



Nancy Smith,  
South Carolina  
State Fair  
manager

**South Carolina State Fair:**  
**We are with you in this fight against breast cancer.**

South Carolina State Fair manager, Nancy Smith, knows the battles a family faces following a breast cancer diagnosis. Thirty years ago, Nancy lost her sister, Alacia Smith, to the disease after a seven-month illness. And while the pain of that loss remains, Nancy is grateful for the medical advancements that have helped more women survive breast cancer and for the many avenues of support for breast cancer patients and their families.

**The State Fair again is supporting this year's Walk for Life and Famously Hot Pink Half Marathon, 5K + 10K by offering free admission to the fair Oct. 13 and 14 for participants who wear their event shirts.**

"The fair's support of the annual breast cancer event allows us an opportunity to give back to our state and community," Nancy said. "We believe in this cause and know it is making a difference."

Nancy said it's important that the fair use its profile to help promote breast cancer awareness and the search for a cure. She said new technology such as 3D mammography equipment is allowing detection of cells that may not have been discovered earlier.

"I continue to be encouraged by these advancements," Nancy said. "Although my sister did not survive her breast cancer diagnosis, I believe the research done during her illness has helped to save lives. My sister was such a giving person and it is, in a sense, a comfort to my family and me to know she helped make a difference in this research, which continues to help save and extend lives."

Nancy said the fair will continue to stand alongside those facing a new diagnosis or battling the disease.

*"The fair's support says 'we are with you' in this fight," Nancy said. "When everyone comes together to work for a common cause – in this case our fight against breast cancer – it makes a difference. When I see those Pink Shirt Walk for Lifers on the fairgrounds or when I view the photos of that "sea of pink" during the walk and hear the stories of the survivors and their families, I feel and see courage.*



**Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018**  
**Spirit Communications Park, Columbia**

*Proceeds benefit Palmetto Health Breast Center*

**Register at [WalkForLifeColumbia.org](http://WalkForLifeColumbia.org)**

Wear your 2018 Walk for Life and Famously Hot Pink Half Marathon, 5K + 10K event shirt to the S.C. State Fair Oct. 13-14, and receive free admission at the gate.  
**\$10 value!**