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## Author walking to help defeat cancer



By ABBY FOX

Robin Kall, the WHJJ talk show host, East Greenwich resident, and mother of two, has a successful history of tying together her various passions.

After all, she's become well known in the state for her unusual Saturday morning a.m. radio show, talking about books and chatting with famous authors.

Once again, Kall is making good use of her many connections from the show – which turns five-years-old this November -- by raising money for the Oct. 14 walk, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

To get people more involved, Kall has organized an event around author Claire Cook and her fourth novel, "Life's a Beach," for Sept. 26, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings in Warwick.

Proceeds go toward the American Cancer Society's walk Oct. 14 at Roger Williams Park in Providence.

Ten years ago, Kall lost her mother to breast cancer, "which is why my sister and I do this," she said.

"I do this to honor her," Kall said. "She was a huge reader. And I do this for the children to be involved and to cherish memories of her."

Whether people choose to walk the walk, catch the author event, or do neither, and just give money, "they can participate in a variety of ways," she said.

People can sign up for the walk or the event through her web site, [www.readingwithrobin.com](http://www.readingwithrobin.com); by e-mailing at This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it ; or by mailing a check to "Reading with Robin" or "American Cancer Society – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," to 75 Oxford Street, Providence, 02905.

Kall's fundraising team, among many American Cancer Society teams, raised about \$18,000 last year. In total, the

walk raised almost \$900,000. Needless to say, this year, the society and active volunteers like Kall aim to do even better.

Kall said she sees the author event and the walk as "big supportive events" for women. "This is my passion," she said.

The cost of the author event is \$50: for the lunch at Crowne Plaza, an autographed copy of the book, and to be part of the author's talk and subsequent discussion.

To get tuned in to some breast cancer-related discussions, Kall is highlighting books that deal with breast cancer on her show in October.

The Reading with Robin show comes on Saturdays, from 7 to 8 a.m., on WHJJ 920 a.m. The show's call-in number is 1-866-920-WHJJ.

Kall's blog is [www.readingwithrobin.blogspot.com](http://www.readingwithrobin.blogspot.com).

Information about the walk is at 1-800-ACS-2345.