

PINK PATCH PROJECT 2022 PROBATION STAFFERS SHOW THEIR COLORS IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Breast cancer can occur in both men and women and is a disease in which breast tissue cells start growing abnormally and uncontrollably. In the U.S., breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women, after skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

The Pink Patch Project is a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease. The annual event originated in 2013 with the Seal Beach Police Department in Southern California who wore pink patches on their uniforms during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is now a nationwide project and even law enforcement agencies from other countries now participate.

Los Angeles County Probation joined the Pink Patch Project in 2019 under Chief Terri McDonald's administration. SDPO Nancy Roman had been helping a friend with the Pink Patch Project at South Gate Police Department who suggested she bring Pink Patch to LA County Probation. "At the time we didn't have anything that brought people together other than Baker to Vegas," she said. "This was something else positive. I'm like, okay, what do I need to do?"

She figured it out and the project has grown every year. "The first year was just patches. Within two days we sold out the 300 patches that we bought," she said. "Then the second year we did shirts and patches. Everybody liked that. And then every year we added something new. This year we didn't expand as much. We limited ourselves to a small amount of items and that's why we mostly sold out."

While sales have been very good this year, Pink Patch 2022 may not make as much as in past years due to rising costs. Manufacturing and shipping costs have gone up but the prices for shirts and patches have remained the same for staff. The receipts are still being counted but "We're hoping to get to \$10,000," said Roman.

SDPO Roman volunteers as do all the staff who help make the Pink Patch Project a success. "We do it on our own time," she said. "I have SDPO Perico and Barajas, who help me out. This year, DSO R. Sigala really stepped up to help. She told me, 'Don't worry about Central Juvenile Hall. I'll take all the orders. I'll deliver them. You don't have to worry.' Vicki Magallanes, too. She's in Pomona. She stepped up. 'Don't worry about Pomona. I'll go pick the items up.' The unions have been really helpful too. Every year we usually get from \$1500 to \$2000 in donations from them. So that pays for part of the initial purchase of items. Probation Media as well as Marisa Ron have also helped me spread the information and make the employees aware of the project."

It takes a large number of volunteers to help coordinate the Pink Patch Project every year, and it's truly a labor of love. "I just did it because it was something positive to do and have our department be involved," said Roman. "I don't personally know anybody with breast cancer. But so many people have a story, you know? Everybody knows somebody."

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To join the Pink Patch Project team for 2023, please email SDPO Roman: nancy.roman@probation.lacounty.gov

Through The Years	
LA County Probation Department Pink Patch	
Donations to the City Of Hope	
2019 - \$ 2,731	
2020 - \$16,120	
2021 - \$ 14,091	
2022 - TBD	

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