

## Think pink: mother inspires athlete to raise awareness

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Pink cleats, pink gloves and pink bracelets. Everything is pink to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Guilford, even on the football field. Chris Campolieta, a defensive back on the Quaker football team, and his family experienced the disease firsthand.

Two days before Christmas in 2011, Chris' mother, Pat Campolieta, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I want people to know that cancer does not discriminate," said Pat. "It can happen to anyone at any time."

"To explain what type of lady my mom is, she did not want to ruin her kids' Christmas," said

Chris. "She waited a few days afterwards to let it down to all of us."

At the time Chris and his twin brother were seniors in high school. Of Pat's seven children, Chris is the youngest by one minute.

"I cried a lot," said Chris. "I broke down not just one day but every night, because I didn't know what was going to happen. I mean, it's my mom. I'm a mama's boy."

Chris didn't let his mother's cancer become an excuse. If anything, it motivated him.

"I added more chores around the house and picked my

wants to donate they can get a bracelet."

One day after practice, Chris shared information with the football team about his mother's breast cancer odyssey.

"Chris approached the entire team during a meeting to let everyone know about the fundraiser," said safeties coach Steve Terlesky. "It took a lot of guts to tell his story, and from that perspective I have a lot of respect for Chris. It was brave."

Terlesky noticed a lot of team members wearing pink bracelets during practices and games.

This prompted the entire coaching staff to contribute to the cause as well.

Chris' best friend, first-year student Matt Pawlowski, wears his bracelet every day.

"I got a chance to donate to the fundraiser," said Pawlowski. "I wanted to show support for not only Chris' family, but for all families dealing with cancer."

Another teammate, first-year student Reggie Bullard added, "As a team, we wanted to do something special for the Campolieta family and other families. We used Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to help Chris reach his goal and to show (that) we care."

The use of social media greatly increased awareness about the fundraiser.

"Give credit to the entire Guilford community," said Director of Admission Andy Strickler. "This is one kid who reinforces the values of our community. That's very Guilford. That's very Quaker."

Chris' family struggled for a while, like all families dealing with this unannounced disease, but the self-described mama's boy is grateful for his mother's presence.

"I cried just as much when I knew she was cancer-free," said Chris.

With her around, he feels like he can accomplish anything.

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In an email interview, she described the heavy emotions she felt while deciding when to break the news to her family.

"The boys had no idea, and I was not going to have this heavy burden on them during the holidays," Pat said. "Tears (were) streaming, my husband (was) shielding the boys from the conversation. Breast cancer had hit our home. Now, it was time to tell the twins."

First-year-student Chris remembers this day as the worst of his life.

grades up," said Chris. "I wanted to so my mom wouldn't have to worry about that stuff."

Chris, like many Guilford students who are inspired to do great things, decided to hold a fundraiser in honor of his mom's strength and determination in overcoming breast cancer.

"Chris called me early in October to remind me that it was Breast Cancer Awareness Month," said Pat.

"Chris said, 'Mom, I want to do a fundraiser for breast cancer, so I ordered a bunch of pink bracelets, so if anyone

## San Francisco Giants sweep Detroit Tigers for MLB title

GIANTS COMBINE TIMELY HITTING, PITCHING TO WIN 108TH WORLD SERIES AGAINST TIGERS

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More than 40,800 people file into a single setting; thousands more wish they could be there.

Excitement in the air, great players, great fans and a great atmosphere could only equal one thing: the World Series.

"I think it is one of — if not the best — sports championship," said senior baseball player Ben Esser. "I am definitely excited each year for the World Series."

In the 108th World Series, the general public found itself witnessing a historic matchup between the San Francisco Giants and the Detroit Tigers.

In the first game alone there was an epic face-off between pitchers Barry Zito and Justin Verlander. Zito was surprisingly able to gain the upper-hand on Cy Young Award winner Verlander.

"To be able to go up against Verlander and give our team a chance to go up 1-0, and the fact that we won, it's just kind of surreal," said Zito in an interview with ESPN. "It's just a pleasure to be a part of it all."

Despite the solid performance from Zito on the mound, the night was stolen by

Giants third baseman and teammate Pablo Sandoval. On the night of Oct. 24, Sandoval hit a perfect four for four, including three home runs. Hitting three home runs made Sandoval one of only four men to lay claim to such a feat.

"The guy had one of those unbelievable World Series nights that they'll be talking about for years," said Tigers manager Jim Leyland in an interview with CBS Sports. "So I tip my hat to him."

In addition to the historic performances of Zito and Sandoval, the Giants as a unit were able to come together and win game one of the World Series.

In game two, there was not as much 'historical' excitement. However, through a strong pitching performance from Madison Bumgarner, the Giants were able to gain a 2-0 win, as well as a 2-0 series lead.

"I wanted to go out there and try to pitch well for our guys and the fans, and that's all I was thinking about," said Bumgarner in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle.

In game three the Giants put on another dominant pitching performance headlined by Ryan Vogelsong. Vogelsong pitched nearly six innings of shutout baseball and lead the Giants to a 2-0 victory, putting them up three games to none.

"I've been waiting for this since I was five years old," Vogelsong said in an interview with MLB.com. "I wasn't going to go down without a fight, that's for sure." In the game that completed the sweep for the Giants, it took extra innings for them



The San Francisco Giants celebrate on the field after they defeated the Detroit Tigers to become World Series champions. This is their second Series title in three years.

to win. The Giants eventually won on a Marco Scutaro single that drove teammate Ryan Theriot in from third base.

"These guys made it easy," Manager Bruce Bochy said to the Washington Post. "They never complained. They just wanted to win."

When the Giants were up 2-0, many fans at Guilford seemed to be jumping on the Giants bandwagon.

"The Giants pitching staff is too deep, both starting and bullpen," said sophomore John Richardson. "(The) Giants will win

the series."

First-year Sam Mozon felt similarly.

"The Giants are playing textbook baseball," said Mozon. "They find a way to score runs; the Giants will take it all."

With the Giants claiming their second World Series title in the past three years, they are proving themselves to be somewhat of a baseball force.

Though the series ended with the Tigers being swept, both teams gave the fans plenty to cheer for and left them anxious to see what next season holds.