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RMC nurses to raise funds for research

Group hopes to collect \$25,000 to fight cancer

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CONYERS - A group of nurses at Rockdale Medical Center calling themselves "Healthcare for Hooters" have set a goal to raise \$25,000 this summer for cancer research.

Their effort is part of the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk benefiting the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization. Eleven RMC nurses, along with family and friends, plan to participate in the 3-day, 60-mile walk in Atlanta in October.

Nicki Nabors, a registered nurse in the RMC's emergency department, said the group had to brainstorm to come up with ways to raise money to meet their goal. The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk requires each participant to raise \$2,200.

A golf tournament is organized for Aug. 4. at the Cherokee Run golf course at the Georgia International Horse Park. A bake sale and barbecue lunch are also in the works.

"I didn't think a lot of people wanted to do it because of the commitment to raise money and that we all work together, so I didn't know if people wanted to take vacation time for the walk," Nabors said. "But the response has been great."

Nabors said part of the reason for the response was that almost everyone in the "Healthcare for Hooters" group knew someone or had a family member diagnosed with breast cancer, herself included.

Nabors' mother died from cancer in February and her grandmother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the leading cancer among American women, second to lung cancer. A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes and one woman will die from breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States, according to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Web site.

"Unfortunately, cancer is so prevalent that every family is going to be affected by it," she said. "It's a sad reality, so we're all trying to do something to help find a cure."

For more information, contact Nabors at 770-365-5453. For more information on the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, go to www.08.the3day.org.

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