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142 Survivors To Champion Breast And Ovarian Cancer Awareness

Longines Kentucky Oaks Survivors Parade

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The eighth annual Survivors Parade will take place on Churchill Downs' historic racetrack immediately prior to the running of the 142nd Longines Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2016, the day before the Kentucky Derby presented by Yum! Brands. The \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks is America's premier race for 3-year-old fillies and the third most attended horse race in the U.S. behind the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.

This year's parade participants were selected through an online process in which the public nominated and selected the individuals to champion breast and ovarian cancer awareness in this year's Survivors Parade. More than 500 survivors were nominated from across the U.S. and Canada. The 142 survivors selected are from cities as wide ranging as Fort Worth, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Greenville, Rhode Island; Lincoln Park, Michigan; Estes Park, Colorado; Palm City, Florida; Scottsdale, Arizona; Dorchester, Massachusetts; Shallow Lake, Ontario; and Louisville, Kentucky.

The online process also invites the public to donate to Bright Pink, a national breast and ovarian cancer organization, through the Kentucky Derby weekend. The process has raised more than \$25,000 this year, a more than 50 percent increase from 2015.

The Survivors Parade is part of Churchill Downs' Longines Kentucky Oaks eight annual Pink Out, during which the track conducts fundraising, provides outreach and drives national breast and ovarian health awareness. Churchill Downs has donated more than \$740,000 to breast cancer organizations through the Pink Out celebration during the past seven years.

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