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While breast cancer is not a laughing matter, three Wachovia women believe in laughing for the cure.

Tammy Greyshock, a director in the Corporate and Investment Bank's Risk Management division, founded Laugh for the Cure® in honor of her mother, Stephanie Greyshock, a 20-year breast cancer survivor.



Greyshock and her mother, Stephanie, at a Laugh for the Cure event

She is joined in her efforts by Kristin Candler and Kim Drum, also directors in CIB Risk Management. The three women work on the same floor in Charlotte and all have been personally affected by the disease.

Laugh for the Cure, modeled after Race for the Cure, uses stand-up comedy to raise funds to fight breast cancer. "Not everyone can run a race, but everyone can laugh," Greyshock said. "Laughter is universal."



Charlotte's Laugh for the Cure committee receiving a check from The Comedy Club in 2005. From left to right: Mike Hall, Tammy Greyshock, Brian Heffron, Kim Drum and Kristin Candler.

The organization began in 2002 as an affiliate event of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Charlotte Affiliate and has now expanded to four other cities: Spokane, Wash.; Houston, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Minneapolis, Minn. To date, Laugh for the Cure has raised more than \$180,000 for Komen affiliates across the country.

For Greyshock, directing the organization requires commitment, passion and long hours. Wachovia showed its support of her work with Laugh for the Cure by naming Greyshock a "Living the Values" winner in 2006.

Greyshock said she couldn't run the organization without her "right-hand ladies," Candler and Drum.

"When Tammy reached out to us to see if we wanted to help with Laugh for the Cure, we jumped at the chance," Candler said.

Like Greyshock, Candler has experienced the effects of breast cancer firsthand – she lost her mother to breast cancer in 2001, only months after Drum lost her best friend to the disease.


"We were each other's support system," Drum said.

Greyshock and her colleagues said they believe Laugh for the Cure has a bright future. "We believe that Laugh for the Cure makes good business sense and is a fundraising platform that can be replicated in city after city," Greyshock said.

Charlotte's Laugh for the Cure event will take place August 23 at the historic McGlohen Theater in uptown Charlotte. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions and a PG-rated stand-up comedy performance by Ken Evans and Mike Armstrong.

Employees interested in purchasing tickets, making a donation, or learning more about Laugh

for the Cure should visit www.laughforthecure.com.

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