

## **Olivia Rollins - Brunswick, Georgia:**

Our dear Olivia has just celebrated 5 years of participating in breast cancer walks – from 2002 to 2006 – walking a total of 175 miles. Unfortunately in 2007, arthritis has forced her early retirement at the young age of 72. We hope that she will remain a member of our team as a volunteer crew member.

When asked why she did the 60-mile walk in 2002, Olivia said that she just wanted a challenge. At the conclusion of 60 miles, she said she was looking for another challenge – maybe she would check into the Senior Olympics.

She is one of the oldest walkers each year. She kept looking for someone older last year but never found them. She is a black lady from Brunswick who happens to walk everywhere she goes just because it is her way of life. She cannot understand why everyone makes such a fuss over her walking 30 or 60 miles – it's no big deal. She does that every week.

Olivia is a role model in retirement and nursing homes in Brunswick and is invited to encourage residents to exercise for their health.

She not only does breast cancer walks but also does ovarian cancer walks, diabetes walk, March of Dimes, or just any long walk she can find. She does not like the little 3 or 5 mile walks because they are just a hop, skip and jump and not worth fooling with.

Last year Olivia's sister was diagnosed with breast cancer which gave her a special reason to walk.

She is an inspiration to everyone who crosses her path especially young girls who are walking with us. Everyone wants to stop and have their pictures made with her.

## Olivia's story (continued) -

She always “preaches” to everyone that they need to keep walking all year long and forever to keep fit. And yes, she preaches to us too! She thinks that most Americans are too lazy and too wasteful.

In 2002, Olivia kept picking up snacks at every rest stop until she had more than she could carry. Finally one of the crew members took her bag and hauled it in the van for her the rest of the day. She said she just couldn't stand to see all of that stuff go to waste. We all laugh with her about her little brown bag.



**WE LOVE YOU OLIVIA!**  
**You will always be a part of our Circle of Friends.**

