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# Pink power to fight breast cancer

## Thousands walk and run for a cure

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Michigan's largest road race painted downtown Detroit pink Saturday.

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About 30,000 people converged on Comerica Park for the 17th annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. The race raises more than \$2 million for breast cancer treatment and research. Much of it will go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the presenting sponsor, to pay for local efforts.

Comerica Park's lots were overflowing with pink: pink tents, the pink shirts of the more than 1,500 survivors in attendance, pink hats, pink flamingoes, pink spray paint in walkers' hair, and pink scarves and pink foam ears handed out by sponsors Ford Motor Co. and Energizer, respectively.

Along the 5K run/walk route, 10,000 individually decorated pink ribbons were tied to railings and parking meters.

Steve Menoucik, 39, of Lansing won overall with a time of 15 minutes, 53 seconds; Promise Vos of Dearborn, 13, was the first female, at 19 minutes, 3 seconds. The first survivor to cross the line was Michele Hendrick, 38, of Bloomfield Hills, at 21 minutes, 15 seconds.

"It gives you a new perspective on everything," said Amy Krzyzanowski, 39, of Plymouth. She ran the race as a survivor this year, just seven months after finishing chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Krzyzanowski discovered her tumor doing a self-exam and saw her doctor about it exactly one year ago Saturday. The fifth-grade teacher at Holcomb Elementary in Detroit said doing the Race for the Cure last fall in Grand Rapids and then again in Detroit helped her work through her anger.



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Walkers start the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, which drew about 30,000 people to downtown Detroit on Saturday to raise money to fight breast cancer. "This is such an amazing venue," says Kimberly Simpson, chief operating officer of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "It's a place where people come together."

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"I was really mad," she said. "It keeps you from doing the things you want to do."

She was joined by 30 to 40 friends and family members making up her team, "Amy's Army." Their tops proclaimed, "We fight for boobs!" a symbol of one thing that has changed in the fight against breast cancer over the years.

When the Komen Race for the Cure series started in Dallas some 25 years ago, it wasn't allowed to say in mass media that it was to benefit breast cancer research. It was listed as benefitting a women's disease, said Kimberly Simpson, chief operating officer of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Today, more than 1.5 million people nationally walk and run the races, and some team names give a wink and a nod to those puritanical-sounding days. Teams at the Detroit event ranged from "Ya Ya's Ta Tas" to "Nurses for Knockers." "Sandy's Support Team" T-shirts featured a life-size bikini top, and the University of Detroit Mercy Physician Assistant shirts proclaimed, "Don't steal second base!"

"It's one person at a time that allows us to spend \$100 million for breast cancer research," Simpson said.

That is one reason Helen Kim, a 68-year-old survivor from Grosse Pointe Woods, showed up with five generations of her family, including her 90-year-old mother in a wheelchair, crowned with a huge pile of pink feathers on a baseball cap.

"My oncologist says if it wasn't for the Komen foundation, there's a lot of drugs, including some I take, that wouldn't be out there," Kim said. "If my oncologist feels that much towards it, I feel I'm doing the right thing."

Kim did the race before she was diagnosed. She is a 13-year survivor and says the race carries a very different meaning.

"To see so many survivors, to be up there with them the first year ... " she stopped, helpless to express her feelings, but gestured toward her eyes, which were full of tears.

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