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The Race Committee for the 10th Annual Komen Chattanooga Race for the Cure announces our Honorary Chair for 2009, Kellie Jolly Harper.

Kellie was recently named head coach at NC State replacing legendary Coach Kay Yow, who lost her battle with breast cancer this past January. Prior to taking this position, Kellie was head coach at Western Carolina.

Under her direction, Western Carolina competed in three consecutive Southern Conference Tournament finals and this year won its second tourney title. The Catamounts had never won the league tourney before Harper's tenure. The team eclipsed 20 wins for the third straight season and has been in postseason play four times in her five years as head coach: twice in the NCAA and twice in the WNIT. She coached seven players to 11 all-conference selections and two SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Players at WCU.

The 2007 Southern Conference Coach of the Year has led her student-athletes to success in the classroom as well, as her 2007-08 squad ranked fifth in the WBCA Academic top-25 and the 2006-07 squad was 15th.

Prior to her tenure at Western Carolina, Harper spent three seasons as an assistant coach here at UT Chattanooga, where she helped lead the Mocs to three consecutive SoCon championships. She worked primarily with the perimeter players, including the 2004 league player of the year and three other all-conference players. Prior to her stint in Chattanooga, Harper spent two seasons on the Auburn staff, moving from administrative assistant in 1999-2000 to assistant coach the next season.

Harper, whose maiden name is Kellie Jolly, played on three national championship squads at Tennessee under Hall-of-Fame coach Pat Summit, earning 1999 honorable mention All-America honors.

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As a junior, she averaged 7.6 points and 3.8 assists while guiding the Lady Vols to a 39-0 record and a national championship. In the title game against Louisiana Tech, she scored a career-high 20 points and hit four of her five three-point attempts. She did not miss a free throw in that year's NCAA Tournament, nailing 14 in a row. She was named to the 1998 All-Final Four team.

After missing the first 16 games of the 1997 season due to an injury, Harper returned to help lead the Lady Vols to the second of the three national titles they won during her playing career. In the final game versus Old Dominion, she dished out a championship-game record 11 assists and was named to the All-Final Four squad with a record 20 assists in two games. That year, the National Strength and Conditioning Association named her its "Strength and Conditioning Female Athlete of the Year."

For her career, Harper tallied 894 points and 450 assists, ranking among Tennessee's top-10 career leaders in assists, assists-per-game, three-point field goals, three-point attempts and three-point field goal percentage at the time of her graduation. She was drafted in the fourth round of the 1999 WNBA draft by the Cleveland Rockers and also earned her degree in mathematics that year. She was a three-time Academic All-SEC honoree as well.

Harper prepped at White County High School in Sparta, Tenn., earning pre season prep All-America honors and being named the MVP of various tournaments. In her eight years playing AAU ball, she played on three gold medal teams and three silver medal teams. She was a five-time All-American and two-time MVP during her AAU career. She graduated third in her high school class in 1995.

We are excited that Kellie will be joining us at this year's event. Please join us on Sunday, September 27th at UT Chattanooga's McKenzie Arena to see Kellie Jolly Harper and to Race for the Cure.

Sincerely,

Rita Fanning  
Komen Chattanooga Race for the Cure  
Race Director