

AZ Insider: Celebrity Helps Celebrate New Cancer Center

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Kathy's scoop on the VIP's and pink warriors at the big bash..

It was the first major "sneak peek" of Banner MD Anderson's Cancer Center and the celebration was 600 people strong. The remarkable evening on the Banner Gateway Medical Center campus was an emotionally significant one- spotlighting women who are fighting and surviving cancer.

In addition to the poignant fashion show featuring 10 cancer survivors in Coldwater Creek fashions- country western singer/songwriter **Candy Coburn** took to the stage for an enlightening concert- particularly with her energizing performance of "Pink Warrior".

It was the theme song for the 2010 **Susan G. Komen** 3 Day for the Cure® which Candy co-wrote in memory of her grandmother **Tucker** who fought breast cancer for ten years. It's an anthem for the millions of women and families who have or will be touched by breast cancer.

"I wrote the song with some of the most amazing killer chick song writers in Nashville," said Candy of songwriters **Kaci Bolls**, **Candy Cameron** and **Roxie Dean**. One hundred percent of the artist and producer proceeds from sales of the song are donated to Komen, and Candy is a celebrity ambassador for Susan G. Komen.



Front row: Marjorie Bessel, Pam Nenaber, Laura Robertson, Sheri Dahlstrom

Back Row: Becky Kuhn, Candy Coburn, Deb Krmpotic

The evening at Banner in Gilbert, Arizona, appropriately called "A Night of Hope," was also a chance to mingle and meet some of the most powerful women at Banner Health.

Among the Banner Health CEO and executives who attended the celebration were **Becky Kuhn**, president Banner Health Arizona East Region; **Kathy Bollinger**, president of the Arizona West region; **Pam Nenaber**, CEO, Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center & Banner Gateway Medical Center; **Deb Krmpotic**, CEO, Banner Ironwood Medical Center; **Laura Robertson**, CEO, Banner Baywood Medical Center; and **Debbie Flores**, CEO of Banner Health Hospital.



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