



“I really like seeing the progress students make and knowing that, in some way, financial aid was a part of that.”

In San Diego, Christy walked with an 18-member team that included seven relatives and was led by her sister. She has both friends and family who have been affected by breast cancer, so committing to the 60 miles and the mandatory \$2,200 individual fundraising goal is all the more meaningful for her.

“It makes one feel part of a larger community,” Christy noted. “This event particularly draws you into the common good. With that kind of unity, you can make a difference.”

Left: Christy Jensen (at right) celebrates with sister Kim Rohafek and her husband, Matt Rohafek, after the 2005 “San Diego 3-Day” event.

Office fundraiser benefits children at Denver shelter

A couple of times a year, our staff brainstorms for an idea for a community fundraising and team building activity.

Last spring, we held a bowl-a-thon for Junior Achievement. In the summer, we offered a new twist on charitable giving: Anyone who donated school supplies for local kids got to wear shorts to work every Friday in August.

With a hook like that, the fundraiser was bound to be a success. Compelling both for its cause and its offer, it was the most successful fundraiser the CAN/NGS office has ever held. “Everybody got very excited about it,” says Marilyn Young, ombudsman and chair of the staff Nrichment Committee. “We had more involvement than ever before and raised cash in addition to actual school supplies.”

The recipient of this generous effort was The Brandon Center, a Denver-based shelter for women and children who are homeless or victims of domestic violence. Center coordinators asked for school supplies for the children, and they ended up getting not just the supplies, but also a check for \$550.

“We think it’s vital to support our community in a variety of ways,” said Managing Director Caron Peterson. “We also think it’s important to celebrate the hard work we all put into this donation. Wearing shorts in August turned out to be a popular idea!”

