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## Race for the Cure NYC

**F**or the past four years women motorcyclists from Long Island have supported and led the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 'Race for the Cure' in New York City. This is the foundations signature event, which raises huge amounts of money for breast cancer research.

I thoroughly enjoy organizing the motorcyclist's participation. This event is quite different than doing a motorcycle charity run. It's inspirational to see all the runners and walkers and a privilege to be their 'honor guard' as they proceed up Central Park West in support of breast cancer research.

This year the participants included riders from the Cycle Sisters Motorcycle Club of Long Island organized by Felice Rizzitano, and the Ladies of Harley, Lighthouse Chapter organized by Catherine Bowler.

Many women stopped for a "photo op" with the women and their bikes, mostly Harley-Davidsons. It was an admiration exchange as we congratulated the survivors, wearing pink shirts, clapping and shouting support and encouragement. It was a long, hot morning and some of the women had never ridden in Manhattan, which can be intimidating even on a Sunday. One thing we all agreed on was that we'll all be back next year!

