

Over 300 Participants Gather in Wellesley, MA for W.A.R. Against Ovarian Cancer

Ovations for the Cure of Ovarian Cancer Hosts Fifth Annual Benefit Walk and Run

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June 14, 2012—Boston, MA—Ovations for the Cure of Ovarian Cancer of Natick, MA, a national ovarian cancer organization, hosted the Fifth Annual W.A.R. (Walk and Run) Against Ovarian Cancer, Sunday, June 10 at Morses Pond Recreation Park in Wellesley, MA.

Started in 2007 by a family impacted by ovarian cancer, W.A.R. has grown to unite over 300 participants consisting of teams and individuals who all have been touched by the disease. Patients, survivors, and their families and friends were greeted at Morses Pond by the Ovations Staff, and were welcomed with a heart-felt speech by the organization's President, Paul Flaherty, before starting out on the three mile walk and run. The event proved to be a rally of participants, in mostly teal t-shirts, supporting an underserved disease.

Ovarian Cancer will be diagnosed more than 220,000 times in 2012 worldwide. According to the American Cancer Society, if ovarian cancer is found (and treated) before the cancer has spread outside the ovary; the 5-year survival rate is 93%. However, less than 20% of all ovarian cancers are found at this early stage for the symptoms of ovarian cancer are hard to detect and equally difficult to diagnose.

"Knowing this event started with just a few people only five years ago, and to see this many involved is truly an inspiration to us all," said Paul Flaherty. "Raising awareness and support for ovarian cancer initiatives is an uphill battle, but this walk proves we are making a difference."

Proceeds from the walk benefit ovarian cancer awareness, patient programs, and funding research through Ovations for the Cure of Ovarian Cancer.

Contributions to support Ovations are necessary and donations can be made at www.ovationsforthecure.org.

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About Ovations for the Cure of Ovarian Cancer

Ovations for the Cure, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the relentless pursuit of a cure for ovarian cancer in three critical ways. First, by actively increasing the awareness of the subtle signs and symptoms of this silent disease. Second, by giving hope, education and comfort to those currently battling ovarian

cancer through its patient programs. Third, by providing critical funding of new and ongoing ovarian cancer research and treatment initiatives. The organization was founded in 2006 by nine-year ovarian cancer survivor Patricia Franchi Flaherty, who also lost her mother to the disease. Patty dedicated her life to raising awareness of the risk factors and subtle warning signs of this often overlooked women's cancer so no other women would have to endure what she did. For more information about Ovations, please visit www.ovationsforthecure.org.