

On October 3, 2015 TBBCF celebrated our 10th Anniversary Walk Across Southeastern Connecticut (WASECT)

The day started out at Saybrook Point with Opening Ceremonies. Under threatening skies Walkers departed on their journey to complete 26.2 miles trekking from Old Saybrook to Waterford. Our half and quarter marathon walkers joined the marathon walkers along the way making us 326 strong!! Due to flooding on roads and over low lying areas the decision was made Friday evening to reroute the walkers in a few areas. Did that deter the walkers? No it did not. They went with the flow in grand style. TBBCF Walkers and Volunteers are awesome!



A few words from a TBBCF Walker and Volunteer:

"I'm blessed to be surrounded by a positive, loving supportive family and friends some of whom join us in raising funds at the walk which we choose to support because 100% of all fundraising goes to breast cancer research. Due to our success story we love the thought of giving back."

Bobbette Clapsadle, Half Marathon Walker, B-Strong Team Captain and Breast Cancer Survivor





"I had a great time and am determined to do it again next year. The fact that 100% of the proceeds go to breast cancer research is powerful incentive to participate and the commitment of the volunteers is amazing. I am proud to have been a part of it all."

Germaine Boucher, 1st time TBBCF Walker

"Every year that I volunteer as a Pink Fairy I am so moved by the walkers. Some are back year after year, some are new, they are of all ages, but all have sadly been touched by breast cancer. I feel such support both personally and for total strangers. I never got her name but the Pink Fairies were joined by a little girl this year who waited so patiently for over two hours to be able to cheer for her aunt and team as they passed through our pit stop. Sharing this time with her and others gave me a sense of great empowerment".

Amanda Gura, Pink Fairy 5 years strong and Breast Cancer Survivor (Pictured second from left)



Starting at the entrance to Waterford, volunteers, part of our TBBCF Spirit Team, cheered on the walkers as they trekked toward the Eugene O'Neill Theater. They cheered just over the Niantic Bridge, at Bayview, Gardner's Road, Great Neck School, Camp Harkness and Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. Walkers comment consistently about how they value the Spirit Team's encouragement, along with support from all volunteers.



We ended the day at closing ceremonies at Eugene O'Neill Theatre (EOTC). Thank you EOTC for the indoor facilities! Here walkers were rewarded with massages, vittles, and an enlightening and reinforcing talk by Eric Parker. Eric talked about how TBBCF is unique in that we give 100% of our fundraising monies to breast cancer research. He was also impressed that our researchers continuously recognize TBBCF for contribution of grants to help fund the start of their research journey.



We all participate for our own personal reasons. Some of us in support, honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. For some of us it's a personal goal. No matter what your reason is to be involved - we all came together to support the cause to raise monies for breast cancer research.

After all the muscles stopped aching and all the blisters subsided we hope you've had time to reflect on all that you achieved on October 3, 2015. Not only did you complete either a full, quarter, half marathon or supported the walkers as a Volunteer but you were also a part of a unique Foundation 10 years strong that has raised over \$3 million. This is something that we all can be proud of.

To our walkers and volunteers - your commitment and hard work walking and volunteering in this event are an inspiration to us. The bravery and courage of all who are struggling and fighting hard to overcome this disease are an inspiration to all of us.

Our job is to ensure we don't have a job in the future. We don't want to have to provide walks to find a cure for breast cancer. We want a future free of breast cancer. And thanks to you, we have made a great start.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

We look forward to seeing you along the route again next year.

Ellen Swercewski, Pat Newborg and Lisa Carroll
2015 TBBCF WASECT Tri-Chairs