

## **HGSA to host Playing For the Pink Tournament Sept. 17-18**

For the past five years the Hamilton Girls Softball Association has hosted its Annual Playing For The Pink (PFTP) breast cancer awareness tournament to help kick off National Breast Cancer month in October.

This year's tournament will be held at the HGSA complex on Sept. 17-18.

As part of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation's Passionately Pink for the Cure program, PFTP unites youth fast-pitch softball travel teams in fundraising for breast cancer research, education and awareness. The two-day event involves over 1100 players from the tri-state area participating on over 70 teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U brackets as well as national and local corporate sponsors, businesses, vendors and volunteers in Hamilton and Ewing.

Over the past five years, PFTP, on behalf of all the participating players, presented donation checks totaling over \$174,000 to the Susan G Komen For the Cure Foundation and the Princeton YMCA Breast Cancer Resource Center.

To help ensure the largest possible donation to the tournament charities – Susan G Komen for the Cure Central and Southern NJ and the Princeton YWCA Breast Cancer Resource Center - a multitude of Mercer County area businesses and organizations contribute annually to PFTP.

The huge success of this event wouldn't be possible without the tournament participants themselves.

PFTP teams are required to pay a nominal entry fee and encouraged to fundraise above the entry fee to help support local breast cancer research and awareness. Each year the teams spend weeks immediately preceding the tournament engaged in bake sales, walk-a-thons, hit-a-thons, can shakes, car washes and hosting softball clinics endeavoring to raise funds for the cause.

Participation in this event provides these young ladies the opportunity to unite and give back to the community. The HGSA invites the community to come out and support all the players for their determination and dedication to making this event a success.

For further information on the tournament contact director Tara Lavin at 609-558-2643 or at [tara@playingforthepink.com](mailto:tara@playingforthepink.com). Also check out the website [www.playingforthepink.org](http://www.playingforthepink.org).