

**August 2008**

**Greetings from the Executive Director**

I am so pleased to be in touch with all of you who care so much about our Vision: a world without Breast Cancer. I am delighted to take on my new role as Executive Director of the Richmond Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Every person I have met in this process seems completely committed to do whatever it takes to raise more funding, educate more people and advocate for the cause.

I was fortunate to join Komen on the heels of the most successful Race for the Cure® in the Affiliate's history! I have been so impressed with the leadership and hundreds of volunteers that make the event such a huge success year after year. I am really looking forward to sharing time with many of you at our annual Survivor Celebration at the Jefferson Hotel on September 26.

Because of the work of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, we are making a difference in the lives of so many women and their loved ones. Whether we are educating about early detection and treatment or funding research for better treatments and cures, whether we are celebrating survivorship with women who have come out on the other side of one of life's greatest challenges or supporting them and their family members through the difficult time of diagnosis and treatment we are blessed to be here and to have an opportunity to contribute.

I can't wait to meet you and work together. There is so much more for us to do!!

Linda Tiller

Executive Director

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**Tickets are on sale NOW for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Survivor Celebration  
to be held on September 26 at The Jefferson Hotel**

Choose to attend breakfast (8:00-9:30am) or lunch (12:00-1:30pm) - the event is so popular, we had to schedule two seatings! Help us to honor and encourage the brave women and men living with breast cancer. Plus, be inspired by our keynote speaker René Syler, former anchor of CBS' The Early Show, author and breast cancer advocate. René made headline news in 2007 when she had a bilateral prophylactic mastectomy as a preventative measure against breast cancer. In addition to both her mother and father surviving breast cancer, Rene had four biopsies in four years. Rene will inspire you with her strength, humor and faith. Receive a copy of Rene's book Good Enough Mother with your ticket purchase. **Tickets are on sale at <http://www.komenrichmond.org/>.**

**Tickets are**

\$15 for survivors (at either seating)

\$25 for breakfast

\$35 for luncheon

**Tables of 10 are**

\$400 for breakfast

\$500 for luncheon

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**Calling all volunteers!**

Join us for our **Thank You Reception** on **August 16 from 3-6 pm** at Richbrau Brewing Company in Shockoe Slip. Delicious food and sodas will be provided and a Cash Bar is available. All of you who have contributed your volunteer time over the past year are invited. We would not be raising funds, making grants and providing education in such a successful way without your help! Let us say Thank You in person!! Just RSVP to Jessica Barnes at 358-7223, or [jbarnes@komenrichmond.org](mailto:jbarnes@komenrichmond.org)

### **Check this out!**

River City Charities is sponsoring a **Pink Tie Gala on October 4** at the Omni Hotel to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Richmond Affiliate. The night will include live entertainment from **Casper** and the **Celebration of Life Dance Group!**

Go to <http://www.komenrichmond.org/> or visit <http://www.pinktiegala.org/> to purchase tickets and learn more!

**Tickets available now!**

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### **Volunteer Spotlight**

***Pat Arthur**, a breast cancer survivor, began volunteering as a member of the Race Cabinet before becoming a vital part of the Affiliate's volunteer office support. Her cheerful attitude and encouraging spirit are an inspiration to all of the members of the Komen Richmond family. In addition to providing office support, Pat has used her knowledge of programming to create a more efficient system for assigning bib numbers for the race and to create databases for the office staff that will not only save time but also allow the Affiliate to continue to grow*

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### **Grantee Spotlight: Community Memorial Healthcenter**

***Community Memorial Healthcenter** in South Hill, Virginia has successfully served the health care needs of Mecklenburg, Brunswick, and Lunenburg counties through its Pink Power Program. Working through 4,000 mostly African American members of the Community Church Health Partnership, the Pink Power Program provides breast health education, access to screening mammograms, and transportation as needed for women who are uninsured or underinsured. The Richmond Affiliate congratulates Community Memorial Healthcenter on its fifth year of Komen funding and applauds its efforts to reduce healthcare disparities in the surrounding medically underserved counties*