

MARY CARAFOS

COMMUNITY FRIENDS CHAIR

Mary became active in the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester as a way to “pay it forward.” The Coalition’s cause is near and dear to her heart because not only is she a breast cancer “thrivor”—so, too, are her mother (a two-time survivor) and mother-in-law. In June 2009, a little over a year after her diagnosis, she joined the Coalition’s Board of Directors as the secretary. In June 2016, she transitioned to the position of Community Friends Chair. In this capacity, she can be found attending numerous fundraisers put on by individuals and organizations to benefit the Coalition. Whenever given the opportunity, she shares her strong belief in the Coalition’s focus on providing local services through no-cost programs.



“Every day is a gift.”