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**Bosom Buddies, Friends for Life Pep Rally and Walk
Set for Oct. 11 on Grant's Trail**

ST. LOUIS (Sept. 8, 2015) – St. Louisians are invited to participate in the 20th Bosom Buddies, Friends for Life Pep Rally and Walk at 9 a.m. on Sun., Oct. 11, on Grant's Trail in South County. Proceeds from the event will benefit Gateway to Hope, a nonprofit that connects breast cancer patients in need with medical, emotional and financial assistance throughout Missouri and Illinois.

Participants will meet at Orlando Gardens (4300 Hoffmeister Ave.) before proceeding over to Grant's Trail for the walk. Breakfast and on-site registration will be available beginning at 8 a.m. for all participants. Advance [online registration](#) is also available. Each participant is encouraged to make a minimum \$30 donation.

The walk is one of several events created by Lyn Castellano, founder of Bosom Buddies, Friends for Life, and co-chaired by Linda Lenhardt and Diane Wilcox. Since 1995, the organization's family-friendly fundraising events have raised more than \$1 million in funds for various breast cancer beneficiary organizations. Events include a Band Together concert, Party with a Purpose dinner and dance, and family trivia night.

About Gateway To Hope

Founded in 2005 by Dr. David Caplin, a plastic/reconstructive surgeon, and Dr. Marlys Schuh, an oncologic breast surgeon, Gateway to Hope has provided comprehensive donated medical care and financial assistance to uninsured or underinsured individuals in need who have been diagnosed with or are at high risk for developing breast cancer. More than 700 women have received services ranging from financial assistance with mortgage and utility payments to the full spectrum of surgical and medical care, at little or no cost. Underwritten by corporate, institutional and private sector donations, the Gateway to Hope Insurance Premium Program was initiated in 2015. This innovative program both provides and pays for health insurance for individuals undergoing breast cancer treatment and reconstruction. For more information, if you or someone you know has breast cancer, please call the Gateway to Hope Breast Cancer Lifeline, 314-569-1113, or visit www.gthstl.org.

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