

# Kimberley Chance Atkins

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Crossroads UMC team member Dana Hammonds, left, is recognized by KCAF Board Member Kim Arrue for raising the most money by an individual at the 2014 Walk with Angels.

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## Kim Atkins Memorial Tennis Tournament

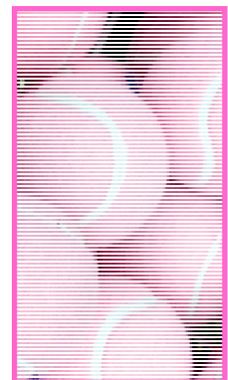
Registration is now open for East Metro Atlanta's premiere charity tennis tournament: the 9<sup>th</sup> **Annual Kim Atkins Memorial Tennis Tournament**. The tournament will take place at a new location this year: the Summit Chase Country Club located at 3197 Classic Drive in nearby Snellville, Georgia. Twelve courts, including clay courts popular with many players, will serve as the backdrop for this year's tournament that kicks off Friday, August 22 and concludes on Sunday, August 24 with final matches taking place that afternoon. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring this year's tennis tournament,

contact Debbie Groff at 404-702-0612 or by email at [dsgroff@bellsouth.net](mailto:dsgroff@bellsouth.net).

The tournament entry fee includes admittance to the **Breast Party in Town** on Saturday, August 16 at Club 908, 908 Commercial Street in Olde Town Conyers, player goodie bag including a tournament T-shirt and a coupon good for a free lunch during the tournament. Descriptions on divisions of play for tennis players can be found on <http://tennistournament.kimatkins.net>.

Tournament entry fees are \$80/team through July 30 and \$90/team after July 31, so sign up today!

If tennis isn't your thing, you can still party with the players and other members of the community ready to party for a great cause at the Breast Party in Town on Saturday, August 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at Club 908 in Olde Town Conyers. Admission is only \$25 and the pink party includes music, food, opportunities to bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items and more!



## Nominations Encouraged for Wall of Hope



*“We need your help to identify and honor courageous cancer survivors and fighters for the 2014 Wall of Hope.”*

Do you know of a deserving breast cancer survivor/fighter in Rockdale or Newton County who should be featured on the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation’s Wall of Hope in the Women’s Diagnostic Centers at Rockdale and Newton Medical Centers?

The portraits of 24 phenomenal and inspirational women (12 from Rockdale and 12

from Newton) will be unveiled at a ceremony at each facility in October, but we need your help to identify and honor these courageous women.

Applications for Wall of Hope nominations will be available beginning August 1 on [www.kimatkins.net](http://www.kimatkins.net).

Complete an application nominating the survivor or cancer fighter in your life for inclusion in the 2014 Wall of Hope.

## Thank you, Wilson Mathews

*“Mr. Mathews and fellow board member Julian Harwell established financial investments to grow money raised through the KCAF.”*

Wilson Mathews, owner of Wilson F. Mathews Insurance Services and longtime board member of the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation, attended his final board meeting on April 29. During his term, Mr. Mathews and fellow board member Julian Harwell worked diligently to establish financial investments to

grow money raised through the KCAF. Mr. Mathews was also praised for his generosity in providing bottled water on a number of occasions for the Walk with Angels and the tennis tournament.

Mr. Mathews was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his service and thanked again for his

commitment to furthering the cause of the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation.



# 4th Annual Walk with Angels a Success

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The Fourth Annual Walk with Angels took place on Saturday, March 29 with nearly 100 walkers welcoming warmer temperatures than in previous years and avoiding a rainout. Once again, the clouds parted as the walkers crossed the finish line at the Olde Town Conyers Pavilion for the celebration of survivors and solemn remembrance of those lost to cancer.

This year's walk brought a new route that initiated in Olde Town Conyers, traveled four miles to Johnson Park via the PATH Trail and then back, before concluding at the Olde Town Pavilion. Thank you to those businesses,

organizations and individuals who sponsored mile and half-mile markers along the route: Diagnostic Imaging Specialists, P.A., Heritage High School Basketball Booster Club, J.M. Arrue, DMD, Dentistry, the Edwards Family, J. Rich Robinson Family Dentistry, Personal Dental Lab, Inc., Sparkmon & Associates, CPAs, PC, M. Qader A. Baig & Associates, LLC., Criminal & Civil Law, Oral Surgery Associates & Dental Implant Centers, National EMS, Marvin Maner Photography, Julian Harwell, Olde Town Awards and Custom Engraving, SPS Communications, Preissless Design, Elly Dalton, AAMS Financial Advisor Edward

Jones and Willin Consultants, Inc.

The team "Crossroads UMC Cancer-Fighting Crusaders" was the top fundraiser of the 2014 Walk with Angels and brought in over \$6,400. Team "Breast Friends" was recognized with the award for "Best Overall Team" for their colorful and creatively decorated bras that they wore during the walk. Dana Hammonds was the top individual fundraiser bringing in \$1,345.48. The event raised over \$35,000 to help fund mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women in Rockdale and Newton counties.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2014 Walk with Angels another resounding success. We look forward to seeing you lace up your shoes in 2015 to walk with the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation for a great cause!



## Chili Cook-Off & Motorcycle Ride: Saturday, October 11

The date has been set for the Third Annual Bikes and Bowls for Boobs Poker Ride and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 11 at Harley Davidson of Conyers. Start perfecting your award-winning chili now to enter the cook-off competition and tune

up your bike to participate in the poker run. All proceeds from the Bikes and Bowls for Boobs benefit the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation.

Stay tuned to [www.kimatkins.net](http://www.kimatkins.net) in the coming months for more details on this event.





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## Who was Kim Atkins?

The year of her college graduation Kim discovered a lump in her left breast. After several tests and mammograms, Kim was sent for a biopsy. This turned out to be Stage 4 breast cancer at the young age of 23. After a radical mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation and a positive attitude, Kim had beat the odds. Her cancer seemed to be in remission.

On December 7, 1990 Kim married her childhood sweetheart, Benny Atkins. Kim continued her education and became a certified teacher and began teaching 6th grade at Memorial Middle School in 1997. After 5 years of no cancer, Kim consulted with her physicians and ask about having a child. The doctors gave her the go ahead in September of 1994 and Kim was pregnant in October 1994.

On July 10, 1995, Kim gave birth to a healthy girl named, Abbey. Benny, Kim and Abbey were saddened to find that Kim had found another lump in her right breast in September 1995. Test results proved to be another stage 4 breast cancer.

During this battle with breast cancer Kim continued to teach and was an excellent mother to Abbey. In fact, Kim taught classes up until two weeks prior to her death on October 5, 1999.

Kim will always be remembered as a great mother, wife, daughter, cousin, aunt, teacher and friend! Her memory lives on today through the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation--Kim's wish would be a day that breast cancer is no more!

## Reaching Out in Newton

Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation board members met for their quarterly meeting in April at Newton Medical Center. Shona Fincher, manager of the Newton Medical Center Women's Diagnostic Center and Wendy Hankins, nurse navigator of the Women's Diagnostic Center, addressed the board about the programs and services offered by the NMC Women's Center.

Board members were treated to a tour of the NMC Women's Center and the Hope Boutique, a place where women undergoing breast cancer treatment can shop for wigs, new undergarments, makeup, etc.

The Hope Boutique is located in the Women's Diagnostic Center at Newton Medical, 4181 Hospital Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014. For more information, call 770-385-7800.

