



## ADVOCATE AND FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER RESEARCH

MEET **ERIN WEIER REMME**, FHS CLASS OF 2003, NURSE, NURSE EDUCATOR, AND SPOKESPERSON.

### Erin Weier Remme

Erin Weier Remme would be described as a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, nurse and friend; a woman with limitless energy and optimism; and a young woman who has been diagnosed with stage IV metastatic breast cancer. However, none of these explain why she was selected as a distinguished Faribault High School graduate. Rather, it is what she has done since her diagnosis that makes her outstanding. During the last few years, Erin has become a successful advocate, fundraiser, and spokesperson for stage IV breast cancer research.

Erin started her 9th grade year at Faribault High School after moving from Lakeville. She initially was concerned about leaving her school and friends, but, after meeting many wonderful people and friends in Faribault, felt at home. While in high school, Erin participated in cross country, track/field, and basketball. After graduation, Erin attended St. Olaf College in Northfield for nursing. She participated in cross country and track/field, where she became a national qualifier and team captain. Erin graduated from St. Olaf in 2007. After college, she married Josh Remme. They have three children and currently live in Albertville, MN.

After graduation, Erin began her professional career in nursing at the Maple Grove hospital as a cardiac care nurse and eventually transitioned to obstetrics, NICU, and pediatrics as a nurse educator. While there, Erin was nominated for the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year award and was the Maple Leaf Award winner. It was obvious to everyone around her that Erin loved her job and had a passion for educating new mothers. Due to her cancer diagnosis in Sept. of 2016, Erin left her job to devote more time to her family and to drive awareness and raise money for stage IV breast cancer research.

Since that time, Erin has travelled all over the country attending seminars, conferences, and retreats advocating for stage IV cancer research. She has become very involved in an organization called METAvivor (Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Research and Support) which is dedicated to giving support and specifically funding stage IV breast cancer. With this organization in mind, Erin chaired one of her major accomplishments, the first Minneapolis Metsquerade Gala. She was able to raise awareness and gain support from over 800 people attending the event. She obtained corporate and local sponsors and raised \$190,000 for research. This gala was the largest held in the United States. Erin is currently heading up the next event which will be held in October, 2019.

In addition, Erin has participated in the Meta Ribbon Challenge where she raised awareness and \$10,000 dollars toward research. For her birthday in 2018, Erin started a Facebook campaign asking for donations for research in lieu of presents and raised another \$12,000. She was also asked to attend the Stage IV Breast Cancer Stampede in Washington, D.C. This grassroots effort brings patients, caregivers, and supporters together to advocate for research. She was recently named an INDY (I'm Not Done Yet) Warrior of the Month from the INDY foundation. Erin attended 2019 New York Fashion Week and modeled for Ana Cho along with a number of other women living with Metastatic Breast Cancer. The designer donated 100% of the proceeds to research.

Erin is a passionate young woman who has helped to rally attention to the urgent needs of the breast cancer community. She has helped patients find strength through support and purpose, and to make every dollar count as they work with researchers to extend and improve their quality of life.