This Mother’s Day, thousands of breast cancer survivors and supporters gathered at Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park to celebrate the silver anniversary of what has become a tradition for so many in the region—the Komen Pittsburgh Race for the Cure.

For 25 years, the Race has been a symbol of hope, strength and a promise to end breast cancer forever.

On the beautiful morning of May 14, more than 18,000 Race for the Cure participants came together to support the Komen Promise of saving lives by helping to invest in community needs and breakthrough research.

WTAE-TV anchors Michelle Wright and Andrew Stockey once again served as the masters of ceremonies and helped pump up the crowd for the morning’s events. Marcela Bohm-Velez, MD, was honored with the Karen Shapira Giant Eagle Award and Margaret Quinn Rosenzweig, professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, received the PNC Community Caring Award.

Locally, Komen Pittsburgh’s mission is to provide education, screening and treatment for women and men in 34 counties across western and central Pennsylvania. Of all funds raised, 75% stays in the community, while 25% goes to the national Susan G. Komen Research Program. With the corporate and community support of all 25 races, Komen Pittsburgh has invested more than $20 million in local education, screening and treatment initiatives, and also has raised more than $7.6 million for national research.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without Race founders Laurie Moser, Pat Siger and Eileen Lane—three friends who turned a conversation into a movement when they organized the first Pittsburgh Race for the Cure in 1993.

Moser, Siger and Lane served as the honorary chairs for this year’s milestone anniversary Race.

After the emotional and touching survivor parade honoring more than 1,500 breast cancer survivors in attendance—as well as those who are no longer with us—the trio was joined by 24 Race chairs. The breast cancer diagnosis years of these individuals (Continued on page 2)
Race for the Cure
Fundraising Awards

Komen Pittsburgh is honored to recognize the top individual and team fundraisers for the 2017 Komen Pittsburgh Race for the Cure.

Pink Honor Roll 2017
These individuals have been named to the 2017 Pink Honor Roll in recognition of their efforts.

The following are members of this year’s Pink Honor Roll, listed in order of amount raised, starting with the highest:

- Robin Caldwell
- Linda Pelkofer
- Roberta Clutter
- Connie Skzaez
- Kelley Herman
- Jacqueline Rozell
- Amy Michalszyn
- John Cigna
- Shailla Budner
- Elizabeth Grossman
- Claudia Klos
- Lois Karran
- Bill Andrews
- Moira Molloy
- Marge Volon
- Kristina Hagan
- Terry Williams
- Ileana Iskoe
- Darcy Mautino
- Brian Kornish
- Kell Vereb
- David Bajek
- MaryAnn Scutelis
- Cathy McGrath
- Stephanie Dutton

Primary Health Network
Beaver County Breast Health Improvement
$35,000
Cancer Caring Center
Enhancing Quality of Life for Breast Cancer Patients
$34,559
Consumer Health Coalition
Outreach of Women Newly Insured and Tracked—DWN IT
$32,537
Fulton County Medical Center Foundation
Breast Cancer Support Program
$30,755
Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation
The Plastic Surgery Surgical Lymphedema Program at Magee
$19,421
Penn Highlands Healthcare
Breast/Patient Navigation
$19,421

Komen Celebrates the Promise, Recognizes Supporters
8th annual Celebration of the Promise dinner at LeMont

Friends and supporters of Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh gathered for an evening of recognition, appreciation and comradery on Wednesday, June 14, at LeMont Restaurant for A Celebration of the Promise.

About 175 guests attended the eighth annual event, where they enjoyed stunning views of the City of Pittsburgh atop Mt. Washington as they enjoyed a fabulous dinner and celebrated individuals and organizations who have committed themselves to carrying out the Komen Promise of saving lives.

Betsy Benson, Publisher and Vice President of Pittsburgh Magazine, served as the event’s mistress of ceremonies, leading the award ceremony.

Lou Cestello, Pittsburgh Market Regional President at PNC Bank, presented the 2017 Community Caring Award to Margaret Quinn Rosenzweig, professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

Pat Sigler, one of the co-founders of the Pittsburgh Race for the Cure, presented the Terri L. Chapman Award to Dr. Jules Sumkin, Co-Director of the Womens’ Imaging Fellowship at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, and Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; and

We congratulate and thank these selfless individuals for their dedication and support of Komen Pittsburgh.

Top Teams 2017
The following are the top fundraising teams for 2017:

- Friends and Family: Team MartTA TA
- K-12 Private School: Winchester Thurston, WT Bears Team
- K-12 Public School: Gateway Cheerleading
- Nonprofit Organization: IXTM
- Healthcare: UPMC, Doctors for the Cure Team

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Komen Pittsburgh also issued $41,718 in small grants, extending professional development and seed programs to improve breast health services in the community. For more information about the Komen Grants Program, visit the “Grants” section of komenpittsburgh.org.

Komen Pittsburgh Announces 2017 Grantees

Komen G. Komen Pittsburgh provides funding for breast cancer detection, support and education awareness throughout the 34-county service area in western and central Pennsylvania.

For the 2017 fiscal year, Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh granted $330,764 in community grants. These grants will begin July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Adagio Health
Mammogram Voucher Program
$250,000
Allied Coordinated Transportation Services
Transportation Program for Breast Health Care
$49,691
Penn Highlands Healthcare
Breast/Patient Navigation
$37,091

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Years of Service:
- 1995—Rita Gregory
- 1997—Lynn Wegzynek
- 2000—Anet Moran
- 2004—Judy Ross
- 2005—Jennifer Wilburn
- 2006—Karen Divito
- 2007—Peggy Reagan
- 2008—Jennifer Comella
- 2009—Denise Weidner
- 2010—Deborah White
- 2011—Daniel Garcia
- 2012—Caroline Babik
- 2013—Kristen Shaleoeda
- 2014—Tiffany Jansen McClusehan
- 2015—Jamaica Johnson
- 2016—Amy Hurtkay

"It was wonderful to see each year of the Race represented by the faces of these survivors—they serve as a reminder to everyone what our purpose is and why our team works diligently and tirelessly to ensure that we have a spectacular event," said Kathy Rucell, Chief Executive Officer, Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh. "We’ve certainly come a long way since the first race, but we will continue to have a race until we find the cure.”