



## 2017 Tri for a Cure Fact Sheet

The **Tri for a Cure** was created in 2008 by a Maine Cancer Foundation board member, Julie Marchese, and her friend, Abby Bliss, with the aim to encourage women to achieve their personal best and become an inspiration to others.

The Tri for a Cure is Maine Cancer Foundation's signature event. Maine Cancer Foundation's mission is to support cancer prevention, timely cancer screenings, and patient support in the state of Maine. Every dollar raised is invested back into Maine, making a difference in every county in the state. MCF awarded 37 grants totaling nearly \$1.6 million in 2016, and \$10.5 million since the Tri began.

### 2017 TRI FOR A CURE STATISTICS

- 1,321 women are racing today
- Funds raised by athletes as of July 21, 2017 was over \$1,782,264 towards a goal of \$1.75 million.
- Average participant age in 2017 – 44
- Oldest participant - 78
- Youngest participant - 16
- Participants from 24 different states: MA, NH, NY, FL, NJ, CA, CO, PA, CT, VA, RI, IL, AZ, DC, DE, GA, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, NE, WA, and Ontario. 87% from Maine.

### TRI FOR A CURE TOTALS 2008-2016

- 10,473 participants, and 1,389 teams
- 3,184 miles swum
- 144,600 miles biked
- 29,884 miles ran
- \$9,972,216 raised through 121,649 donations
- 4,045 volunteers
- 87 corporate sponsors

### RACE STAFF INFORMATION

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