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### **Moser's Miles Raises Money for Breast Cancer Research**

**TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP-** One woman made it her mission to raise more funds for breast cancer research. Diagnosed with the disease in November of 2007, Terry Moser says, "I wanted to do something positive to keep my mind busy." Moser joined forces with the Toms River North Little Indians to start the now annual event called the Moser's Miles 5k Breast Cancer Walk.

The Toms River North Little Indians reached out to local business owners and asked for monetary or gift donations to be auctioned off the day of the event. In the first 3 years, Moser's Miles raised over \$70,000 for Breast Cancer and Melanoma research.

Fast-forward three years later and Moser was now spearheading the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Moser's Miles 5K Breast Cancer Walk, held this September at the Toms River High School North Campus. Moser who is presently in remission, says, "All the money goes to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This year we have raised another \$13,000 from the walk, and we even had an additional fundraiser of \$1,000 to go to the Picurro family in Toms River." Laura Picurro's husband, Joe, died as a result of complications from the air he was breathing while working at Ground Zero following the 9/11 attacks. "This money is for Laura to offset costs of his medical bills," Moser states.

Hundreds of residents have participated in the event over the years. During the walk, participants could join friends around the track of Toms River North, or visit vendor booths together.

Toms River Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher wished to thank the support of the community for their generous donations. Kelaher said to the crowd, "I understand the current numbers reveal that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Those are just staggering statistics. This disease doesn't just affect women because it affects the men in their lives, whether it is husbands, brothers or sons." Kelaher added, "Please, stress the importance of screenings with the women in your lives."

According to the American Cancer Society, research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer is going on throughout the world. Thanks to early detection and improved treatments, millions of women are surviving breast cancer today.



(Photo courtesy Debbi Winogracki)

Toms River Township Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher and Terry Moser at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Moser's Miles 5k Breast Cancer Walk.



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Toms River Township Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher poses with the cheerleaders of the Toms River Little Indians squad at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Moser's Miles 5k Breast Cancer Walk.