2021

FIRST ANNUAL BREAST CANCER FUNDRALSER GALA





About Us

For many years, Debra was spiritually pregnant, so this year Pink Fire Inc. was birth. Pink Fire Inc is a non-profit organization that was birthed out of the need to help women.

Our mission is to educate women about breast cancer, to encourage and empower those who are diagnosed by providing support, life and wellness coaching and resources. The goal is to help bridge the gap between churches, communities, and the medical community.

Breast cancer awareness and prevention is not just in October, lives are being affected daily. If we work together, if we know our body and if we open our mouth, we can win in the fight. For those that have been diagnosed or will be diagnosed, they are faced with NOW WHAT? What do I do? Where do I go? Pink Fire Inc will be there to help walk with you as you go through.







MEET THE CEO & FOUNDER DEBRA REDDICK

Debra Reddick is the CEO and Founder of Pink Fire Inc. She is a Visionary, Co-Pastor, Intercessor, Author, Teacher, Conference Facilitator, and Certified Life Coach. Her passion has always been to serve and help to make an impact of the lives of women from every walk of life. She loves teaching prayer and teaching and preaching the word of God.

She is a two-time breast cancer survivor; she has faced many challenges that she knows many women like herself have faced. She was misdiagnosed in February 1991 and after substantial growth of her tumor, she was diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer at the age of 32. She was quickly scheduled for a mastectomy followed by 6 months chemotherapy. After 26 years of remission, the cancer returned in 2017. This time she was diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer, which is a rare, aggressive form of cancer.

She received a mastectomy and didn't want to have chemo. After her physician explained the importance of having the chemo to treat Triple Negative she proceeded. During the time of her treatments, she experienced pain, nausea, vomiting and even loss of hair. The initial loss of hair was devastating. She knew that God was with her and heard Him say "this sickness is not until death". With the support of her husband which was her caregiver, love encouragement from family, friends, and church family she pressed forward. Her faith and trust in God were strong. Debra continued to attend church and serve. She continued to allow God to use her. For Debra quitting was not an option. She said she had a lot of work to do. She knew that God had created her for a purpose far greater than what she could do or handle. But she knew what God said and that settled it, period.





GUEST SPEAKER LAVITA RODRIGUEZ

Lavita Rodriguez is 36 years old motivational speaker, advocate and is studying to be a lawyer. Her specialty will be health care and human rights law. She's been faced with various obstacles but won't allow them to get in her path towards advocating for others. She's had setbacks, starting with a car accident in 2008 that left her paralyzed. She couldn't have imagined at the time that a larger battle was yet to come.

In 2018, she was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer. She was in remission for little over a year when the cancer returned and spread to her bones. She is still going through active treatment. "With metastatic breast cancer, you receive treatment and then you get a scan and if the disease has progressed then you switch treatments and it's an ongoing thing. You don't get a break. She did eight rounds of chemotherapy and has had a bilateral mastectomy. She's even had radiation. She said, "this journey is ongoing, and it feels more life-threatening than my paraplegia ever has." She believes that prayer is the most part of her journey.

LaVita believes that God has placed some amazing people in her life to surround and take care of her. Recently interviewed by ABC Action News LaVita talked of how it has been such a blessing to have an Oncologist like Robert Wade Weaver, MD who understands the importance of both the emotional and treatment side of cancer care. treatments. She's moving towards her next chapter with strength, determination, and her faith in God. "My feeling is that I want to live, that I want to continue to travel the world, that I was put on this earth to help others every sense of my life," said Rodriguez.

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On behalf of Geralda Larkins and the Kingdom Visionary Strategic Society, we want to congratulate you on your new organization Pink Fire, Inc. Your vision to educate, empower and encourage the community about breast cancer, prevention, symptoms and treatment is definitely a work of the heart. We honor the work that you are doing and pray for your continued success.

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1 Thessalonians 5:11

Debra, Thank you for using your experiences, talent and God-given gifts to "UPLIFT OTHERS".

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SHERO NOMINEE! LADY CHRISTINE SHAW

Christine is a 55 years-old and was diagnosed with DCIS Breast Cancer Stage 0. She was diagnosed in August of 2016 and has survived five surgeries, totaling 31 hours, and 5.5 weeks of radiation, which resulted in mastectomy and breast reduction. After which, six more weeks of physical therapy.

In 2016, "Team Christine", a Breast Cancer Group, formed and participated in the Annual Making Strides Walk for her. In 2019, Christine was selected by the Moffitt Cancer Center to speak at a luncheon for survivors, hosted by Ford Dealership. During her healing from cancer, she focused on the spiritual life of marriage which inspired her to complete her first book, "Are You Ready? Pre-Marriage Preparation Course." While in recovery, she allowed the Lord to use her to inspire others by conducting hospital and home visits with cancer patients. Her gifts were so powerful, referrals continued to come through word of mouth.

Mrs.Shaw has contributed to the community in her work with children for over 25 years and loves making a difference in the physical and spiritual lives of families. Lady Shaw is married to Bishop Adrian M.S haw, Jr. of Church of God the Bibleway. She has six children, (four biological daughters and two adopted sons.) It is her mission to connect her family to the life of God every day and in every way.





SHERO NOMINEE! REGINA MCBRIDE -SMITH

Regina McBride-Smith is a two-time breast cancer survivor. She was able to beat cancer each time by paying attention to her body so she could catch it in enough time before it got out of control as well as keeping her faith in God to see her through any situation.

She continued to work as well as matriculate through college at The University of Tampa during her first bout with cancer in 2007. She went through stages of losing her hair, fatigued, loss of appetite, and nausea as well as other issues but she still came through strong and beat the disease! Her late husband Paul was there for her the first time she had cancer. I am thankful because she had to take chemotherapy treatments which did take its toll on her.

Her stage 2 diagnosis in 2007 did not deter too much but got her ready to fight cancer again in 2016. She doesn't mind sharing her testimony and let it be known that you can beat Cancer and survive!





SHERO NOMINEE! LADY NAOMI INGS

Lady Naomi Ings is from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and resides in Orlando, Florida. She is a supportive wife, mother & friend to all who cross her path. She is married to Bishop Daniel Ings III. She is a true warrior for Christ, a woman of strength and a living demonstration of God's grace.

She had a desire that when she gave her testimony, she wanted people to say she had what? In 2020, Lady Ings and husband was diagnosed with Covid and while going through that she noticed that she had a lump in her breast. However, with Covid she had to complete quarantine before going to the doctor. The mammogram confirmed the lump. Diagnosed with Stage 2-3 Triple Negative Breast. Lady Ing wanted to live her life as normal as possible and choose not to tell but a select few. Many were amazed by what she had gone through. First Lady Naomi is the epitome of what pure faith looks like.

Listen to Lady Ings powerful testimony on YouTube "Trust the Process"





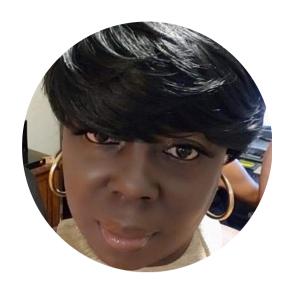
SHERO NOMINEE! DENISE SCOTT

Denise Scott - is a powerful 2-time cancer survivor. She has survived from the grips of cancer for over 36 years.

Her first battle started at the age of 30, since her first battle she has and continues to give all praises to God for his mighty work in her life. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is a well-respected educator with the Hillsborough County Public School system.

The life that she lives truly is an inspiration to women on the battlefield. Watching how she glides through the journey with grace and faith will bring a woman who goes through so much determination to make it through yet another day. When you are around this power vessel you have no choice but to become powerful as well.





SHERO NOMINEE! SELECIA (LISA)WATSON

Selecia Lisa Watson is a lifelong resident of Hillsborough County. The mother of three children while raising one of her grandsons, she has gone through many tough battles. The loss of her own mother to sickle cell, personal losses, now fighting and surviving cancer is truly a victory in her life. Selecia serves in the Deacons Ministry at Heritage Christian Community Baptist church in Lutz, Florida. She's also a certified track official.

At times during her journey with breast cancer, she wanted to quit, but realized that she had someone depending on her, and remembering her promise to her beloved late mother. A little sunshine in the midst of a tremendous storm will keep this phenomenal queen moving forward towards the calling God has on her life.





SHERO NOMINEE! MILLIE PRESLEY SAMUELS

Her first fight with Breast cancer. She was a single mother of three, working 3 jobs. After completing a regular self exam she discovered a lump, after a mammogram, an ultrasound and a biopsy she was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer. Treated with surgery, Chemo and radiation which damaged her heart, four years later she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Fast forward to November 2019, during an annual mammogram a lump was discovered in her other breast. Treated with surgery and chemo Millie experienced several severe side effects. These side effects have forever changed her life. She has gone through her battles with cancer as a true Shero!! Cancer, heart failure, kidneys shutting down, losing her hair, her finger and toe nails, having coded and having been resuscitated, her defibrillator going off more than 60 times, 28 of which were in one day. Through all of this she has remained positive and shows the strength of a true warrior.

Not only is she a survivor twice over, Millie is the She in Shero.





SHERO NOMINEE! GLADYS HALL

Gladys Hall was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, then 2006 and again in 2007. Gladys is a true warrior, intercessory and a woman of Faith. Her body rejected chemotherapy and she relied on her faith in God to get her through. Year later, she is cancer free.

Gladys loves her family and she loves to praise God. She believes that with faith, love, and strength, we can overcome any challenge God puts before them. She is very special because she has helped hundreds of people in every city where she has lived. She always extends a helping hand for the less fortunate. She visits the jails and has even spoken at jails in the areas to help inspire.

She beat the odds and obtained her Bachelors in Business. Gladys is extremely busy sharing the word of God.





SHERO NOMINEE! JACQUELINE MICKENS

Jacquelyn Mickens sings in her church, Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church choir and serves as a Youth Counselor. She is a powerful force in her community; she helps everyone. Jacquelyn is also a retired Food Service Manager.

Jacquelyn Mickens was diagnosed with cancer in 2017 at the age of seventy-three. She is a woman of strong faith and strength in how she managed the many challenges. She endured six long months of chemotherapy and received treatment three times a week.

After chemotherapy, she had surgery and doctor removed thirteen lymph nodes from her left arm. Four months after the removal of the lymph nodes, Jacquelyn received four months of radiation treatments. This too proved to be an exceedingly tiring process for her and she was severely burned from the radiation treatments.

"God is sooo good."





SHERO NOMINEE! IDA SMITH

Ida Smith graduated from University of South Florida, College of Business Administration and she was the first African American female in the business program. She is a Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Ida has faced many struggles over the years and her son lose his battle to cancer. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020 and endured four weeks of radiation treatments. During this difficult time, she continued her responsibilities as Executive Assistant to Pastor James R. Reed Jr., pastor of Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church. Through it all, she never complained. She chose to praise God and thank him for His grace and mercy. I asked her what she would like for me to share from her story and what she said,

"Cancer is a silent killer with no face, A thief within the night. A constant battle for my life, a bitter evil fight. The scars remind me of the day it knocked at my soul's door. It tried to rob me of my strength. But through it all I never gave up because I know God has my back."





SHERO NOMINEE! MS. LILLIE MINOR

Lillie Minor is the mother of seven girls. She is worked for GTE/Verizon for 32 years, and Hillsborough County Public School for 11 years. She returned to college in 2017 and graduated Magma Cum Laude and earned a Bachelors of Art degree from Springfield College.

Lillie is an active member of Grace Mary MB Church. She serves as President of Usher Board Number One, Senior Women Ministry, and a Sunday teacher for Ladies Class Number One, and she's a member of Progressive ME State Convention Prayer Warriors Ministry team.

Ms. Lillie is a two-time breast cancer survivor in 2000 and 2019. She had a double mastectomy after she battled a second bout with breast cancer. She had chemotherapy and radiation and never complained or asked the question why me? Throughout her treatments, she remained faithful to God and her duties to His ministry. She lives by God first and then family. She taught her children to have faith in God and she is the first one to tell you that it was God who healed her.



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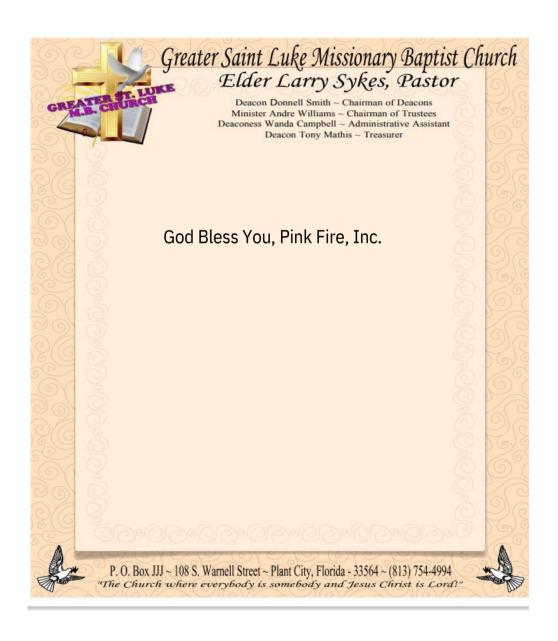
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Thank you Heavenly Father for giving each of us divine purpose and allowing my vision to come forth.

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