

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was the date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Racquet for the Cure event held at Prairie Life Fitness in Omaha, NE.

Over \$10,000 was raised for the Komen for the Cure Foundation. The month long event starts with PLF employees making a \$5 donation to wear pink shirts and jeans to work on Fridays and raffle tickets being sold to win a One Year Family membership to Prairie Life Fitness. Our silent auction, with over 150 items to bid on, brought in \$4500. Items included: dozens of gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses, clothing, jewelry, Creighton University items, Husker apparel, wine baskets, beach chairs, hand knit baby blankets, scrapbook items, children's books and much more! The auction is open for the week leading up to the racquetball tournament, our members love it and the support of our community is greatly appreciated!

The wine and beer tasting event is in it' 3<sup>rd</sup> year and this drew the largest attendance so far. Beer was provided Johnson Brother's Distributing and Quality Brands of Omaha. Wine was donated by NE Wine and Spirits and Superior Estates winery. There was lots of good food like; smoked ribs, salmon, pizza, pulled pork, cheese and crackers, fruit and cakes for dessert. New this year.....live background music provided by Matt and Katie... their talents and presence made this unique event even more spectacular. All 65 participants contributed to this great cause.

Ending out the week on Saturday was the much anticipated racquetball tourney which drew more players than ever before. 30 men and 21 women joined us for a great day of racquetball. Goracke and Associates provided the player souvenir for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We had players from age 13 to 75 joining in on the fun and team building. The "TEAM" concept is a must for this tournament. Participants are divided into teams of 10 and their points from games played are added together to determine the winning team. The "Racquet Rambos" in the camouflage bandanas beat the "Peace Out" in the retro bandanas by just 7 points. This really adds to the friendship building of the event. As always, Grandmother's restaurant donated a fabulous meal for all to enjoy at the end of our day. The racquetball community came through in a big way.....again. Committee members were pleased with the outcome of the event and feel privileged to be able to help our good friends Holly Sobota and Eleanor Alston by giving them some of the proceeds from this event.

This brings the total to over \$41,000 raised in four years. Committee members, Carrie Reitmeier, Jane Fleming, Julie Dvorak, Julie Brewer, Eleanor Alston and Holly Sobota send a heart felt "thank you" to all of our gracious sponsors and Prairie Life Fitness members and guests for embracing this event each year!



Julie, Julie, Bunny, Eleanor and Jenifer enjoying lunch provided by Chipotle!!



Great turnout for the Sat. night banquet!



Three of our younger participants: Megan, Jamie and Toni.



Checking out the great matches.



Great items on the silent auction!



RFC Committee members:  
Jane Fleming, Eleanor Alston, Carrie Reitmeier  
and Julie Dvorak



The Wine and Beer Tasting event.



Sara and Holly Sobota at  
the wine event.