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## **PAINT THE HEIGHTS PINK**

### *Help Komen Memorial Kickoff National Breast Cancer Awareness Month With Two Events in One!*

**PEORIA HEIGHTS** – September 27, 2018 –In just a few days, The Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate and various Peoria Heights partners will host a 2-part event, Paint the Heights Pink, as the kickoff event for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The month-long event kicks off on Friday, September 28!

#### **Part I—Art**

The event begins with an art exhibit and continues with a multi-day dining experience. On Friday, September 28 we invite our community to begin their weekend/evening at Exhibit A Gallery on Prospect which will showcase Survivors 2018, an art exhibit featuring the work of local artist, Theresa McDade. Theresa shares that “Survivors 2018 is an exhibit of breast cancer survivors that modeled for my paintings using their bodies as my canvas. The project started after my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2017. I then decided to use my art to help bring awareness and additional attention to breast cancer and the survivors.”

Theresa’s artwork will be available for sale, and she will donate a portion of proceeds to Komen Memorial.

#### **Part II—Dine**

Stop by Survivors 2018, see the amazing exhibit, make a donation to Komen, and pick up a card with participating Paint the Heights Pink restaurants. Each restaurant will donate 10% of a guest’s dining experience when the PTHP card is presented on Friday, September 28, AND every Wednesday for the month of October.

Participating restaurants at this time are: Hearth, Cayenne Restaurant, Joe’s Original Italian and Martini Bar, Noir Tapas & Rendezvous Lounge, Peoria Pizza Works, The Publik House, TNT’s Sports Bar and Grill, Oliver’s in the Heights, and W.E. Sullivan’s Irish Pub and Fare (Friday, September 28 only). Bon appetit!

Exhibit A Gallery, Peoria Heights Chamber of Commerce, Village of Peoria Heights, and the Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate are co-hosting this event to raise awareness for breast cancer and to help raise funds to help our 36-county service area and national research.

More event details☺

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**About Susan G. Komen® and Komen Memorial**

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Komen has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Komen was founded in 1982 by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life. Komen Memorial is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen Peoria Race for the Cure®, Komen Memorial has invested nearly \$12 million in community breast health programs in 36-counties and has helped contribute to the more than \$988 million invested globally in research. For more information, call 309.691.6906 or visit [komenmemorial.org](http://komenmemorial.org).