#### WHAT'S NEW?

# COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT "GIVE" ENGAGES EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE U.S.

Pink Aid has been chosen as a designated charity by the Microsoft GIVE Foundation. This program is unique in that it not only raises funds for Pink Aid, but is powered by the volunteer efforts and contributions of Microsoft employees across the U.S.

As Pink Purse is our national program, employees that are passionate about our mission are taking shifts as application reviewers. This encourages awareness and allows volunteers to really understand the need for what we do. Microsoft makes a contribution for hours logged volunteering and matches it as well. We are just getting started and applications have been reviewed in six states!

Thank you to Pink Aid Warrior Extraordinaire Noa Eisenberg for championing this program!

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Aside from employees volunteering their time, social media fundraising was also part of the Microsft GIVE Initiative

#### NATIONAL UPDATE

### PINK AID'S "MOVEMENT" TO **TURN 50 STATES PINK!**



As we move into our third year of our National Pink Purse program, we are excited to see momentum building in both the fundraising and fund-giving areas.

Recently, we have been grateful to be able to help struggling breast cancer patients in Maine, Arizona and South Dakota, raising our footprint talley to 33 states!

Likewise, as word of our work has spread, we are seeing an increasing influx of donations coming

in from many states across the U.S. We hope to continue to build a roster of national sponsors and foundations and to build fundraising communities around breast health centers that want to join our "movement."

If you know someone in any part of the country that would like to join our Movement as a sponsor, donor or volunteer, please contact info@pinkaid.org

"I didn't get scared, I said... Where do we go from here...

Carmen Brooks Mother/Grandmother Pink Purse Recipient



### **PARTNER SPOTLIGHT**

### blú SWIMWEAR

### Comfort. Support. Security. Timeless.



To the founders of blú, these four words suggest 2 things:

• The extraordinary work that Pink Aid does and the feeling when helping women and men struggling with breast cancer.

> • Swimsuits that fit every body type with a beautiful &

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intelligent material, elegant modern style and gorgeous colors.

blú Swimwear has researched what women and men want in their swimwear as founder Keri O'Shea has spent every summer since childhood in the Adirondacks and partner Heather Durst summering in Scandinavia, both around water. And what they have come up with is exactly what people have asked for: Comfort. Soft. No mesh material!. Women are tired of high cut unflattering bikinis and shaving all the time! Men want something flattering along with no chafing. Classy. Colorful. And environmentally friendly!

With form fitting suits that can be worn to the pool or the gym, they have also designed a children's line so Kiddos have that same feel in a Euro-style unique to our sweet cheeks by blú children's unisex suits!

Thank you blú Swimwear for supporting Pink Aid!



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# 2022 "PINKCHELLA" EVENT BREAKS \$1MILLION FUNDRAISING GOAL!



"Pinkchella" on September 29th marked a long-awaited return to an in-person event for Pink Aid following the Covid-19 pandemic. An eager and excited crowd of 550+ gathered to celebrate Pink Aid's 12th year of providing "compassion until there's a cure" to breast cancer patients struggling financially locally, regionally and now, nationally. From the music festival-inspired food and decor to the thumping soundtrack provided by DJ Mo Prester, the event fueled a crowd hungry for reconnection after two long years of social isolation.

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Shown on left: Founders Amy Gross and Amv Katz with Pinkchella Event Chairs Jill Halper and Andi Sklar celebrating the success at The Post CT.

CT to events and fundraisers hosted by local and national businesses and p.3

PINK AID'S PINK PURSE NOW IN 33 STATES!

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS** 

**BREAST CANCER** 

**AWARENESS** 

Pink Aid's "movement" to spread compassion across the country has rolled out quickly as Pink Purse has now helped struggling breast cancer patients in 33 states.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR 2022/23 PARTNERS

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SPREAD COMPASSION WITH 2022 YEAR-END DONATION

go to pinkaid.org or mail donations to: Pink Aid, P.O. Box 5157, Westport CT 06881.



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Event Photography: Joe Crawford

### PINK AID CT "PINKCHELLA" EVENT BREAKS 1M FUNDRAISING GOAL (cont. from cover)

Singer Gabrielle Lakshmi's powerful rendition of "You Gotta Be" set the tone for the program, which included a stunning fashion show by Mitchells, a moving story of learning to "mine the joy" during life's darkest moments from guest speaker, Sarrah Strimel Bentley and laughs from comedienne Courtney Davis, who collaborated with Deb Placey to help raise funds and paddles as auction hosts.

As always, our annual "Celebration of Life" Warrior Fashion Show was the highlight of the event as 13 breast cancer survivors triumphantly walked the runway. The crowd was on their feet with emotion, love and the spirit of community as Olivia and Quinn Dunev, the young daughters of Pink Aid friend, Diana Dunev, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2019, walked to honor their beloved mother.

Pinkchella's success was the work of so many, led by this year's event co-chairs, Jill Halper & Andi Sklar. Their leadership and creativity with the event theme, combined with the extraordinary collaboration of copresidents, Michele Corenman & Deb Katz, resulted in a wave of new volunteers and enthusiasm.

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## LONG ISLAND HOSTS ANOTHER RECORD BREAKING EVENT



Spirits soared at Pink Aid Ll's 9th luncheon. All were inspired by speakers, Edie Falco who played Carmela on the Sopranos and Sarrah Strimel Bentley, of Damn Good Yoga. Edie showed us what generosity of spirit, grace and gratitude looked

like and Sarah inspired the crowd with teaching us to "mine the joy".

This year's Designer Fashion Show featured the best of Mitchells beautiful fashions. The Celebration of Life Fashion Show was the pinnacle of the day with 12 survivors rocking the runway. A special

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FUNDRAISING

In the wake of soaring inflation and our efforts to seed national growth, we set the ambitious goal of raising a million dollars and we actually broke it! Pink Aid's future is bright as we continue our work to meet the needs of women, men and families in CT and beyond who are experiencing the financial side effects of breast cancer.



### CHAPTER NEWS

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presentation was made to Susan Cohen for her years of dedication and commitment to Pink Aid. Thank you to everyone who made

the day such a success and for ping make our mission possible.



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# COMMUNITY SUPPORTS OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Local businesses, big national companies, and area • ORANGETHEORY DARIEN • ORGANIC KRUSH • sports teams alike got into the fundraising spirit for Pink PURPOSE2PURCHASE • SARASWATI'S YOGA JOINT Aid in October! All of these donations, no matter the • SHOREHAVEN GOLF CLUB • ST MARY'S COLLEGE size, are making a difference in the lives of women and OF MARYLAND WOMENS LAX TEAM • STAPLES PINK families, both locally and around the country.

Thank you for your support: BOTKIER • BRAZILS WAXING CENTER • CRUNCH NORWALK • DYNAVAP • THE ENRICHED STITCH • GENEVIEVE LAU JEWELRY • GLOSSWIRE • GREENWICH MEDICAL SPA • GYPSET • J. MCLAUGHLIN • SUNRISE OF WILTON • JOHNNY WAS • JOSH LEVKOF • Scan this QR code to learn more about KERRI ROSENTHAL • LEGIT ACTIVEWEAR • MILLIE RAE'S having your own Fundraiser for Pink Aid!

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