

Lifestyles Magazine Board Member Honored With Presidential Medal of Freedom



Lifestyles Magazine Board Member Ambassador Nancy Goodman Brinker was chosen to receive the highest civilian honor in the United States by President Barack Obama. Brinker, who sits on the Governing Committee of *Lifestyles Magazine*, will be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a ceremony at the White House on August 12. Currently serving as the World Health Organization's Goodwill Ambassador for Cancer Control, Brinker is being honored for creating Susan G. Komen for the Cure, an organization named after her only sister, Susan, who died from breast cancer in 1980 at age 36. What started out as a group of friends in a living room has grown, under Brinker's watch and guidance, into an organization with more than 120 domestic and global affiliates, more than 1.5 million advocates, and a presence in more than 50 countries.

"To say that I am honored, humbled and exhilarated is a vast understatement," Brinker said. "I will be pleased to accept this honor in my sister's memory, and on behalf of the millions of women and men who have walked side-by-side with us over many years to end the suffering and misery from this disease."

A breast cancer survivor herself, Brinker has held several positions of note. While serving as U.S. Ambassador to Hungary from 2001 to 2003, she got the U.S. State Department, local women, health professionals and non-governmental organizations involved in what she calls "global health diplomacy" to raise awareness for breast cancer in that country. From 2007 to 2009, Brinker served as Chief of Protocol of the United States.

Here is the full list of recipients:

Nancy Goodman Brinker *Founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure*
 Pedro José Greer, Jr. *Founder of the Camillus Health Concern, St. John Bosco Clinic*
 Stephen Hawking *Noted theoretical physicist*
 Jack Kemp *Professional Football Player, Republican Vice President Nominee in 1996*
 Senator Edward Kennedy *Leading congressional health care reform advocate*
 Billie Jean King *Acclaimed professional tennis player*
 Reverend Joseph Lowery *Civil rights movement leader*
 Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow *Last living Plains Indian war chief*
 Harvey Milk *First openly gay elected official, LGBT rights activist*
 Sandra Day O'Connor *First female U.S. Supreme Court justice*
 Sidney Poitier *First African-American to win a Best Actor Academy Award*
 Chita Rivera *First Hispanic recipient of Kennedy Center Honor*
 Mary Robinson *First female President of Ireland*
 Janet Davidson Rowley *Distinguished American human geneticist*
 Desmond Tutu *Leading anti-apartheid activist, Nobel Peace Prize recipient*
 Muhammad Yunus *Anti-poverty leader, Nobel Peace Prize recipient*

All of us at *Lifestyles Magazine* are enormously proud of the recognition given to our dear friend and Board Member!

Gabriel A. Erem
 Founder