



Despite cold, thousands participate in breast cancer race

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**This story has been corrected to say that Brittney Doman's aunt survived cancer.*

COLUMBIA — The numbers were printed on small, pink paddles, held aloft in the cool morning air: 9, 3, 6, 25.

They were the number of years the women who held them had been breast cancer-free. About four dozen cancer survivors marched down Elm Street to the starting line of the fifth annual Susan G. Komen Mid-Missouri Race for the Cure.

Saturday's five-kilometer race raised money for breast cancer research and education. The race brought in \$48,000, said Kathryn Adams, Komen's mid-Missouri executive director. The group is aiming to raise \$100,000 by the end of the month, and Adams thinks it can double that.

Pink, breast cancer charities' signature color, was everywhere: pink hats, pink shoes and pink tutus. Some were wearing pink signs on their backs inscribed with the names of those they were running for.

"I'm running for my mom" was sown onto the back of one girl's pink running jacket.

Racers began gathering downtown around 6 a.m. It was 39 degrees and windy. Columbia's Jazzercise led participants in a short warm-up 15 minutes before the race. A playlist of '80's music played throughout the event, and there was more than a little dancing.

About 1,800 people showed up, Adams said.

The race began with timed runners at 8 a.m., un-timed runners at 8:05 a.m. and then walkers, who accounted for a majority of the participants. The route started on Sixth Street, looped down College Avenue, cut through Greektown and finished past Ninth Street. Most people finished in less than an hour, with the first runners coming in at 21 minutes.

Brittney Doman, 24, ran for her aunt, who survived breast cancer after having a double mastectomy*. "It's something that hits home for everyone," she said.

For Doman, the cold was not an excuse to skip the race.

"Everyone should come out and support and freeze your butt off if you have to."

Shelby Anderson, 19, an MU student, came along with her team of 11 from MU's Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center.

"It's a big deal," she said. "One of our employees passed away with cancer, so we took it upon ourselves to walk."

Kent Moore, 49, also came out to support.

"When I heard that one in eight women are affected by this disease, it really brings it home," he said. "It means there is no way you can go through life and not know someone affected by the disease. So anything we can do to help, we are all for it."

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