

A message of  *from your friends at ChemArt!*

The formal definition of courage is the choice and willingness to confront agony, pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation. Here at ChemArt, we firmly believe these qualities are embodied by our fellow employee, **Pat Kubacki**, a survivor of Breast Cancer.



October is National Breast Cancer month. The initiative was designed to raise awareness and raise the funds needed to continue important research, so that one day we may find a cure for this life threatening illness.

Breast cancer has touched all of us either directly or indirectly through someone we know. In 2005 it hit home for the ChemArt family when one of our long time employees, Pat Kubacki, was diagnosed with Stage 3b Breast Cancer.

One week after receiving the heartbreaking diagnosis which carried only 17% chance of survival, Pat buckled up for one of the scariest and most challenging journeys of her life. After 15 weeks of intense chemotherapy, a mastectomy and 6 weeks of radiation, we are extremely happy to announce that she is in remission.

Defying the odds is just one of Pat's many accomplishments; she is an avid runner, a musician, a talented artist and a loving sibling, daughter and friend, who personifies courage and strength. She is an inspiration to all of us at ChemArt and to those who are currently struggling to beat this disease.

Pat's biggest piece of advice is to take each roadblock "one day at a time" and to always have hope, regardless of circumstances, because each new day can be better than the last!

Pat's story not only taught us to find strength through adversity but it shined a light on a disease that many of us knew little about. Pat had NO family history of breast cancer, so it's not always an indicator for whether or not you are at risk. It's so important to get tested and to conduct self-exams so that you have the best chance for early detection.

We hope that Pat's story gives you hope and courage to never give up on the fight because the odds can be beaten! **She is proof!**

To learn more about breast cancer visit; ww5.komen.org, www.cancer.org, www.nationalbreastcancer.org breastcancer.about.com