

Walk For Life

Dear All

The 5th Carrera por la Vida/Walk for Life is past and it is time to thank all the people involved.

This event that started with just an idea between two people has grown into something amazing. But only because so many people each year join the 'pink wave' and help in whatever way they can. We are more people each year walking and more each year helping. I would like to think therefore that we also reach each year more women that need support and information on breast cancer, and they need to know that they are not alone out there.

Please permit me to mention the unbelievable efforts of Gina and Tom, Sheila and Karen - the A-Team I like to call them. Ian and the boys, Belleke, Raquel, César, Gladys and the girls, Mary Lou and our photographer Rolando, Tom's family and friends, Blas, Alfredo, Vicente and the balloon family who started at 6.30 that morning to get 4,000 pink balloons ready in time, Andrés the press beast, Mari Carmen of AMATE and all her ladies, Carlota of the AECC and all her ladies, Heads and Tails for helping always, QFM and Theresa for creating the greatest radio spot for many radios all over the island, The Red Pen who printed for free, Dawn for walking again this year - she is an example to all - the swimmers who swam along the coast line



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The following is an open letter from the founder and organiser of the Walk for Life events, Brigitte Gypen.

the whole walk with pink hats and pink balloons, the marvellous Katy Kennedy and Carlos Romero who did a fantastic job presenting the event and entertaining us, the Notary who was kind enough to overlook the donations - and I know for a fact he was glad to be there as he enjoyed it very much - all the hotels and companies who donated beautiful prizes for the grand raffle. John Beckley for putting the walk on the different social internet pages - amazing the amount of people you reached! All

the artists for making the event a musical feast - we did miss Chago Melian this year!!! - the drummers of Arona, Sueños del sur, who walked 'drumming' with us - the girls who created the Zen relax corner which was a first and we are so grateful they came, Karonte for giving a new look to our webpage and it looks fantastic! Blex Ideas for yet another year designing a great poster.

All the voluntary helpers of Cruz Roja, Proteccion

Civil, the police forces, the sound experts etc. etc. from both municipalities of Arona and Adeje.

All the written press, as well as TV and radio stations - they have been greater than ever this year with their media coverage.

The Gran Hotel El Mirador for letting us celebrate the press conference in their magnificent hotel - it was an honour for us indeed.

Of course all the people



walking as they are the real stars of this event. In support to those affected and walking for a cure year after year: thank you from the bottom of my heart. We had approximately 1,700 people walking this year and raised €8,400 so that is worth congratulations to everyone!!!! Amate and AECC will use the monies wisely for those affected by breast cancer in Tenerife.

Finally my husband JJ: each year he gets annoyed seeing me stressed and running around organizing like a mad woman. But I know he understands better than anyone, as he went through the whole breast cancer process with me and was there when I needed him most. He knows these situations

change people's lives, so in his heart he is all for it and just like me proud to be able to organize this event and, although it may only be in a small way, help towards a cure for cancer.

The message in the photograph was very important for me to read that day, as I dedicate this year's walk to my sister Nicole who passed away last April.

Thank you all and wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

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P.S. If I have forgotten someone, which is very likely, please forgive me.

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