

AGAINST THE TIDE

Mother, daughter team raise money for breast cancer prevention

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) calls on mothers, daughters, sisters and their loved ones to support breast cancer prevention by participating in the organization's annual Against the Tide swim, kayak, walk or run fundraising event.

Hopkinton resident, Notre Dame graduate and 2010 Big East swim champion Megan Farrell will be swimming in the competitive component of the Against the Tide event on June 18. She and her mother have teamed up to swim together and have created the team, Mom & Megan.

Megan's mother also swam growing up and inspired her to start swimming at a young age. "I am pleased that my mother and I will be swimming together to help the MBCC in their goal towards breast cancer Prevention," she said.

The MBCC is the only breast cancer organization locally and nationally that focuses on breast cancer prevention. We invite participants to add a flag on the mural of honor, which signifies that their participation is in honor or memory of whoever they choose to dedicate their flag. The Farrell moth-

er daughter team is one of the many teams that any participant can join or pledge for.

If you are interested in joining or pledging for Team Mom & Megan, go to first-giving.com/fundraiser/megan_farrell/against-the-tide-hopkinton. To meet Megan and her mother come to where the race begins at 7:30 the morning before the event.

Massachusetts' breast cancer rate is nearly 10 percent higher than the national average, with some women in Greater Boston and Cape Cod bearing some of the highest risk for breast cancer in the world. More than one in eight women risk a breast

cancer diagnosis during her lifetime; and while breast cancer is typically a disease affecting older women, more and more younger women are being diagnosed with very aggressive forms of the disease.

This event is a one-mile competitive or recreational swim, two-mile kayak, three-mile walk or a 5k run. Participants can participate in three of the five events.

Go to www.mbcc.org/swim and register today. Donations may be sent to the following address: Against the Tide, c/o MBCC, 1419 Hancock Street, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02169.



Megan Farrell, left, and her mother have formed a team and will compete in the Against the Tide fundraiser raising money for breast cancer prevention. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

