

PINK HEALS TOUR 2010



Supporting Women, Raising Awareness



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Guardians of the Ribbon, INC.

A Not for Profit organization

Mission Statement

Our "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign is the fastest growing movement in the country! We selflessly put our women first in the battle against cancer, at the very least we wear her color to let her know we CARE! We bring Love and Hope to communities around the country in the form of Pink Fire Trucks and ask all of us to join forces in celebrating the most important people in our lives, women!

About Us

Guardians of The Ribbon, dressed in pink fire suits, will drive pink fire trucks across the country every year to spread our awareness campaign supporting all women in their fight against cancer. The Guardians bring the pink fire trucks across the Country to help raise money and awareness for the non-profit entities that help women in their City and State. We wear her color to let her know she will always be first in the battle for life. As Guardians of The Ribbon, are goal is to spread the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign until all are in pink shirts. Why? Pink Heals!

As fire fighters and police officers, we wear a blue shirt 365 days a year. Our mission is to lose the blue and don the pink in honor of women for 3 days in October. We have designated these three days each year, October 25th, 26th and 27th, for "The Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign. Women represent a large percentage of the population, and what an impact it will have for all women to see the support in pink. We hope that our Fire and Police Chiefs and other leaders of this Country see the color pink, not just as a benefit for breast cancer, but as a way to support all women in their fight against all cancers.

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Lifting her spirits!

Supporting Women - Creating Awareness



The **Pink Heals Tour** will make another journey across the Country visiting Cities spreading the Cares Enough to Wear Pink Campaign.

The Guardians will drive pink fire engines dressed in pink fire gear to honor and support all women healthy and the ones in the fight for their lives. The Guardians wear pink to honor all women and ask everyone else to do the same on October 25th, 26th & 27th. If the World was in **Pink** for three days, it would **lift her spirits**, it would show the World that we are tired of the suffering due to this terrible disease.

As the Guardians drove across the Country on the last tour, many women approached them who did not have breast cancer, but had some other type of cancer. These women also wanted support and because of this, the Guardians have changed to the **Pink Heals Tour**.

The pink fire engines are free; they bring love and hope for the women in each city who desperately need support. We ask organizations like the Police and Fire Departments in each City to set the example by wearing **Pink**. We also ask the local Politicians and teachers along with the citizens of each community to join the efforts. It is a show of support for the women of this Country and in doing so will create a **Pink Army**, an army that supports our women as a whole and not just a charity. Cancer is the biggest bully of them all and nobody likes bullies! Please direct the money to local charities that help woman in their fight against cancer.

For more information about the Pink Heals Tour please contact **dgraybill911@yahoo.com** or you can contact us at **www.pinkheals.com** and **www.pinkfiretrucks.com**.

the "cares enough to wear pink" campaign

Our non profit mission is to provide a national movement for the support of women across the country by wearing their color Pink. The national "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" days are Oct 25, 26, & 27th. Many resolutions and proclamations have been signed and this national movement is over 2500 cities strong among fire and police depts. across the United States.



We support all types of cancer relief efforts and focus on women as a whole in whatever type of cancer they battle. As men it is in our nature to care for the women in our lives, this is just another way to show love and support. Our women are the most important people in our lives, whether they are our mothers, wives, daughters or sisters.

We bring our pink fire trucks to your cities so that you may hold a fundraiser and generate proceeds that will stay in your community to help with bills, co-pays, research and/or general financial help for families that may be struggling. The money raised in your community stays in your community and can continually be generated based on your shirt sales.

Therefore, we give our art for free so that all fire & police departments can make shirts that tie us all together as a National Pink Army. You are free to use the art however you like, but we ask that you use your city's name in conjunction with the logos. This way we can bring our pink fire trucks to your city in support of your fundraiser. This unified front will help in the well being and mental health of women who need support and love from men and local community!

Our pink does NOT stand for a disease, but stands for the most important people in our lives, our women.

We wear pink because PINK HEALS!

If you would like to request the Guardians of the Ribbon Art or a stop in your city with the pink fire trucks please contact:

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Aurora/ Broomfield, 18-19th August

Bismarck ND, 21st of August

Minneapolis MN, 24th of August

Rockford IL, 26th of August

Fire Chiefs Conference, Chicago IL, 27th-29th of August

Naperville IL, 31st of August

Terre Haute IN, 2nd of September

Kokomo IN, 4th of September

Nancy Run Fire PA, 6th of September

Washington DC, 7th of September

Virginia Beach VA, 9th of September

High Point, NC, 11th of September

Florence SC, 12th of September

Hinesville GA, 13th of September

Jacksonville FL, 14th of September

Daytona Beach FL, 16th of September

Orlando FL, 17th of September

West Palm FL, 19th of September

Deerfield Beach FL, 20th of September

Ft. Lauderdale FL, 21st of September

Miami FL, 23rd of September

Naples, 25th of September

Fort Myers, 26th of September

Sarasota FL, 27th of September

St. Pete/ Clearwater, 28th of September

Tampa FL, 29th of September

Tallahassee FL, 1st of October

Orange Beach AL, 2nd of October 11:00 am

Starkville MS, 2nd of October evening

Memphis TN, 3rd of October

Tyler TX, 5th of October

Lufkin TX, 6th of October

Baytown TX, 8th of October

Corpus Christi TX, 9th and 10th of October

New Braunfels TX, 12th of October

Georgetown TX, 13th of October

Killeen TX, 14th of October

San Marcos TX, 15th of October

Grapevine TX, 16th of October

Abilene TX, 18th of October

McKinney TX, 20th of October

Tulsa OK, 21st of October

Wentzville MO, 22-24th of October

Columbus MO, 25th of October

Kansas City KA, 26th of October

North Las Vegas NV, 28th-31st of October



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Our National Pink Army

"We drive hundreds of miles at a time, carrying these signatures of very special people, mostly women, some men, and a few children. We are just drivers with a special message, a message from them, to all of us who've not fought this battle yet. They tell us to load our guns, rally the troops and stand by their side, to at the very least show support and if we must join them in the fight, to end this fight with one swift blow."

Those of us not affected by a disease standing up for those that have. Men, doing what men should do, honoring, protecting and standing up to anything that might harm our women and Children. Defending them at all costs, making a statement of true Love and Hope by coming together as a unified front, wearing her color with pride and letting the World know that we stand ready for war against this disease we call CANCER!

Dave Graybill



Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

• CARE ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK DAYS •

WHEREAS, Guardians of the Ribbon Inc. is an Arizona non-profit organization consisting of firefighters, police officers and leaders in the community whose sole purpose is raising awareness for the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, in September 2007 the "Pink Heals Tour" began, encouraging public safety professionals, local leaders and citizens throughout the community to wear pink in honor of all women and to join forces to help them in their fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of this campaign is to fight for those who have lost the ability to fight for themselves; asking for public support and raising understanding and awareness to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, anything is possible when good people devote themselves to a cause that does so much good and benefits so many; and

WHEREAS, the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign honors all women and recognizes the need to come together as a collective group and help with the fight against cancer, reminding future generations that people who are not affected by an illness can come together for those who are.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 25-27, 2009 as

• CARE ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK DAYS •

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this tenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State



South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs

Resolution Cares Enough to Wear Pink

WHEREAS: Cancer affects millions of people all over the world, and the fact that there is a proven correlation between firefighting and cancer, confirm both the need to eradicate the terrible disease and, until a cure is found, help alleviate the suffering of its victims; and

WHEREAS: In 2008 the American Cancer Society expected about 1,437,180 new cancers to be diagnosed in the U.S. This year about 565,650 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people a day; and

WHEREAS: Cancer is one of the deadliest diseases of them all, we need to come together to fight it, that means more of us who haven't been affected, need to step up and lead the way. Firefighters speaking on behalf of our women, wearing their color (pink), standing in front showing that they care just by wearing pink; and

WHEREAS: Firefighters normally wear blue shirts 365 days a year, for three days we can wear pink, and give a image of hope and courage to those who worry about being alone in their battle for life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs, being duly assembled at the Sixty Fifth Annual Conference in Greenville, SC Cares Enough to Wear Pink and recognizes, supports, and encourages their members to participate in; "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign in honor of our women who battle cancer. On October 25th, 26th, and 27th, we would like all firefighters to wear their pink shirts to show their support for those battling cancer. Local fire departments will create their own pink shirts to wear on duty and sell if approved by their departments on the above dates each year in the month of October. Each local department will donate at least 50% of funds raised to the Susan G. Komen For The Cure and or the American Cancer Society directed toward cancers affecting women; the remaining funds will be used for our firefighters and their dependants battling cancer or other cancer organizations including the "Fire Fighters Cancer Support Network."

CONFERENCE ACTION: APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2009.

Daniel Cimini
President

Texas State Association of Fire Fighters 41st Biennial Convention

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WHEREAS: In 2008 the American Cancer Society expected about 1,437,180 new cancers to be diagnosed in the U.S., and 96,320 in Texas. This year about 565,650 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people a day; and

WHEREAS: Cancer is one of the deadliest diseases of them all, we need to come together to fight it, that means more of us who haven't been affected, need to step up and lead the way. Firefighters speaking on behalf of our women, wearing their color (pink), standing in front showing that they care just by wearing pink; and

WHEREAS: Firefighters normally wear blue shirts 365 days a year, for three days we can wear pink, and give a image of hope and courage to those who worry about being alone in their battle for life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Texas State Association of Fire Fighters recognize, support, and encourage their members to participate in; **"Cares Enough to Wear Pink"** campaign in honor of our women who battle cancer. On October 25th, 26th, and 27th, we would like all firefighters to wear their pink shirts to show their support for those battling cancer. Locals will create their own pink shirts to wear (on duty if approved by their department on the above dates), and sell each year in the month of October. Each local will donate at least 50% of funds raised to the Susan G. Komen For The Cure and or the American Cancer Society directed toward cancers affecting women; the remaining funds will be used for our Firefighters and their dependants battling cancer or other cancer organizations including the "Fire Fighters Cancer Support Network".

SUBMITTED BY: Tyler Local 883
TSAFF Executive Board

CONVENTION ACTION: APPROVED (07/15/2009)

TOUR DRIVERS TESTIMONIALS



Andy Mhley, Fire Fighter Hazleton PA

"Hi my name is Andrew Mhley from Hazleton, PA. I have been a career firefighter with the Hazelton Fire Department for 15 years and a volunteer for approximately 32 years. I had decided to volunteer my time doing the Pink Heals Tour because I had lost my brother Gabe a former Deputy Chief of Hazleton City and my boss to cancer in 2003. So I have seen first hand the torment this disease can cause those who are suffering along with the family. I do this for those who are left behind. I want to honor those who are here and need encouragement of love and hope.

Gary Cochran, Fire Investigator Grapevine Fire Department

"My name is Gary Cochran and I have been in the Fire Service for about 28 years. I started when I was 21 as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Bedford, TX. Rode on fire trucks and ambulance for 25 years of my career. Five years ago I ventured off into the prevention side of the fire service becoming a Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector. I have been in the Fire Marshals office in Texas where I was an officer on an engine before moving to the Grapevine Fire Dept. I have a few years left in my career, so I will set back and enjoy it. I have gotten involved with the Pink Heals Tour, because a friend of mine is a breast cancer survivor (Go Amy), we were able to meet Dave on his first tour about two years ago in Irving TX., I was touched at that moment for what Dave was doing for this cause. I made a decision at that time to be part of it for all of the unfortunate people affected and the very fortunate people who are touched by this tour. I was also fortunate to be a part of the team last year, I will do this for as long as I can. It is a blessing to be able to reach out and meet people who are affected by this nasty disease and I feel that even though I can't do or give much more, at least I can do this for them. *In 28 years as a firefighter, this has been the most rewarding thing I have ever done in my career. I am looking forward to getting this years tour rolling!*



Jeff McCarroll, Retired Fire Fighter

This is Jeff, AKA Bull, the reason I am doing the 2010 tour is simple. LOVE, HOPE AND AWARENESS. This program is going to reach its arms around the world and touch millions of people. The love we share on every stop along the way will only grow stronger if we never give up. I intend on being here until we find a cure, so count me in! HATS OFF!

Mike Montanez, Captain Phoenix Fire Department

"I am a fifteen year career firefighter from Phoenix, currently holding the rank of Captain. I am doing this to honor all women, those who are healthy, those who are sick or have been sick, and those who may become sick in the future. What a wonderful feeling, to show people you care about them!"



Ryan (Tom) McMurray, Fire Fighter Ohio - Air National Guard Volunteer Fire Chief for Wayne Township Fayette County

My name is Ryan McMurray I am from Washington Court House, Ohio. I am a full time firefighter for the State of Ohio through the Air National Guard, and a volunteer Fire Chief for Wayne Township Fire Dept. in Fayette County. I am doing this trip in memory and support of my family members. I have lost both of my grandmothers to cancer when I was young. My mother has had her battles in the last few years, and other very close women in my life and my wife's life who have been affected, this is in honor of them!

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Grant Sanders, Firefighter & Paramedic Arizona Fire Department

It was November of 2008 at an event in Scottsdale AZ, I asked Dave what the pink fire truck was all about, he explained the mission and I have fallen in love with it every since, each event brings a new sense of fulfillment for me and hope for those who struggle. I love the experience we bring to communities all across the country. Not only does it give a wonderful feeling of accomplishment but also gives us drivers a purpose as a "Guardian of The Ribbon"



Meredith D. Lund, Deputy Chief New Ipswich, New Hampshire Captain New Hampshire Fire Academy

My name is Meredith Lund (aka D.C.) and this is my second year driving for the Pink Heals tour. I am a Field Captain with the New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards and Training and EMS where I coordinate training, testing and props for fire departments and firefighters in the Southern half of the state. I have been involved in the fire service for seventeen years both as a structural firefighter in the state and as a firefighter and EMT on out-of-state Wildland fire crews and medical teams. I currently serve as the Deputy Chief of Operations for a small fire department in southern New Hampshire (hence the nickname D.C.). I live with Chris, my husband of 34 years and have five grown children and one grandson.

I drive in memory of my sister Karen who lost her battle with breast cancer and in honor of my mom who is a cancer survivor. But more than that, I drive in honor of all of the women whose names are on the truck who cannot drive for themselves. You are the true heroes in my mind and I am honored to serve you. God bless you all and stay safe.

Psalms 121: 10in

Michael L. Mullins, Fire Captain Virginia Beach Fire Dept. Also serving as an Acting Battalion Chief

I am Michael L. (Moon) Mullins. I was born in Olympia Washington. After a worldwide tour, the US Navy dropped me off in Va. Beach in 1969 with my Dad being stationed at Oceana Naval Air Station. I am a Captain and a 32 year veteran of the Va. Beach Fire Department currently serving as an Acting Battalion Chief. I am married to Joyce Barbour Mullins and have four children, 1 son-Sean, a Va. Beach Police Officer and three lovely ladies, Tara, Samantha and Alaina. I have three grandchildren, Maddie, Aubrey and Talon. I am a graduate of the National Labor College with a degree in Health and Safety.



I started my Pink affiliation with the Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure in 2006, when my wife formed a team that is now called the Caped Cure-Saders. Each year I have added something pink during my walk. Two years ago we met Dave and the Pink trucks. They were brought here by April Elmore, a personal friend and 10 year breast cancer survivor. I learned of how much it affects a family thru her. I worked shift trades for her to be out and recover and her kids stayed at my house almost daily for near 90 days during her recovery. In 2009, I learned of the volunteer drivers and put my name out there and was selected. This is a tremendous honor for me to represent not only the Pink Heals Tour, but the Virginia Beach Fire Department and April Elmore as we travel across the United States bringing awareness of all cancers and illnesses that affect our ladies. Thanks to my Wife for being so understanding in this adventure and I dedicate my drive to her.



James Thompson, Lt. / EMT / Fire Fighter Wayne Twp, Ross County, Chillicothe VA

I'm Jim Thompson a new driver to the tour. I live in Washington Court House Ohio where I run Vol. at Wayne Twp FD as a Lt. and EMT. I also work part time in Ross County at Union Twp FD as a FF/EMT and full time at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center as a FF. As you can see I love what I do and like to keep busy. I am making this awesome journey in honor of my mother a 2 time survivor of breast cancer and also in memory of the late Julie Aleshire a long time family friend that lost her 3rd battle to this terrible disease. I want to do my part to help spread awareness and stand for those who can't. It truly is an honor to be a part of this wonderful family. Hopefully by next years tour, we will have the Ohio chapter up and running as well!

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Brad Magness, Engineer/Operator Galveston Texas

I thank God that no one in my immediate family has been affected by cancer, which begs the question "Why would I want to be involved with the Pink Heals Tour?" or "What do I have to gain?" People affected by this horrible disease are most often put through life's most difficult trials due to its effects on their life. I can only speculate about what happens when they come to the point that they are physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted by their battle, the point at where it seems they can no longer run the race or fight. I consider myself blessed to be a healthy, encouraging individual and can think of only one way to be thankful for my blessings and that is to help others that are less fortunate than myself. In that I mean, standing up for someone who can no longer stand, fighting for someone who can no longer fight, and encouraging someone who has lost all hope. My actions will be based on serving these people in anyway I can during my time on the tour. This is my personal mission and #1 goal for being involved with the Pink Heals Tour.



Carlos Schulz, Engineer/Paramedic City of Maricopa AZ

My name is Carlos Schulz from Chandler, AZ. I work as an Engineer/Paramedic with the City of Maricopa Fire Department in Arizona. I have been involved with the fire service and EMS for almost 17 years now. 2 years ago I started our pink shirt program in the City of Maricopa AZ to bring awareness to breast cancer. After talking with Dave, I realized that we should focus on all cancers, not just breast cancer. I am new to the tour this year, but extremely excited. I hope that all communities, their leaders and the citizens will get behind this important cause and support those that have suffered from cancer, lost a loved one to cancer or may become a victim of cancer. Join us in this celebration of life.

Doug Carey, Firefighter/EMT New Jersey

Hello. I am Louis M. Carey, Jr. (aka: Doug), a single, 50-year-old, active volunteer Firefighter/EMT here in Central New Jersey. During the latter part of 2009 I was asked by a sister fire department to write a story about their department's escort of some pink fire trucks that were invited to stop by a local Friendly's. As I looked into the event I discovered this amazing organization that was bringing attention to women, cancer and our role and responsibility as men to step forward and help push for education and eradication of this threat to "our women". Little did I realize that when I met Dave Graybill (the founder and leader), how infectious his enthusiasm for this cause would affect me. After conducting an impromptu video interview, as the trucks traveled down the NJ Turnpike toward Old Bridge Township, I realized that I very much wanted to become a part of this mission. Thankfully, Dave agreed to take me on as a driver for the 2010 Tour (and probably a good thing, as the number of pink fire trucks keeps increasing).

Anyway, my whole life has been about helping others; and it all became clear to me in the U. S. Marine Corps back in 1980 when I took leave to attend EMT school with the U. S. Navy. Since then a good part of my life has been with the purpose of volunteering within my community to help those in need.

It is a privilege AND an honor to be a part of something so noble and I hope to bring tears of joy to women AND men and let them know that despite all our human faults, Lovingkindness is still our common purpose and it is alive and thriving within Dave Graybill, Lisa Stevens and all of us who have signed on to make this an 'in-your-face' reality! Only through Love can we overcome all that threatens us as a species and only Love can truly heal.



Jay Holt, Lieutenant/Paramedic Big Springs Texas

My name is Jay Holt, I'm a 34 year old husband and father of two wonderful kids. I have an 8 year old daughter Jayden and a 4 year old son Conner. I am a Lieutenant/Paramedic for Big Spring Fire Dept in the great state of Texas. I am humbly driving in the Pink Heals tour this year in honor of all the women in my life and also in memory of my beloved "Memaw" who lost the battle to cancer in 1996. I hope that by giving a small portion of my time to this noble and worthy cause, more "healthy" people will become aware and involved in the fight against the cancers that affect the women we love.

Steve Rusin, Firefighter/Paramedic Buffalo Grove IL

My name is Steve Rusin. I am a career Firefighter/Paramedic with the Buffalo Grove Fire Department in Buffalo Grove Illinois. We are a Northwest Suburb of Chicago. I have been a member of the fire service for nearly 22 years. I was introduced to the Pink Heals Campaign in the summer of 2009 by my friend Betty Ganschow when the tour came to Glenview Illinois. I wanted to help with the campaign in some way to help raise cancer awareness. With the help of my family, my Fire Chief Terry Vavra and my fellow coworkers and friends I was able to raise more than two thousand dollars in less than a month in a pink t shirt campaign. With the full support of my Chief and Village administration including our Village President all divisions proudly wore pink Buffalo Grove Fire Department T-Shirts with the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" logo on the back, on six separate days in the month of October. The proceeds were donated to a local cancer support/ wellness center in our area. The experience and support were overwhelming and I wanted to do more. I am proud to be a member of this organization and I am very excited to be an official member of the "2010 Guardians of the Ribbon Tour."



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Dave Gardner, Firefighter/EMT Arson Investigator Merriam Kansas

Hi, my name is Dave Gardner. I am a Firefighter/EMT & shift fire investigator with the City of Merriam, Kansas. I have been a Firefighter/EMT for the past 15 years. I am also involved with the Kansas chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators. I was elected to a two year position on the board this past February.

I saw the Guardian of the Ribbon's web site, seen they were coming to a city close to me, went and saw the PINK fire trucks in Topeka, Kansas last year. My girlfriend signed the truck for her mother who is a survivor. She had a smile that glowed. That same day I heard Dave speak to the crowd about the mission of the PINK fire trucks and I knew then I wanted to get involved with this SUPER GROUP of people, to bring smile to others. I am proud to be a part of this year's tour, to be known as one of the MEN IN PINK.

Chris Chomel, Firefighter/Paramedic Sequin Texas

My name is Chris Chomel, I live in San Marcos, Texas. I'm a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Seguin, Texas. I'm married to my wonderful wife Kathleen. We have 4 children Alyssa, Katheren, Reagan, and Addyson. On my days off I fly as a Flight Paramedic on fixed wing aircraft all over the US, Canada, Mexico, The Caribbean, and the northern parts of Central America. I'm also an EMS Educator, and Kathleen and I own and run Fireside Photography.

When the tour came thru San Marcos and Seguin last October, I had the opportunity to photograph both stops as a favor to both local Firefighters Associations. I was extremely moved by it. It was such an awesome and emotional sight to see cancer survivors and loved ones of those who had lost their battle with cancer sign their names to these PINK FIRE TRUCKS thru the lens of a camera. I'm an extremely positive energy type person and was very motivated by Dave for his energy and enthusiasm so I inquired about driving one of the trucks for the 2010 tour. I submitted all of my stuff and was accepted to drive. I look forward to this experience and everything it brings to my life.



Greg McAlister, Engineer/Medic Big Springs Texas

Greg McAlister I'm 27 y/o male living in Big Spring TX. I'm an Apparatus Engineer / Medic for the city about 7 yrs now. I'm doing this because last year y'all came to Big Spring as a quick stop to El Paso and I was just moved to do it. I think it is a wonderful thing that has been created and I wanted to help.

Phil Newbauer, Firefighter/EMT I Midway Fire Rescue Pawleys Island South Carolina

Hello, My name is Phil Newbauer. I am a Master Firefighter /EMT-I with Midway Fire Rescue in Pawleys Island South Carolina. I am honored to be joining the Pink Heals Tour this year. I first met Dave and Lisa on tour in 2009 in Murrels Inlet on a stop, prior to that I had only seen information about the tour online. As soon as I met Dave and witnessed first hand the energy that he, the Pink Heals team and the trucks brought to our area, I knew I wanted to be a part of this wonderful experience! We all as first responders, whether firefighter, EMT or police join these professions to help people, so when the tour came around and I found out I could help it was a no brainer! I am not the only one in my family that is excited about the tour, my kids are very excited. My girlfriend and I have 5 children between us, ages 7-16. They are one of the major reasons I wanted to join the tour! To teach them the importance of honoring, caring and educating them about fighting against this horrible disease! I have worked in the Fire/EMS service 18 years and have worked private ambulance; I have seen, transported and cared for patients and their families first hand. I want to thank Dave for giving me the chance to help out!



Ted Dion, Firefighter/Lieutenant Coventry Rhode Island

My name is Ted Dion and I live in Rhode Island. I have been an Army Service Member and for the past 16 years I have been a fire fighter in Coventry, Rhode Island, I am a Lieutenant on Central Coventry Engine 5. I read about the Pink Heals Tour in a periodical and fell in love immediately. Having lost my father to cancer at the age of three and watching my mother fight cancer for most of her adult life, this will be my way wage war on this disease. I was overwhelmed when I received the news that in fact I would be joining the 2010 Pink Heals Tour. I can't wait to see everyone once the tour is underway!

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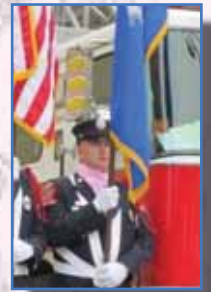
Josh Baker, Media Marketing Florence SC

I am honored to join the tour this year and I am participating for many reasons. I want to honor the many women that have touched my life that have also battled against cancer. To them I dedicate this tour in honor of their bravery, courage, and will to survive and fight on. I also wanted to participate in this tour due to last year's encounter with Dave and the 2009 tour stop in Myrtle Beach, SC. At that stop I was able to help donate a "pink" fire ladder for one of the trucks. After being at the stop for 2 minutes I knew I would stop at nothing to be a part of this great movement. The emotions you see and feel while encountering these brave women are more than any words could ever describe, and the people like Dave, Lisa, Jeff, and others that you meet while on tour are some of the most amazing people you will ever know in life. I remember that stop like it was yesterday and I am proud and honored to be able to wear pink and be a Guardian of the Ribbon. To all the women out there currently fighting I encourage you to stay strong,

keep your faith, and continue to be the brave women you are. My thoughts and prayers will always be with you, and we will continue to honor, protect, and support you in any way that we can.

Robert Bidwell, Firefighter East Hartford CT

I am a Firefighter with the town of East Hartford, CT. I have been on the job for twelve years. I am joining the Pink Heals Tour this year for the first time. A co-worker of mine was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. When the Pink Heals Tour made a short notice stop in East Hartford, CT. in October 2009, it was such a moving experience that I wanted to do more to help their cause. The support and motivation that they showed was more than you can imagine. I kept feeling that I wish I could join them to help spread their message and support those with cancer. I was fortunate to be chosen as a driver for this year's tour. This donation of time is to honor my co-worker, as well as family members and friends who have been diagnosed with this disease.



Judith Geier, Breast Cancer Survivor - Apparatus Operator East Hartford CT

In 2009 I turned the big 40. Along with turning 40 came my first mammogram. Three weeks later on June 29th I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My first thoughts were "this wasn't supposed to happen to me....."

A little about me.....My name is Judy...can't call me Judith because Dave won't know who I am. I have been married for 15 years and I have 5 beautiful children-- Kaitlynn 13, Shaylee 11, Ashleigh 9, Courtynie 7 and Edward Jr. (EJ) 5. My second family is the Town of East Hartford, CT where I have been a paid firefighter for 15 years. I love my job--the beach--sun--water--long rides--adventures--taking risks--painting--humor--friends--family--working out--art and a reading good book.



Along with my diagnosis came a lot of help from my family and friends. One of the firefighters that I work with learned about the Pink Heals Tour and asked Dave if they could make a stop in East Hartford. October 1, 2009--the day that I met Dave and the Pink Heals Tour, was both an unbelievable and humbling experience. I can never put into words what that day meant to me, but somehow knew that it wasn't a one time meeting.

I have since gone through 8 weeks of chemotherapy, surgery, 6 weeks of radiation (completed on March 4, 2010) and I am starting to feel like my normal self.

September 12-26 I will be driving one of the fire trucks. I know how I felt when the pink fire trucks rolled through my fire station less than a year ago and can't wait to spread the feelings of strength and hope to others battling cancer. A lot of my friends say that I am an inspiration, a special person, a survivor, a hero.....for doing what I am doing. I don't think I did anything.....I think I am just being the me that got diagnosed with cancer and kicked its butt. Along the way I found a greater appreciation for life and everything involved with it. I learned that cancer doesn't choose who it picks but that I was one of the lucky ones that could choose what to do from this experience.

So maybe it was supposed to happen to me.....

Healing it Forward,
Judy Geier
Apparatus Operator
East Hartford Fire Dept. Local 1548T

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Mike Prosi, Firefighter/ Paramedic Vernon Hills IL

I am a firefighter/paramedic for the Countryside Fire Protection District in Vernon Hills, Illinois. I started in the fire service in 1993 as a Paid-on-call firefighter, in 1999 was hired by Countryside Fire PD as a career firefighter/paramedic. I live in Wauconda, Illinois with my wonderful wife and fantastic daughter. Last year I was looking at the pictures taken when the tour was in Vernon Hills and decided that I wanted to be included on the festivities. It looked like everyone was having some fun and at the same time getting an important message out to the general public. I am looking forward to spending time meeting new people and raising awareness of this disease. See you in September.

**Jonathan Smith, Carolinas Medical Response Fair Bluff Fire & Rescue
Southeastern Community College (Instructor)**

I was born in Winchester, IN, I keep a way to busy schedule (4pd jobs, teaching, and 2 volunteer depts).

I do not have any children but I do have a choc lab named Coco and she is basically my little girl.

I can't exactly put to words why I am so drawn to the work that you and Dave have started with Pink Heals. It is one of those things that you just know is the right thing to do and that you have to help out. Cancer has affected my family, my maternal Grandmother had breast, and uterine cancer. My sister has had a scare with cervical cancer.

Thanks and be safe,
Jon





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