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HC student team walks in breast cancer fund raiser

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Despite rainy weather and a possible terrorist controversy, fifteen students from Holy Cross participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Boston this past Sunday. The walk was part of a nationwide effort sponsored by the American Cancer Society to aid in the fight against breast cancer, a disease that every woman has a 1 in 8 risk of developing during the course of her lifetime.

SHAPE, the Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators at Holy Cross, organized a team for the walk, raising a total of $1288 in donations. Students were invited to contribute to the outcome of the event by donating money, walking, or both. The ACS holds the walk every October, part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and provided the students with transportation to Boston from the Hogan Campus Center and back for the occasion.

The organization Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, an event that began in 1993, expected to raise 3.6 million dollars on Sunday. The walk in Boston is the largest fund raiser of all the breast cancer events nationwide being the largest source of funds of the nearly 28 million dollars raised annually by the organization. The non-competitive event, which is one of about 60 nationally involving 5-7 million people, and children wore pink ribbons and t-shirts bearing the names commemorating those who have lost the fight to breast cancer, and those who are still fighting for a cure. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is a disease that affects 182,800 women annually, with 40,800 of those cases resulting in death. The National Cancer Institute names breast cancer as the leading cause of cancer death in women ages 55-74, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women ages 50-64.

The thousands of walkers that did attend the walk included breast cancer survivors, family members and friends of victims, and people just showing up for the cause. Some people from attending, considering the number of participants dwindled to 15 in light of various factors, including a phone message issued by the ACS acknowledging their decision to go ahead with the event despite the possibility of a terrorist controversy. Organizers of the walk anticipated that the message could fend off some people from attending, considering the recent FBI warnings and anthrax scares. However, no suspicious behavior occurred at the walk and the event proved to be an overall success.

The presence of the students from Holy Cross and the broad community response to the assassination, an Israeli political leader, and the Second Intifada has raised some concerns about the safety of the Palestinian people. The Middle East is a complex region with many conflicting interests and a long history of conflict and violence. The recent events have highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by the region. The Israeli response to the assassination has been met with mixed reactions from the international community. Some have praised the quick and decisive action taken by the Israeli government, while others have criticized the use of force and the potential for escalation.

The Middle East is a region of great cultural and historical significance, with a rich heritage that spans centuries. The conflicts in the region have had a profound impact on the lives of its people, leading to displacement, loss of life, and significant economic and social challenges. The ongoing situation in the Middle East is complex and multifaceted, with a multitude of factors contributing to the current situation. It is crucial to continue to work towards peaceful solutions and to address the root causes of the conflict in order to promote stability and security for all those living in the region.