

# HEALTH AWARENESS

## Sharing Stories Of Breast Cancer Survivors

(NAPSA)—One day soon, a cure for breast cancer will be found. That is something millions of breast cancer survivors, advocates, friends, families and loved ones will be toasting to.

This year, an estimated 182,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States, and more than 40,000 women will die from this disease—the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women.

During October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, communities, groups and individuals across the nation will be participating in the "Raise Your Glasses" event called a "Toast to the Cure."

This "Toast to the Cure" event provides an opportunity for anyone affected by breast cancer to memorialize those friends and family members who have been lost by celebrating their lives, sharing the stories of survivors, commending cause advocates, thanking supporters and showing conviction for the future—and ultimately a cure.

### **Breast Cancer Does Not Define Who You Are**

Velinda Wheelles of Opelika, Ala., a 10-year breast cancer survivor, wife and mother of three, writes in her toast at [www.pinkribbonwines.com](http://www.pinkribbonwines.com): "Here's to the face of breast cancer and 10 years of being a survivor. Here's to seizing the opportunity to fight for my family—watching my kids grow



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up and sharing time with those I love and hold most dear to my heart and mind. Here's to the friends, doctors, nurses and supporters who helped me through this disease, and to the compassionate ear, tender shoulder and sound advice I can offer to others who may go through the same ordeal. Here's to life."

To support the cause, the California-based winemakers Wade/Kerr is issuing the special-edition Pink Ribbon Wines.

### **Cause Has Special Meaning**

"We are proud to introduce our Pink Ribbon Wines label and supporting this cause has a special meaning to us," says Bill Wade of Wade/Kerr Wine Company. "We hope that each person's toast has a special meaning to the people it is shared with, and that this event sheds even more light on finding a cure for breast cancer."

To learn more about the "Toast to the Cure" event or to share your breast cancer story, visit [www.pinkribbonwines.com](http://www.pinkribbonwines.com).