



by **Janice Edwards**

On August 21st at 9 a.m., Friends of Faith, founded by the late **Faith Fancher**, will hold its **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge** at Oakland 's scenic Lake Merritt in the Gazebo area. Hundreds of women, men, and children will come together for the 5K Walk/Run around Lake Merritt to raise money to support underinsured and uninsured women with breast cancer.

This walk/run continues the vision of the dynamic and charismatic reporter who devoted the last years of her life to helping others, as she battled breast cancer.

Faith always enjoyed a good party and the walk is held in August, close to the time of her birthday. It's a chance to enjoy music, snacks, good company, and great exercise, all for a good cause!

"Faith was a remarkable woman, and even more so as she publicly and courageously battled breast cancer" said **Renel Brooks Moon**. The Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge is an annual tribute to her tireless efforts as a breast cancer awareness advocate, held in the city that she loved, lived in and served for so long.

Even as a KTVU reporter battling breast cancer, Faith Fancher was determined to help others. She had courageously invited the public along her journey through surgery and subsequent treatment in reports by Fancher's friend and colleague, KTVU anchor **Elaine Corral**, that garnered international attention.

Faith asked a group of women in media and related fields including Corral, **Thelma Simmons**, **Pam Moore**, Renel Brooks-Moon, **Carolyn Tyler**, **Rosie Allen**, **Cheryl Hurd**, **Belva Davis**, **Barbara Rodgers**, **Ave Montague**, **Pamela Mays McDonald**, **Thaai Walker** and **Janice Edwards** to become founding board members of Friends of Faith (FOF), the non-profit organization she was creating to increase media awareness about needs and to provide financial stipends for women in the fight of their lives.

The board has since expanded to include community leaders, medical experts and Faith's step-daughter, **Tammerlin Drummond**. **Ada Renee Williams** is Executive Director. FOF encourages all to join in the celebration and to put together teams for the challenge.

"Faith's legacy and her mission to assist low-income women living with and surviving breast



cancer must never be forgotten," said Brooks-Moon. "They often don't have the resources to buy food for their children, or to pay their rent, or even childcare on treatment days," explained **Rosie Allen**, chair of FOF. "That is where Friends of Faith comes in – we provide grants for the necessities of life that are not always available through other organizations."

Since 1997, Friends of Faith has raised more than \$700,000. Funds have been donated to individuals diagnosed with breast cancer and to numerous organizations including Charlotte Maxwell Clinic, Alameda County Medical Center Cancer Navigator Program, American Cancer Society, and the Women's Cancer Resource Center Emergency East Bay Breast Cancer Emergency Fund.

The 6th Annual Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge is the major fundraiser for Friends of Faith. Visit [www.faithfancher.org](http://www.faithfancher.org) for registration and donation information.

## In Memoriam Aaron Edwards



**Aaron Edwards**, *Silver Circle* class of 1996, Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame class of 2007 passed peacefully on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90.

Edwards started in radio in 1943 in Santa Rosa. He is best known for his 26 years on KSFO and as the morning newscaster/sidekick of **Don Sherwood**.

Following his years in radio, Aaron was a freelance reporter at KPIX and KTVU and worked as a reporter for KGO-TV from 1983 until 1991.

He appeared in many TV commercials, a regular on the *Don Sherwood* and *Jack Carney* TV Shows.

Aaron was a member of the Broadcast Legends and regularly attended their quarterly luncheons.