

SURVIVOR: a person regarded as resilient or courageous enough to be able to overcome hardship, misfortune, (and breast cancer).

We, **THE BREAST CANCER BABES** are survivors. We have been through the fire and came out stronger. We are now ready to celebrate the end of our long journey. Some of us have gone the full route..chemo, mastectomy and radiation. Some only needed a lumpectomy and radiation. Some have been a survivor for many years and some are recent survivors.

Whatever the circumstances, we are all **SURVIVORS!**

Our first **BREAST CANCER BABES SURVIVOR CELEBRATION** will take place in New Orleans May 18 – 20, 2012. Why New Orleans? Can you think of a better example of a survivor? Through the years and most recently Hurricane Katrina, she has seen her share of adversity but always she picked herself up, dusted herself off and came out stronger and better than ever. That's the way we all feel. Cancer will not and did not defeat us.

I hope you will want to share in this celebration. We deserve it! I, for one, want to meet the other ladies (and gentlemen) who have shared this journey along with me and give hugs to each of you.

If you want to be a part of this extraordinary event, you can contact me at lou@creativedestinationsinc.com or call **866-377-7170**. You can also visit my website for more information at www.creativedestinationsinc.com.

I would like to see us have some short meetings with “experts” discussing topics such as before, during and after cancer, nutrition and exercise, wigs versus scarves, etc. Whether we can get these will depend on the number of participants we have. One thing for sure we will have a band and march through the streets of New Orleans shaking our fists at cancer and declaring our survivorship.

I would also like to have a power point presentation with a photo of each survivor with any information they would like to share...but especially how long they have been a survivor.

We know without constant research to find new drugs and methods of treatment, the survivor list would get shorter. As **SURVIVORS** we want to do our part in raising funds for research, therefore, in conjunction with our celebration, I hope each participant will organize their own fundraiser whether you raise \$50 or thousands. At our final group dinner, we will collect all the funds raised and write one big check for the research for a cure. You don't have to raise any money to participate but I think each of us have friends, family and contacts that would be more than happy to contribute to the cause.

You don't need to be a survivor to attend the celebration. Perhaps you have a friend or loved one that did not survive. Attend and honor their memory.