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MTA JOINS 13,000 STRIDERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

MTA will be one of four flagship corporate sponsors to support the American Cancer Society's 5-K "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk-in-the Park" Sunday, June 14 from 8:00 to 10:00 am in Griffith Park.

The Agency has pledged to privately raise from employee volunteers a minimum of \$5,000, and hopes to galvanize between 150 and 200 volunteers from its various bus and rail divisions. The teams would join 13,000 other striders who will walk to raise funds for the fight against the number two killer of women across this nation.

Monies raised to date include \$1,000 pledged by the United Transportation Union (UTU) which represents MTA bus and train operators, and an additional \$1,000 from the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) representing MTA mechanics and maintenance employees. Private pledges are coming in on a daily basis.

Funds raised from the "Walk-in-the-Park" will be used to support the American Cancer Society's many programs including scientific research on breast cancer causes and prevention; improved legislation for insurance coverage, educational programs, low-cost mammograms, recovery groups and community outreach.

This year over 19,000 California women will be diagnosed with the disease and 4,500 will die from it.

The "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" route starts and ends across the street from Griffith Park Ranger Station on Griffith Park Boulevard. There will be a special area designated for the MTA and a picnic held after the event for all MTA participants and family members.

For further details about MTA participation, contact Bill Gay on (213) 922-2265.

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