ACCESS Joins 25,000 People in Race for the Cure

Over 25,000 people packed the streets of Detroit on Woodward Avenue this past Saturday to participate in the 18th Annual Komen Race for the Cure!

The race is a 5K race/walk for people of all ages and fitness levels and aims to raise significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, while celebrating breast cancer survivorship, and memorializing those who have died from the disease.

ACCESS brought its own team of dedicated volunteers to take part in the race. One such volunteer was Mariam Bakri, a case manager at the East Social Services building, who was taking part for the tenth year in a row!

“It was a great feeling to be able to do something for the cause,” said Mariam.

This year’s event, however, was extra special for Mariam.

“This time I walked with Diana Awada, a cancer survivor whose life was saved by the ACCESS Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.”

Not only does Mariam act as Diana’s case manager, she is also her aunt.

“Diana had breast cancer two years ago and now she does volunteer work by talking to people with cancer on behalf of ACCESS. She speaks very highly about [ACCESS] wherever she goes,” she said.

“We hope that Diana’s story will encourage more people who are ill to come to us and feel comfortable doing so. We want people to know that we can help them.”