

2009 KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER AGAIN

Gray overcast skies could not begin to dampen the spirits of throngs of Houstonians as they converged on Sam Houston Park Downtown for the 19th Annual Komen Houston Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 3rd. Indeed, more than 32,000 people registered for the race this year, a new record. The Good Neighbor Healthcare Center family turned out in strength as well, with 41 staff and family – including the of H Optometry Clinic – joining in this now-traditional autumnal event. The GNHC effort once again included an educational booth, staffed by Michelle Davila. We also fielded our first competitive runner in the race, Chief Operating Officer Aaron Palmer. Aaron finished 270th among 4,000 racers in his age group. Great job, Aaron!!



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“I love the way this entire community comes together on this one day each year to renew our commitment to fight breast cancer,” remarked Janet S. Donath, GNHC Executive Director. “I can’t think of a worthier cause. The numbers tell us that we still have so much work ahead of us – over 40,000 women will die in this country this year alone. Yes, we all know survivors – in so many cases, it is someone very close to us. And we celebrate and rejoice in their survival. But all too often, we also know someone who has been taken by this terrible disease. That’s why we *must* relentlessly pursue this killer. The Susan G. Komen for the Cure – Houston Affiliate does a great service by marshaling the community in such an effective manner. There is no way for us to adequately thank them for all that they do.”

As a result of another generous grant this year from the Houston Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Good Neighbor continues its program to provide breast health and breast cancer awareness education and screening to low-income women patients with little or no health insurance living in the Greater Houston area, including Hispanics and African Americans. The array of services include physical examinations; nutritional education; Breast Health and Breast Cancer Awareness and Education classes; breast screenings in the M.D. Anderson Mobile Mammography Screening program; and, when appropriate, diagnostic testing provided by The Rose.