

June White

Friends call it boundless generosity, family members call it endless love, other survivors call it a perpetual gift. June White calls it passing on a blessing. Whatever the name, it is a resource unique to June— and a wellspring of hope, happiness and healing to hundreds of women and their families facing life's challenges.

Long before June was diagnosed with breast cancer, she embraced the opportunity to volunteer in her community in various capacities by serving the needs of youths, acting as a mentor for two surrogate daughters and filling several roles within her church community. As a mother, wife, career woman and citizen, June achieved her own happiness by putting into practice her steadfast belief that "inner satisfaction is gained through working to help others."

After becoming a breast cancer survivor nearly 24 years ago, June's motivation for volunteerism evolved from merely pursuing inner satisfaction to celebrating her life. As June puts it, "I could only celebrate my second chance at life by sharing my blessing with others." And share it she does— with an endless flow of guidance, inspiration, support and love that has endeared her as a sister to the entire Komen Philadelphia Affiliate family and the thousands of women they serve.

Her first year as a survivor, June raised over \$6,000 for the Komen Philadelphia Race for the Cure®, making her its largest individual fundraiser. From then on her volunteer efforts for the Race for the Cure® and other Affiliate initiatives have been tireless, ranging from public speaking to stuffing envelopes. In every and any way that she can, June reaches out to breast cancer patients as an educator, fellow survivor and compassionate friend. Her efforts have earned her numerous awards and recognition, including the September 2002 Commendation from the Mayor Winslow Township and being named the Komen Affiliate's Outstanding Survivor Volunteer of the Year 2005.

- BMW Ultimate Drive 2002-2003
- Association of Business Leaders & Entrepreneurs 2005
- Gloucester Cty Board of Chosen Freeholders 2005
- Celebrate Life Survivors Luncheon Co-Chair 2006-2007

But as June says, "Nothing I do is in anticipation of recognition. It's how I say thank you to God, my family, and my community for saving my life." She currently coordinates a Breast Health Ministry known as Y.A.N.A.S. (You Are Not Alone Sister) at Bethany Baptist Church. Transitioning from corporate life into retirement has been fostered by the attitude of 'be in the present'. Yesterday is done, tomorrow will come by the grace of God and today is a gift.