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**SUSAN G. KOMEN NORTHWEST OHIO RACE FOR THE CURE®  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk  
Kids Run T-Shirt Contest Winner Announced**

As part of the annual Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure® the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kids Run for children ages 5-10 will take place following the Run/Walk and preceding the awards ceremony at Fifth Third Field, on Sunday, September 30, 2007.

At the end of the last academic school year all elementary schools in the Komen service area were invited to enter a contest to design a t-shirt that will be worn by all the participants of the Kids Run. They were instructed to use the pink ribbon logo and their imagination. The winner this year is 6-year-old Sydney Blanker from Waterville Elementary School, who will enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade this fall. She will be recognized during the award ceremony following the Race.

The Kids Run is a non-competitive, non-timed run. This event will start on the ball field at 10:30 a.m. There are separate start times for ages 5-7 and 8-10. The 5-7 year olds will make 1 loop around the warning track (the perimeter of the ball field) and the 8-10 year olds will run the loop twice. The entry fee is \$10 per child, which includes a t-shirt, finishing award and special goodies. All entrants must be pre-registered. Go to [www.komennwohio.org](http://www.komennwohio.org) to register.

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982 that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, we have invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

The Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure awarded grants totalling more than \$428,940 to eight area organizations offering a variety of community based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved throughout our 18 county service area.

National sponsors of The Race include Yoplait, American Airlines, Coldwater Creek, Ford, Energizer, New Balance, Quilted Northern Ultra, SunChips, RE/MAX and Zeta Tau Alpha.

For information on the Komen Northwest Ohio affiliate, please visit [www.komennwohio.org](http://www.komennwohio.org).. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) or call 1-800-I'M AWARE.

The Komen Northwest Ohio Affiliate serves the counties of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Monroe, MI.

Breast cancer knows no boundaries, be it age, gender, socio-economic status or geographic location.