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Friends at Venice Division team up for fundraiser for co-worker Lorraine Parker, a Metro Bus Operator fighting bone cancer.

Division 6 Employees Helping in Co-Workers' Fight for Life

By ARLENE LIM

(April 22, 2005) After surviving a tough battle with breast cancer – even coming back to work for awhile – Metro Bus Operator Lorraine Parker is again in the fight of her life, but this time with stage four bone cancer.

Her friends and co-workers at Venice Division 6 came together, April 15, for a fundraiser both to help one of their near and dear and to benefit Breast Cancer research.

"We're rooting for her," said Alva Corrasco, assistant manager of Transportation.

This division is small, so the employees are very family-oriented. "When one hurts, we



Organizer Shenita Coleman, at left, gets hugs from co-workers Darryl Evans and Anna McDonald. Below, organizer Melvin Braxton serves Fish Fry Friday lunch to Darryl Evans. all hurt," said Operator Shenita Coleman.

To raise money and help ease the hurt, Coleman and Operator Melvin Braxton organized Fish Fry Friday. For \$10, employees could enjoy a plate piled high with fish, shrimp and French fries, just to name a few.



Proceeds from the event, which totaled about \$400, will go to Parker to help relieve some of the financial hardship she is experiencing.

Coleman says there are still more fundraisers to come, one every month. The organizers are even thinking of getting permission to go to the different divisions in the Westside/Central sector to help spread cancer awareness and raise additional funds.

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