

Your Support Needed

More Transcona Women To Walk To End Breast Cancer

In response to our request last issue, several more **Transcona** women have come forward to tell of their intention to participate in the first annual **Weekend To End Breast Cancer Walk In Winnipeg** – an event to be held the weekend of **June 9-11** to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. Proceeds from the 60-kilometre

walk will benefit the **CancerCare Manitoba Foundation**, an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for those living with cancer and blood disorders, and to improving the control of cancer for all **Manitobans**.

Last issue, we told you about **Cheryl Ehn** and **Shannon Schultz** who are

raising donations to participate – this issue we can add the following names (including two “teams”) to the list: **Candace Bennett, Lisa Borsa, Lynne Carlson, Margery Favell, Krista Thoroski, Lexie’s Pink Flamingos (Nicole Bruneau, Connie Johannson & Lori Johannson)** and **The Pink Pals (Corinne Engel, Debbie Kutzan & Angel Maniaco)**. Each participant must raise at least **\$2,000** through donations.

You can donate to them by visiting the event website at www.endcancer.ca where, on the home page, click “**Winnipeg**” for our city page, then click “**Donate**” in the left menu. That will bring up the “**Search Page**” where you type in the person’s first-and-last names (or name of team) in the appropriate boxes and click “**Find A Participant**”. Then simply follow the donation instructions at the top of the participant’s “**Personal Page**”. Electronic donations can be made up-to-and-including **June 8**.

Participants’ Comments —

Candace Bennett: “It is a sad reality that most people know a relative, friend or neighbour who has been diagnosed with cancer. I myself have been touched by such people. Life is precious and I am compelled to do something to help save lives.” **Lisa Borsa:** “Some of you may know that my own mom fought breast cancer about eight years ago and she is still here to tell the tale. It was one of the most terrifying times of my life and we still hold our breath every year at mammogram time. I know without a doubt that I would not have my mom if she didn’t regularly go for these mammograms and I want to do something to ensure more women in the future do them as well.”

Lynne Carlson, who lost her mother to breast cancer 26 years ago: “She was only 46 years old. I am walking in her memory and for the countless other people who have lost or are now fighting this dreadful disease. I hope I can make a difference.” **Margery Favell:** “I have been a walker all my life and when people ask me why I walk, my response to them is, ‘I walk to live.’ I could tell you a life story here of times when I have faced the dark emotions of grief, fear and despair. But I will not. What I will tell you is that the world is suffering because as individuals we are unable to heal from these emotions. Cancer contributes to these emotions so I walk to help heal the world from the emotions of grief, fear and despair.”

Krista Thoroski, currently living in **Richer** but who was raised and educated in **Transcona**: “March 17 marked one year to the day that my aunt was taken from us. We have lost a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt and, most of all, mother. She fought a tremendous fight right to the end, with happy thoughts and with a positive outlook for her son as she was a single mother. I can’t say that I

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