

BARB GOETTIG - 2013 HONORARY SURVIVOR CHAIR



At age 43, Davenport's Barb Goettig went in for her routine mammogram thinking it would be a 'piece of cake' and she'd return to work with no worries. But before she left the doctor's office, a radiologist delivered her a report that he could see a spot on her right breast---that he was 99% sure was cancerous.

After 6 months of chemo and 30 radiation treatments, Barb completed her therapy. Her co-workers at Per Mar Security and her family helped her through the journey. "This is the card I was dealt---I dealt with it and moved forward with a smile on my face," said Goettig, now 58.

Barb has participated in the Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure since the 1990's, but it takes on new significance for her now that she's a survivor. "It's a good reminder to all women that you have to take charge of your health. Get that mammogram," she said. Goettig hopes that she can deliver the message to local women that breast cancer can be survived and that a positive attitude during treatment is irreplaceable in the arsenal of weapons to fight the disease.