

# Volunteer FAQ

This FAQ is designed to provide *Dance for the Cure* volunteers with essential information about our mission, events, and ways to support local breast cancer patients in financial need. Whether you're new to our organization or a long-time supporter, this guide will help you navigate your role and make a meaningful impact in our community.

## *What is Dance for the Cure?*

Dance for the Cure is a 100% volunteer-run nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to local breast cancer patients in Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset counties in New Jersey. Since our founding in 1999, we have gifted over \$1.2 million to individuals in need.

## *What is the mission of Dance for the Cure?*

Our mission is to support local breast cancer patients who are facing financial hardship due to their diagnosis. We do this by raising awareness and funds through various initiatives, including Ribbons of Hope, the Pink Bow Project, and Tie the Town Pink.

## *How are donations used?*

Donations of gift cards, services or other physical items can be featured in one of the many baskets for Ribbons of Hope (see below). Examples of donations we appreciate are:

- **Gift Cards:** Restaurants, spas, stores, etc.
- **Services:** Beauty, hair, nails, lawn care, cleaning services, transportation, etc.
- **Activities:** Golf, sporting events, concerts, vacations, Broadway tickets, theatre, movies, amusement parks, wine tasting, cooking classes, painting and wine, etc.
- **Physical Items:** Designer bags, kitchenware, home décor, other new, unused items.

## *What are the ways to donate?*

### **Monetary Donations:**

- Cash, check, or online at [www.dancefortheure.org](http://www.dancefortheure.org).

### **Gift Cards & Services:**

- Gift cards or service donations can be included in our basket creations or used to purchase needed items.

### **New, Unused Items:**

- Items collected for "basket inventory" are used for future Ribbons of Hope baskets.

## How can I help fundraise?

Fundraising efforts make a huge impact! Consider these ideas:

- **Office dress-down day collections** (employees donate to wear jeans or pink).
- **Home parties** (Pampered Chef, Touchstone Crystal, etc.) with a portion of sales donated.
- **Restaurant fundraisers** (a percentage of a night's sales donated to DFC).
- **School sports, clubs, and dance teams** hosting pink-themed awareness events.

## What is Ribbons of Hope?

*Ribbons of Hope* is our signature fundraising event held each October. It's an evening of dinner and community celebration where themed gift baskets are raffled off to raise funds for local breast cancer patients.

## How do businesses participate in Ribbons of Hope?

Local businesses can get involved by donating gift cards, services, or items for the event's raffle baskets. They can also host their own fundraising initiative for the benefit of Dance for the Cure, such as donating a percentage of sales for a day.

## What is the Pink Bow Project?

Each September, volunteers create and distribute pink bows to decorate businesses, throughout Hillsborough, Flemington, and Raritan in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This initiative raises awareness and shows community support.

## What is Tie the Town Pink?

Tie the Town Pink began in 2016 and has grown to 46 towns in 2024. Throughout October, towns across central New Jersey are decorated in pink to promote awareness and show solidarity with those affected by breast cancer.

## How can I get involved as a volunteer?


There are many ways to help, from assembling baskets for Ribbons of Hope to crafting bows for the Pink Bow Project. Check out our Volunteer Opportunities Overview document for specific roles.

## Who do I contact for more info?


For questions or to get involved, reach out to our co-founders:

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