with holiday merchandise. Volunteers are sponsoring a variety of booths, including White Elephant, Christmas Treasures, Books, Jewelry, Baked Goods and

Basket Raffles. Any donation of these type items may be dropped off at the reception desk of the center.

A complimentary blood pressure screening will be offered by Erwine Home Health and Hospice. Cura Hospitality will have a lunch available for purchase.

A few vendor spaces are still available. More information is available by calling the volunteer department at the Meadows Nursing Center at 675-8600, extension 195.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Alaimo graduates from SEAL training

Sam William Alaimo, SO3 (USN), of Dallas, recently achieved the distinction of successfully graduating from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUDS) Training in Coronado, CA.

The six-month BUDS/SEAL course focuses on physical conditioning, small boat handling, diving physics, combat diving techniques land warfare, weapons, demolitions, communications and reconnaissance. Mirroring a history of an approximate 75-85% drop rate due to the rigors of this training, Class 271 started with 243 sailors and graduated 40 with only 18 originals.

Alaimo is the son of Ellen M. Ferretti and Dr. John Alaimo, both of Dallas, and the brother

brother of Rose and Candice Alaimo.

Santarelli at Tufts

Nina Santarelli, of Dallas, was among more than 1,300 undergraduate students from 43 different states and 33 nations who began their first year at Tufts University in Medford/Somerville, Mass.

Locals at Drexel

Carl Bartizek and Alexander Gallagher, both of Dallas, have started a bachelor's degree program at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Bartizek is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and will major in chemistry while Gallagher, a graduate of Dallas High School, is majoring in chemical engineering.



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