

Thank you fellow paddlers and spectators for joining us today to celebrate our survivor race for Breast Cancer.

We are honored to have our friends from Edmonton - Breast Friends, Lethbridge - Abreast Abridge and Brandon Manitoba - Wings of Hope, joining us to celebrate Sistership's 20th Anniversary. But more important, joining us to remember those women who have passed away from breast cancer and those who are still fighting.

The "Honoring Song" - you just heard - pays tribute to the spirit of all women and the power to survive.

Sistership will be adding another 4 names to the inside gunnel of our Legacy boat to honor those members who have been taken from us after losing their battle with Cancer this past year.

As you look upon the number of women on the docks today, know that we are all proud to be survivors and here today. But also know that it means we are ALIVE and we know first-hand what life is really all about! Every single one of us in our own way, has looked into the face of death and said "Sorry. We are not done yet!"

This next traditional Ojibway song is called the "Strong Women's Song" and honors those who have crossed over and those who have survived.