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ATLANTA -- Bret Jones, 5, wrote the word "Mom" on a piece of paper pinned to the back of his t-shirt.

He wore it on Saturday morning during the 18th Annual Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure to honor his mother, Cathy, who survived breast cancer when Bret was a toddler.

"It was hard, but I had something good to help get me through," Cathy Jones said.

This is a race where the names on the back are more important than the numbers on the front.

April Anderson wrote "Me" on the paper pinned her shirt.

"I hated that I was diagnosed with breast cancer," Anderson said.

She was diagnosed after having a baby two years ago.

"I caught it very early, but I underwent aggressive treatment with chemotherapy and radiation," she said. "Now, I'm okay. I feel privileged to be among survivors and embrace it."

There were countless survivors among the 13,000 people who set a new record for the race by raising more than \$1.4 million for breast cancer research, education and treatment. The 5K Run/Walk started at Atlantic Station Saturday morning.

"This is something as women, we feel dedicated to it," said Stacey Portis, a member of the Street Angels team. "It's an opportunity for us as a motorcycle club and a female motorcycle club go give back to our community, and it's something we do every year."

Seventy-five percent of the money raised Saturday will stay in the Atlanta area to fund outreach projects and programs for the medically underserved.

The rest supports the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program.



More than 13,000 people took part in the 18th Annual Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure Saturday at Atlantic Station.

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