

# Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate



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## Bold Goal

In 2016, Susan G. Komen declared a Bold Goal: to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by 50 percent by 2026. This goal builds on the tenets for progress outlined in *A Promise Renewed* in 2014, when we said that we would move with more determination than ever to find cures for aggressive and metastatic breast cancers, and to improve outcomes for low-income and uninsured women, women of color, and other vulnerable populations that face barriers to breast cancer care.

## Mission

Our promise is to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find the cures.



Local survivors: Ronda Guyton, Megan Rappleyea, Tonya Smith and Kim LeHew

Komen Memorial is dedicated to raising money for research, providing funding for local agencies, and supporting our survivors. We are proud to call these survivors our friends!

**Ronda Guyton** was diagnosed after her first mammogram at age 39, and has since become an outspoken activist for bringing the Komen breast self-awareness message to our local minority community. We were lucky to have Ronda as our 2016 Race Chair, and she continues to serve on the Race committee.

**Megan Rappleyea** was only 22 when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, and had a recurrence less than one year later. She works with cancer survivors as a lung nurse navigator, and is touched by the strength, courage and hope that surrounds her daily. We know that her patients admire these qualities in her, too.

**Tonya Smith** finally got her first mammogram in 2012 at age 45 after her client, Ronda Guyton, shared her personal breast cancer story with her. In 2015, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, thankfully at an early stage. Treatment, healing and Ronda have ushered Tonya into our family.

Our 2017 Race Co-Chair, **Kim LeHew**, is a two-year survivor and beacon of inspiration and hope in our community.

These ladies positively radiate hope; we are honored to walk beside them in this journey, serving as both cheerleader and advocate.

## SURVIVOR SUPPORT

No one walks this journey alone, and neither should you. The following support groups meet monthly at the Memorial Affiliate:

- **Komen Café**, for all survivors, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30pm
- **Young Survival Coalition**, for women diagnosed under 40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6pm
- **Circle of Promise**, one-on-one peer support for minority women, by request.

## Upcoming Events

**Brats for the Cure**, Schnucks  
May 5-7, 2017

**Shoot for the Cure**  
May 6, 2017

**Komen Peoria Race for the Cure**  
May 13, 2017

**Sunset Ridge MX Track Walk**  
June 16, 2017

**Rally for the Cure**  
Arrowhead Country Club  
August 2, 2017

**Pink the Park**, Peoria Chiefs  
August 25, 2017

**Pink Promise Survivor Fashion Show & Luncheon**  
October 26, 2017

**Ride for the Cure**  
Fall 2017

**Pink the Rink**, Peoria Rivermen  
Winter 2017

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