



# Komak Quarterly

Winter 2020



## Komak will host its second annual Art Show Fundraiser

Week-ends of November 7-8 and Nov. 14-15, The event showcases the work of many local and International artists.

Items up for purchase include oils, acrylics, watercolors, pottery, jewelry, prints, cards and gifts all to support cancer patients in the Portland area.

The event takes place at 6698 Knollwood Street, Tualatin, Oregon 97062 from **10:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**Showings are by appointment to be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions. Komak will follow all recommended safety protocols for gatherings.**

Call **(503) 516-9282** to schedule an appointment.

## World's Easiest & Most Fun Charity Race Event!

The 0.1K (or 328 feet) event took place in neighborhoods walking to support our local community

*Crestwood Neighbors our Grand Prize Winners*

Very creative event ....outfits, theme with water stations, donut stop, and sweeper for the clean up. Successfully raised enough funds to assist 3 more families.

## THANK YOU ALL

**Friends walking for Komak at the Garages setting**

Mad Hatters Team .....family and neighbors cheered on this 95 year old mother of 9 as she did the 328 ft. in blistering 6 minutes and 35 seconds



See Komak Facebook page to see the video of Lake Oswego Halloween Run



# Client Stories

## Nattaske

Since 2016, Nattasake Chaiyakul ran the Long Do Thai Food cart on Interstate Avenue, serving his customers Pad Thai, Thai Ice Tea and other regional delicacies to the residents of North Portland. He noticed a change in his body in late 2019, but continued working through February when he finally collapsed.



Nattasake was quickly transported to the ER and was given a full scan.

The diagnosis was lymphoma. This explained the searing pain he was experiencing in his back, the muscle aches and the feeling that something was “eating my bones.”

“When I was diagnosed, the doctors recommended that I did not work. I had enough money to hang on for a month.” With medical bills on the horizon, a social worker from OHSU gave him Komak’s information. The money was running out when Komak showed up to help with his car payments, electric bill and groceries.

Nattasake worked when his body allowed, but the chemotherapy took a toll.

“It’s very painful to work during chemo. I have to close early and lay flat on my back on the floor for 15 minutes.” But along with Komak, his customers also provided emotional support, checking in on him when they could.

“Komak has a lot of good people. They surprised me because they popped up quicker to help than other support (organizations). For some reason, I got lucky with Komak,” said Nattasake.

***The number of people needing our help is increasing each year.....Please consider a donation***

**Komak was founded and organized with the primary mission of providing interim financial assistance to qualified individuals with cancer in need of immediate support.**