



The Pretty in Pink Ladies conquered their second Avon Walk for Breast Cancer this past weekend in Chicago. The Ladies included DuPage Medical Group (DMG) employees from Plastic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and the Institute of Aesthetic Surgery. Not only did they walk the length of the marathon on Saturday, June 6th, but they continued to walk 13.1 miles further on Sunday. The walk began in a crowded Soldier Field and finished in Warren Park on day one of the two-day walk. The Ladies walked through Chicago landmarks such as the lake shore, Lincoln Wood, Lincoln Park, Sauganash, and the Village of Skokie. This adventure was experienced in the presence of friends and families that came together for a common goal. The prevention and cure of breast cancer grew a little closer to discovery this weekend when the Pretty in Pink Ladies raised over \$20,000! The dedication and teamwork of these ladies was exemplified by their team total.

The fundraising hurdle was easily overcome with the help of these corporate sponsors. Special thanks to DMG, The Institute of Aesthetic Surgery, The Northstar Group, Inc., Radiesse, The Suburban Woman, DMH Surgical, Inc.-Walter Lorenz, Quasar Medical, Inc., and Leonblu. The Ladies also held specific fundraisers within the DMG community. The Ice Cream Social and Bake Sales were a complete success! Other fundraisers that contributed to our success were "Take Me Out to the Ballgame", a raffle of White Sox and Cubs tickets hosted at Highland Oaks Administrative Offices, a Silent Auction, and a dinner deal to BD Mongolian Grill. Each individual member made an extraordinary effort to reach the \$20,000 mark. The personal and joint fundraising of the team shows how determined the Pretty in Pink Ladies, and their corporate sponsors, are to finding a cure!

Although this was only the second walk for the Pretty in Pink Ladies, Chicago has hosted seven walks total! Ironically, this year for their seventh annual walk, the 3,200 walkers raised a total of 7 million dollars! The Avon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity and looks to support advance access to care, and the cure for breast cancer. For information on the Avon Walk, visit www.avonwalk.org. From just this walk, grants totaling over \$2.4 million were given to Chicago land organizations. Some Chicago grants include The University of Chicago, Robert H. Lurie Cancer Center at Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Mercy Foundation, and others. The rest of the money will be awarded to breast cancer programs located across the nation throughout the next year. The money and advancements that resulted from the Avon Walk will save many lives in the near future, and the effort of the Pretty in Pink Ladies helped to make this possible.

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