

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Lee & Kathy Giller



Kathy and Lee Giller have combined their talent, time, and treasure to do their part in creating a world without breast cancer. In July 2005, Lee was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer. While male breast cancer is rare, impacting 2,000 men annually, the associated fears, surgery, and treatments are no different than when a woman faces this diagnosis. Throughout Lee's illness, the Gillers encountered many people who had no realization that men could also be stricken with this disease.

Only six months out of treatment, Kathy and Lee, with two of their children, formed the team of "Breast Man Walking" to raise funds and increase awareness through the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Breast Cancer Walks. Kathy and Lee have now walked in twelve of these events, totaling 720 miles. Their efforts have raised more than \$160,000 in the fight against breast cancer.

This year, Kathy was recognized again as the top fundraiser for the Cleveland Walk and "Breast Man Walking" was honored as one of the top per capita teams in the country for the fifth consecutive year. Lee has continued to raise awareness about the risks men face through his high visibility and association through the Komen organization. He also currently serves as a board member for the Susan G. Komen's Northeast Ohio Affiliate.

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