







The Praise Out Cancer Foundation (POCF) recently had its annual On The Move For A Cure Walkathon at Vance Community Park in Vance, SC to raise awareness, raise spirits, and raise funds to support local cancer patients via their POC Grant as well as raises funds for local cancer treatment centers on Saturday, May 4th.

This was more than just a walk; the "On The Move For A Cure" Walkathon brought together passionate volunteers, supporters and sponsors who embody the Praise Out Cancer Foundation's vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

The event's registration began at 7:00 am with POCF Spokesperson and Walkathon Coordinator Malqueen Rivers giving a welcome before Vance's Mayor, the Honorable Michael Aiken's message of encouragement followed by a prayer led by Red Hill Baptist Church's Deacon Dwight Hardeman with the National Anthem led by songstress Kerrisha Glover.

That Saturday's morning rain was no match for the many supporters participating in a warm-up exercise, led by Vertical Worship's Angel Brown. The walkers, cyclist and riders were furnished with water supplied by the Hickory Spring Water Company-Elloree as they were safely escorted by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's and EMS Bike Team along the 3.1 mile walk on Camden Road to Old Number Highway to Vance Road then back along Camden Road to Vance Community Park.

Upon returning to the park the participants were greeted to the savory aromas of a number of food vendors, including: The Barbeque Pitstop, Mr. Cliff's Italian Ices, and Green's Grub On Wheels. As they made the final lap around the park they could see a number of information resource tables: Family Health Centers, Orangeburg Veterans Affairs Office, and Praise Out Cancer's Faces Behind the Ribbon Wall of Honor. Also on hand were, Women Renewed, Team Jericho BC and Team Red Hill BC, Face Painting by Ashley Rivers, and more.

During the afternoon, with the help of WJBS 96.1 FM and HGGS Ministries, the crowd was entertained by a concert that was a real gospel love fest. Throughout the concert, it was evident that the Spirit had something special planned for this evening. Spirit showed up and everyone showed out. Starting with the 15 year old Jasmine Johnson, and ending with Ernest "Big Moe" Mosley; every artist showed the strength of the healing power of music. Other artists included: Kerrisha Glover, Red Hill Baptist Church Praise Team, New Way Church House of Ministries Worldwide Praise Team; they all sang and danced with such fire. It was like having church at the Vance Community Park.

This volunteer-led experience unites communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. So much can be done when we all come together. Don't miss the opportunity to be involved next year when "On The Move For A Cure" comes back to Vance Community Park.

We here at the Praise Out Cancer Foundation, want to express our thanks and appreciation for all of the volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to help raise awareness in our communities. Just like it's impossible to have a complete puzzle with one missing piece, it's unimaginable to have a successful awareness event without our dedicated volunteers. You are at the heart of our journey, and our gratitude to you runs deep because you are truly the driving force behind our mission. Thank you.

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