

UTMB Telehealth Center walks for the Cure

UTMB Telehealth Center supports its employees in walking for a good cause.

On October 9, 2004 the UTMB Telehealth Center walked for the Cure. The D'Feet Breast Cancer, Inc. sponsored a 5K walk at Moody Gardens in efforts of raising funds to assist in payments to Galveston County residents between the ages of 40-60 for mammographies and breast screening. Thirteen Telehealth employees got together and walked in memory of and in celebration of Breast Cancer Research and Advancement.

The D'Feet Breast Cancer 5-kilometer Run and Walk had its largest turnout ever Saturday, with more than 200 runners, 500 walkers and 200 children participating at Moody Gardens.

Cool temperatures led to fast times on the certified course as Fred Miller was the overall winner. Julie Carnes led the women and claimed the overall female first prize.

The race is the primary fund-raiser for the D'Feet Breast Cancer organization, which channels its proceeds toward providing mammograms and cancer care to uninsured Galveston County women. Last year, more than 500 women received mammograms at sites throughout the county.

"This year's event was our most successful, and will enable us to reach out to even more of the women in need of cancer screening and treatment," noted Dolly Warren, the race's founder and organizer.

One unique feature of D'Feet Breast Cancer's approach is their commitment to follow-up care. If a mammogram provided through D'Feet Breast Cancer indicates a need for further testing or surgery, the program provides all necessary follow-up care at no cost.

The Saturday morning event included a memorial tribute of flying doves and a presentation to Cheryl Watson, Ph.D., associate director of UTMB's Center of Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Health, and Lee-Jane Lu, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at UTMB.

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