

Event to be held Saturday at Woodmen Center to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Don't do a double-take when you see Sue Ellen Maddux with what looks like a pink feather coming out of her head. It actually *is* a feather and she's wearing it throughout the month for a good cause: to raise awareness about breast cancer.

"So many of us have loved ones or friends who have been touched by that disease and we want to beat it," Maddux said.

Maddux and about a dozen other people met at the Woodmen Community Center with owners and stylists from Total Experience Salon and Spa Monday morning to have the pretty little pink feathers woven or to have a pink streak dyed into their hair. The cost for the follicle decorations are \$10 each and all the money will be donated to the Susan B. Komen for the Cure organization, which funds breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

The Woodmen Community Center will host a "Party in Pink" charity event from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday which includes a Zumba session and breast cancer awareness education. Tickets to the event are being pre-sold for \$12; tickets at the door will be \$15. Seventy-

five percent of the ticket fee will be donated to the Komen organization.

Woodmen Community Center Director Kelly Cannon is motivated to beat the disease since she has several close folks that breast cancer has affected, including an aunt in Tennessee who has survived two bouts. Cannon also passionately talked about a center employee, Sandra Brown, who fought the disease 15 years ago and a high school friend, whose mother is currently going through chemotherapy as motivation for Saturday's event.

"We're going to have Zumba and education about breast cancer," Cannon said of Saturday's event at her center. "We're hoping this is going to be a good community event. It's important for us to help raise money to help stop breast cancer."

Jane Cannady and Johnnee Rice were among the ladies getting strands of their hair dyed Monday morning. Cannady was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001.

"I'm a survivor and I'm hoping for a cure," Cannady said while her foil-wrapped strip of hair was being dried by Total Experience co-owner Amanda Brasch. "You need support, not only when you have the cancer, but even afterwards because there's always the day when you wonder if it's going to come back.

"This is really encouraging for people to want to be around you, to help and to want to find a cure for cancer."

Brasch said the month also touches her deeply since she's had family members affected by breast cancer. She said the process of getting a strand of hair permanently or temporarily dyed or having the pink feather woven only takes about a half-hour — and the entire \$10 fee is donated to breast cancer research.

"It's always great to raise money for a good cause," Brasch said. "It's always great to put yourself out in the community and give back."

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Breakout box:

‘Party in Pink’ Zumbathon charity event

Where: Woodmen Community Center, 2602 W. Vernon Ave.

When: Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon

Cost: \$12 in advance; \$15 at door on Saturday

What you need to know: 75 percent of the ticket fee will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, an organization funding breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

For more information: Contact Kelly Cannon at the Woodmen Center at 252-939-1330 or at Kelly@woodmencenter.com

Note: Can’t make it to the Zumbathon but still want to help? For a \$10 donation, you can get a pink hair strand or pink feather woven into your hair throughout the month at the Total Experience Salon and Spa, 4908 N. Herritage St. For more details, call 252-527-8515.