

Margueritte Mills
Volunteer
Of The Month

A Pinked Perspective Provides Positive Purpose For Survivor



Kara Hamilton received her Volunteer of the Month award from Zach Sparks, Voice editor.

By Chris Fincham

In 2011, Kara Hamilton, alongside her husband and two young children, started a battle.

Diagnosed with breast cancer, the 33-year old fought for nearly a year, going through treatment and surgery.

"As I walked through that, there were lots of people who reached out to me and helped me along the way," Hamilton said. "So when I finished my journey of treatment, I wanted to give back; I wanted to help other people going through it."

Initially, she spent time writing and sharing everything that she was going through. That turned into a blog, which evolved into what she describes as a sort of ministry of helping other people through her nonprofit - Pinked Perspective.

"I reached out to other people who were having mastectomy surgery —

because that was part of my journey — and tried to help them out with things that they would need to know," she explained. "Eventually, it became this actual care package that I put together and would send out."

Hamilton now spends about 25 hours a week collecting items, corresponding with people, packaging the kits and shipping them out.

"It's grown over the years from 2014 to now," said Hamilton. "I send somewhere between five to 10 kits per week all over the country, to women who are either having a mastectomy or facing chemo or radiation."

To collect items for the kits and raise awareness for breast cancer locally, Pinked Perspective is hosting its annual Think Pink event at Holy Grounds at the Severna Park Community Center on

October 26 at 9:00am. In its seventh year, the free event has continued to grow. As the nonprofit's primary fundraiser for the year, the event is also a celebration of survivors.

"We collect items for the kits, but it's really about survivors; sharing their stories and celebrating," explained Hamilton.

"You hear a lot of stories about recurrence — this is kind of my way of combatting the fear — if I keep the focus off of me and turning it around on something good, it kind of helps," Hamilton said. "My cancer was found at an early stage and this happened to me for a reason, and I'm trying to do good with it, so maybe I'm needed in that way."

For more information about Pinked Perspective or the Think Pink event, visit www.pinkedperspective.com.