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Concert

advocate, working in the

community to educate

other women about the

patient survivor," she told the audience. "I'm still

taking chemo, and I'm

still standing, praise the

Although she is fortu-

nate enough to have the means and the insurance

to cover the staggering

cost of her treatments, Cuthrell said she has met

many women who aren't

as lucky. She founded Team Pink Gems - which

amassed 65 members for

its first Race for the Cure

last spring - as a means

of helping those women.

"Our

needs to be

represented

because breast

cancer doesn't

only happen to

other people,"

she remarked.

"It's here in

our communi-

munity's have-

nots were also

The com-

Arnette when she started

her toy giveaway pro-

gram 12 years ago. Each

holiday season, she

encourages her listeners

to write to her if they

need help to make

Christmas merrier for

i'm lovin' it'

ty, too."

community

Owen

"I'm a four-year

from page AI

disease.

Lord."



The 21st Annual David Lash/Chronicle Holiday Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament has a new community outreach component.

Tournamentgoers are being encouraged to take part in a sock drive sponsored by Hanesbrands, Inc., one of the tournament's partners.

During the tournament, which kicks off today with a play-in game and will conclude with Dec. 22's championship, bins designated for each participating school will be placed in the Carver High School gymnasium. should

share 'em.

Fans For the past two decades, the Lash drop tourney has spotlighted the coun-tages ty's best JV players. their packages of socks into the

bin of their favorite school. The school that collects the greatest number of socks receives a \$500 prize as well as a doughnut party, courtesy of Hanesbrands. All the donated socks will go to local shelters so that they can be distributed to local homeless men, women and children.

For a full tournament schedule, see the story on page B10 of this week's Chronicle or go to www.wschronicle.com.

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cousins. She taught us no

hand to support the cause. Member Wilma Davis, a 14-year breast cancer survivor, said that though battling the disease was a harrowing experience, in many ways it was also a blessing in



Tammie Cuthrell (left) and Anita Dean-Arnette are pretty in pink for the event.

their children.

Eddie Bines (foreground) lead the Big Four Choir.

"We try to help every family that sends in a request. Last

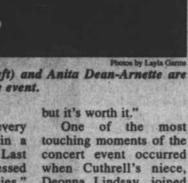
year, we blessed 40 families," she said. "Some of these families have eight or nine members, but we never turn anybody away."

fans and supthe motivation for Dean- porters have responded to the demand by donating items.

> Toys R Us in (the radio station). I wish you could see it because God truly blesses us," she declared. "It's a whole lot of work,

Luckily Dean-Arnette's

"It's almost like a



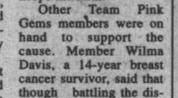
concert event occurred when Cuthrell's niece, Deonna Lindsay, joined her aunt at the microphone to read an essay she penned.

"In 2009, my Aunt Tammie was diagnosed with breast cancer. She faces daily challenges and struggles, making it through tough times. My Aunt Tammie had to deal with lots of sickness ... (but) she kept a positive attitude, and didn't give up," Deonna read. "I'm proud of my Aunt Tammie for overcoming her problems. Aunt Tammie is a great role model for me and my

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matter how big the prob-

lem is, always keep a positive attitude. I believe that she can achieve anything, as long as she keeps the faith." Other Team Pink Gems members were on



disguise. "It was the best thing that could've ever happened to me, really, because you don't waste a minute on things that aren't really worthy," Davis said. "You just enjoy every single moment."

dip 'em.

20-Piece S/199

Tender, juicy Chicken McNuggets made with white meat wrapped up in a crisp tempura batter. Made for sharing.