

The Promise of One Award

These awards are applied for through Komen Headquarters. The gift for this recognition is a sterling silver lapel pin and a letter from the Chairman of the Board at Komen HQ. The award is given to two individuals each year in recognition of exceptional service.

(1) Promise of One Award: Barbara Gentile

Barbara Gentile has been a dedicated volunteer with our educational and mission outreach for more than 9 years. Barbara has served on the symposium planning committee for that entire time. The symposium committee meets almost year-round to coordinate our annual breast cancer educational event. Barbara's nursing background and position as the Oncology Program Manager at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Cancer Institute at Franklin Square have benefited the committee immensely. Her insight, expertise and contacts in the clinical field help shape the educational symposium into a stellar event, but we especially appreciate her quiet dedication, her positive influence and her gracious manner.

(2) Promise of One Award: Leigh Ann Eagle

Leigh Ann Eagle first became involved with Komen Maryland as a grantee in 2007. The Life After Breast Cancer grant program provides acupuncture and water therapy to breast cancer survivors on the Eastern Shore to increase functional independence and quality of life and to decrease pain. Leigh Ann began as the Aqua Instructor on the program, but she quickly took on the role of program director and then became a champion for all the breast cancer survivors that have been through the program. In turn, she has also become a champion for Komen Maryland and is our ambassador on the Eastern Shore. Leigh Ann was instrumental in establishing the Eastern Shore Breast Cancer Consortium, now in its third year, by suggesting participants and promoting the need for the consortium in the public health community.

MARYLAND AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Pink Ribbon Awards

This award honors two corporate or community supporters who display extraordinary commitment to the affiliate.

(1) Pink Ribbon Award: Constellation Energy

Constellation Energy has been a sponsor of the Race for the Cure since its inception. Over the past three years, Constellation has become more and more involved providing us with 100 loaner safety vests for our parking lot volunteers and then purchasing 150 safety vests imprinted with our logo in 2009. In addition, Constellation increased their sponsorship level and supplied us with a generator as an incentive prize for the Power of Ten program.

Constellation started a Race team in 2007 with 16 members. In 2008, the team membership rose to 51 with a pledge dollar total of \$12,368. In 2009, the team doubled to 177 raising an amazing \$30,000. 2010 brought 737 team members and almost \$63,000 in pledge dollars catapulting them to the top team in dollars raised.

(2) Pink Ribbon Award: Tri-Gas & Oil

Since 2008 Tri Gas and Oil has hosted a Cause Related Marketing campaign to benefit Komen Maryland. The campaign is called “Driven to find a Cure” and brings breast health awareness and raises funds on the ES. Tri Gas purchased a PINK truck to serve as the “Pink Lady”; she has become so popular she is an active participant in parades and community events.

The fundraising program is close to the heart of the McMahan family who own and operate Tri Gas & Oil. Audrey McMahan and her husband Lee started the family business over 50 years ago. Audrey was a breast cancer survivor and was deeply committed to giving back to the community throughout her lifetime. Audrey’s granddaughter, Julie, manages the “Pink Lady” and all the publicity benefitting Komen Maryland and the promotion of breast health awareness. Julie will be helping us with our new initiatives on the Eastern Shore including the Ocean City Race for the Cure in 2012.

The Founders Award

The Founders Award honors a new volunteer who has performed a high level of volunteer service during the current year and displays the potential to assume a leadership role in the organization in the future.

Founders Award Winner: Kevin Burr

Kevin began his involvement with Komen in 2009 as a member of the Operations Committee. He participated in race set-up and race day coordination. Kevin’s reputation as an extremely well organized and committed individual made him the perfect candidate for managing this year’s recycling and restoration logistics. Kevin worked with the High School Student Congress which was chaired by Meredith Good-Cohn (also demonstrating excellent leadership potential) to coordinate the recycling program. His role involved collaboration with Baltimore County Public Works, Race day management of the 100 Student Congress volunteers as well as coordination and management of all other Site Restoration, better known as clean up, volunteers.

Kevin’s knowledge of Komen, our mission and our accomplishments has been noted by many. We are thrilled that Kevin will be serving on the 2011 Sponsorship Committee and look forward to his leadership development. On

a side note, Kevin also serves as Komen Maryland's official Poet Laureate for his poem describing the feeling of hope and inspiration on Race day 2009.

The Survivor Award

This award was established with the founding of the Maryland Affiliate in 1993 in memory of Ellen Barnett who brought a sense of life and celebration into the race series. The award recognizes a survivor who makes a significant contribution in a distinctive way.

The Survivor Award Winner: Michelle Bland

Michelle first began volunteering with the Central Virginia Affiliate before moving to Maryland. Over the past year, we have benefitted from Michelle's enthusiasm as a BC advocate and as a seven year survivor. Michelle has always looked at her diagnosis, treatment and recovery as a journey. Following in the footsteps of Ellen Barnett, Michelle enjoys celebrating and acknowledging her survival and giving back to the community in the midst of challenges. Michelle is a Komen ambassador serving our pink bag lunch program with Breast Health 101 presentations and representing Komen Maryland at health and wellness fairs. She also volunteered at the Race, finding ways to acknowledge survivors and using her positive energy to encourage women to get their annual mammograms and to get to know their own bodies to better witness changes.

It is our pleasure to recognize Michelle for her role as a volunteer and survivor carrying out our vision of a world without breast cancer.

The Maryland Affiliate Award

This award is given to a volunteer who exemplifies philanthropy at its best and represents the highest honor the Affiliate bestows upon a volunteer.

Maryland Affiliate Award Winner: Dorothy Fuchs

Dorothy has been a Komen Ambassador for many years. Dorothy and her sisters have been hosting a third party event for 11 years, *Theresa's Tea Party*, in honor of their mom who died of breast cancer.

Dorothy speaks passionately as a Co-Survivor about the impact of breast cancer and the work of Komen Maryland.

She has also served on our PR Advisory Committee since its inception more than two years ago. She has taken a leadership role on the committee and makes significant contributions. She is responsible for our current pro bono partnership with IMRE and has connected many businesses with us in cause related marketing projects.