

RALLYGRAM

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Owen & Judy Balmain



In 2019 we were to be in Houston from Oklahoma for chemo and our housing fell through. I went to church to for pray for lodging. A lady slipped a piece of paper in my hand & said call this man. That man was Bruce Roberson, founder of Susan's Rally. Only a cancer family can realize what those words meant. Someone from Sojourn House showed us our beautiful restful apartment and took care of us. I am so grateful to everyone for making a tough time easier.



Figure 1, Bruce Roberson and Susan Roberson: The Susan Roberson Wade Memorial Car Rally is a non-profit dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families Combining a spirit of fun with a philanthropic effort. Susan's Rally takes participants on an afternoon of adventure and spirited fun around Houston in a fight against cancer.

Margaret Rose



Concepcion Arrastia -Diaz Green, M.D. has supported Susan's Rally since 2010. She recently had a patient, Margaret Rose, that required a very expensive immunotherapy that was cost prohibitive even with insurance. Conchi called and Susan's Rally was able to participate in funding her necessary treatment and she now has a clean bill of health! Dr. Arrastia-Diaz Green shared how comforting it is to be a part of an organization that helps the local community. She has also sent many patients to get female exams who are uninsured.

Jerry & Candyce Hinkle



Jerry and Candyce Hinkle recently reconnected at a High School reunion, little did they know years later Jerry would need a miracle at MD Anderson for his AML diagnosis. Susan's Rally, South Main Baptist Church, and Sojourn House gave the proverbial life preserver by providing housing during the darkest times in their lives. Jerry has maintained remission since February 2020!



Figure 2, Rally Committee Meeting, Review of Initiatives and Planning for Success in 2022.



Ken Hamilton



Ken Hamilton began volunteering with South Main Baptist Church and Sojourn House 20 years ago and has been Co-Director of Sojourn House for 15 years. Ken started to work with Susan's Rally to renovate 18 apartments and has continued to provide beautiful apartments at a reasonable cost to families requiring long term treatment at the Texas Medical Center. Along with continued comfort and ministry, Ken and his volunteers are liaison supportive relationships with apartment guests.



Mary Kay Dauria



Mary Kay is a multiple cancer survivor diagnosed in 2000. Becoming involved in 2003 with Susan's Rally after chairing the MD Anderson Survivor Steering Committee and has served on the Executive Committee in various capacities. She has represented Susan's Rally in the Dept. of Defense Breast Cancer Research program for many years and has assisted in the free women's clinic that has served over 5000 uninsured women with breast and cervical cancer screenings



There are more than 200 types and subtypes of cancer

Cancer is not one disease. In the last 10 years we have discovered there are more than 200 different types and subtypes of cancer, triggering a shift away from a one-size-fits-all approach and toward "tailored therapy".

THE RALLY IS ON AGAIN !!

Rising from the pandemic, the Susan's Rally is still assisting the Rally's operations and all those we help. Because of the critical nature of our operations, donation capability is included on our website below with a convenient payment processor.

In addition, you can make donations found on our crowdfunding page:

<https://susansrally.com>

For additional Rally Information

Contact: (713) 526-2747

Testimonials

"The apartment was more than we could have hoped for and had everything we needed."

"I do not think my husband and I would have made it without the help and kindness we received from Susan's Rally."

"Thank you for all your hospitality! The wonderful, well-furnished apartment, your cards of encouragement, and all the great treats, brought so much joy to our health journey here in Houston!!"

"To the Angels of Sojourn House and South Main Baptist Church, your hospitality was God sent and I thank you."

"We were really struggling to figure out if we could make it to come to Houston for treatment and whether it was financially possible"

"Thank you so much for your apartment ministry and Susans Rally for helping so many people."



Make contribution checks payable to *Susan's Rally* and mail them to the following address:

**Susan's Rally
3820 San Jacinto
Houston, TX 77004**

**Or call:
(713)526-2747**

Susan's Rally Clinics On The Attack

- In conjunction with the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, Susan's Rally sponsors clinics that provide free mammograms, Pap tests and HPV tests.
- Mar 26th UT Physicians 2620 E Crosstimbers St. Suite 100 Houston Tx 77093
- Apr 23rd UT Physicians 2620 E Crosstimbers St. Suite 100 Houston Tx 77093
- May 28th UT Physicians 515 Avenue H Rosenberg Tx 77471
- Jun 25th 2620 E Crosstimbers St. Suite 100 Houston Tx 77093
- More Clinic Updates to follow.



THE RALLY ENABLES CANCER PREVENTION AND SCREENING

Regular screenings are recommended for a number of the most common forms of cancer, and they can be critical in detecting cancers at earlier stages, thus improving the possibilities for treatment.

Accommodations for Families of Cancer Patients

The Rally provides comfortable, low-cost accommodations near the medical center for families of cancer patients.

One family after five weeks of radiation treatments at MD Anderson thanked us for a clean, bright and beautiful and well equipped apartment. The provision of the accommodation was so important because they felt it took much of the stress out of their stay in Houston. We were thanked for what was described as an invaluable service.

The "Out of this World" Auction

We raise a great amount of our donations thanks to the generosity of our bidders and people like you who donated items to our auction.

There is both a silent and live auction. Corporate partners and individuals are encouraged to donate items with a significant market value, be new or gently used.

The Rally relies on donated items to help keep costs low. That way, more money can go toward maintaining our apartments and operating our clinical services. In addition, increase your contribution with matching gift programs.

The Rally's Current Beneficiaries

SOJOURN HOUSE

Susan's Rally continues it's long association with Sojourn House - Houston which provides comfortable, low-cost accommodations near the medical center for families of cancer patients. Susan's Rally furnishes many of the Sojourn House accommodations so that the apartments are as comfortable and home-like as they can be.

FREE CERVICAL & BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS FOR THE UNINSURED

In conjunction with the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, Susan's Rally sponsors clinics that provide free mammograms, Pap tests and HPV tests for underserved.



