



Nancy G. Brinker
Founder
The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Nancy Goodman Brinker's career encompasses philanthropy, diplomacy and business.

When Nancy Brinker's sister, Suzy Komen, died of breast cancer at the age of 36 in 1980, Nancy promised herself she would fulfill her sister's plea to help others battling the disease. In 1982, she established the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, today recognized as the nation's leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer. Currently, the Komen Foundation boasts more than 75,000 volunteers working through a network of 112 U.S. and a growing number of international Affiliates.

Mrs. Brinker also founded Komen's signature program, the Komen Race for the Cure®, the largest series of 5K run/fitness walks in the world. Since its origin in 1983 in Dallas, Texas, the Komen Race for the Cure® has grown from one local race with 800 participants to a national race series in 110 cities with approximately 1.5 million participants.

In 2001, President Bush appointed Mrs. Brinker to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary. In 1986, President Reagan appointed Mrs. Brinker to the 18-member National Cancer Advisory Board as one of six laypeople. In 1992, she was appointed by President Bush to the three-member President's Cancer Panel to monitor the progress of the National Cancer Program and was appointed by President Clinton to serve as the Chairperson of a subcommittee to study the progress of breast cancer research and education in the United States and around the world.

Currently, Mrs. Brinker sits on the board for FasterCures. Prior to assuming her position as Ambassador, Mrs. Brinker served on the boards of Manpower, Inc., United Rentals, Inc., and U.S. Oncology. In addition, Mrs. Brinker served on the national advisory boards of the Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention, Women's Health Resource Center, Women's Health Initiative, the National Coalition of Cancer Survivorship and the National Cancer Institute. She is a former board member of such not-for-profit organizations as the National Jewish Coalition Board of Governors, New York University's Medical School Foundation, and National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project. Mrs. Brinker has testified before the United States Democratic Policy Committee's Congressional Breast Cancer Forum and participated in the International Women's Forum.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Among over 40 major national and international honors are:

- *100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century* (Ladies Home Journal)
- *25 Most Powerful Women in America* (Biography Magazine)
- *Cino del Duca Award* (presented by Jacques Chirac, President of France)
- *Named Women of the Next Millennium*, Feminine Fortunes
- Awarded the *Thomas Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service by a Private Citizen*
- Awarded *The Champions of Excellence Award* presented by the Center for Disease Control
- Awarded *Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa* from Southern Methodist University
- Awarded the first *Lifetime Achievement Award* presented by the American Society of Breast Surgeons
- Awarded *Sword of Ignatius Loyola Award* from Saint Louis University
- Awarded *2003 Susan F. Smith Inspiration Award in affiliation with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute*
- Awarded *2003 Circle of Care Award* presented by the Baylor Healthcare Foundation
- Awarded the Republic of Hungary's *Order of Merit Award* presented by President Madl