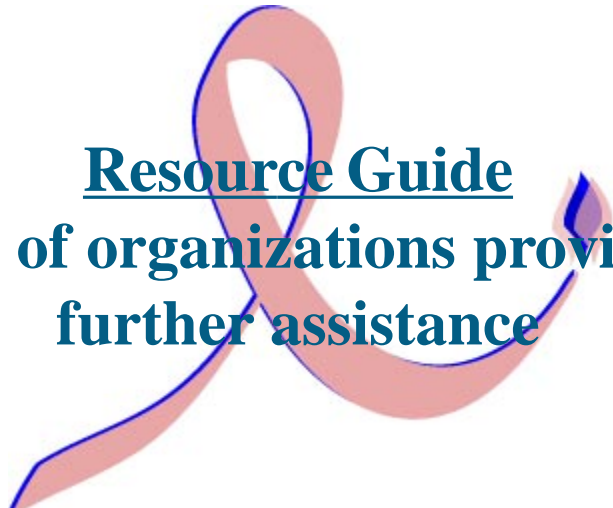


THE Breast Cancer Society



Resource Guide A list of organizations providing further assistance

Mission Statement

The guiding mission of **The Breast Cancer Society, Inc.** (*The BCS*) is to provide relief to those who suffer from the effects of breast cancer now, as well as to work cooperatively with and give support to other personnel and organizations that share in the goal of helping breast cancer patients. All of this is done through providing education, direct assistance and financial aid to those in need. The BCS also works to assist in the eradication of breast cancer through education and the support of breast cancer research.

**If you have cancer, please contact the
organizations in this brochure for
additional assistance.**

The Breast Cancer Society
10506 E. Obispo Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85212-1818

Medical Care

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

www.cdc.gov/cancer

Federally funded program for low-income U.S. residents who have breast and/or cervical cancer to enroll at a doctor's office to get no-cost treatment as soon as possible after they've been diagnosed.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Primary Health Care

1-888-275-4772

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov>

information on public programs for the uninsured in your area.

Co-pay Relief Program

1-866-512-3861

www.copays.org

Offers co-payment assistance to patients that have insurance. Call for details.

Prescription Drugs

www.Needymeds.com

www.rxassist.org

Both give information on how to obtain free or discounted medication.

Merck

1-800-506-3725

Prescription Discount Program

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1-888-477-2669

www.pparx.org

offers a single point of access to public, state and private patient assistance programs, including programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies

1-800-634-7346

www.ajfca.org

Provides help for prescriptions, supplies, medical equipment and transportation to medical care.

General Financial Assistance

Cancer Care

1-800-813-HOPE

www.cancercare.org

Offering a variety of financial assistance programs, call for eligibility requirements

Netwish

www.netwish.org

Provides assistance up to \$500.00 for those who are able to demonstrate a financial need.

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund

1-661-310-7940

www.bmcf.net

Supporting patients 18-40 currently undergoing cancer treatment with services to meet daily needs. Providing home health care services, co-payments for medical care, temporary housing and other expenses for those unable to pay bills like rent, insurance and food.

Corporate Angel Network

1-866-328-1313

www.corpangelnetwork.org

Arranges free air transportation for cancer patients and bone marrow donors to/from nationally recognized cancer treatment centers nationwide by using the empty seats aboard corporate aircraft, traveling on routine business.

There are no financial requirements or limits on the number of flights. Though, patients must be able to walk and travel without life support systems.

Patient Travel.org

1-800-926-1217

www.patienttravel.org

Provides referrals and "how to get there" assistance for any

patient needing travel to a distant specialized medical facility for evaluation, diagnosis or treatment. Patients served are people for whom the cost of long-distance travel for medical care is difficult financially.

Mercy Medical Airlift

1-888-675-1405

www.mercymedical.org

Dedicated to serving people in situations of compelling need through the provision of charitable air transportation.

Cancer Fund of America

1-800-578-5284

www.CFOA.org

Provides products and supplies to breast cancer patients and their families.

National Breast Cancer Foundation

www.nationalbreastcancer.org

Provides educational programs and free mammograms for those in need.

Patient Advocate Foundation

1-800-532-5274

www.PatientAdvocate.org

Website offers a state by state directory of information for patients seeking financial relief for a broad range of needs includ-

ing housing, utilities, food, transportation to medical treatment, and children's resources.

Click on "Resources", then "Publications" and finally, "The National Financial Resources Guidebook for Patients", to search this directory.

Cancer Hope Network

1-877-467-3638

www.cancerhopenetwork.org

Provides free and confidential one-on-one support to cancer patients and their families.

Breast Cancer Survivors

1-714-549-1218

www.BCSurvivors.org

Provides temporary financial assistance to individuals undergoing treatment for breast cancer who are unable to meet their basic living expenses due to the impact of their disease. *(BCS currently helps individuals in selected areas in Southern California ONLY)*

Kommah Seray Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation

1-909-247-0051

www.KSIBCF.org

Raises awareness of Inflammatory Breast Cancer and cancer in general, especially in minor-

ity communities. The foundation will meet the immediate needs of cancer patients by providing assistance and support for patients battling with or recovering from IBC and other forms of cancer.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure

1-877-GoKomen

www.cms.komen.org

Resource for any and all things relating to breast cancer.

Friends of Man

1-303-798-2342

www.friendsofman.org

An all volunteer charity to help people with basic or special needs that cannot be provided elsewhere. They provide assistance with prostheses, wheelchairs, medical equipment, mobility equipment, hearing aids and orthopedic shoes.

Application must be filled out by healthcare professional.

The First Mile Foundation

www.thefirstmile.org/charities.html

Provides financial support to families and individuals in order to alleviate the added everyday stresses associated with cancer, as well as an educational resource to help people lower their risk of cancer.

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Sensational in Survival

1-585-586-5680

www.sensationalinsurvival.org

Committed to improving the quality of life for those battling breast cancer by providing financial assistance in the form of grants during treatment to those in need.

Financial Resources for People with Cancer

www.cancer.gov

Comprehensive listing of agencies, organizations and programs that are designed to provide assistance for cancer patients and their families.

Surviving and Moving Forward

Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization

1-800-221-2141

www.y-me.org

Wig and Prosthesis Bank offers wigs, mastectomy bra's, styling tips, etc.

The Pink Fund.org

1-248-505-5222

Provides short term financial aid to patients in treatment for and recovery from breast cancer.

The Samfund For Young Adult Survivors of Cancer

www.thesamfund.org

Provide various grants/scholarships to cancer survivors, ages 18-35, to help supplement the income they have lost during treatment and help pay for specific transitional issues such as; education, living, job search and lingering medical expenses.

American Cancer Society

1-800-ACS-2345

www.cancer.org

Has regional offices where reliable information, support groups and other resources can be found.

Look Good, Feel Better

1-800-395-LOOK

www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org

Offers free seminars to help overcome appearance-related effects of cancer and cancer treatment.

Caring Bridge

www.caringbridge.org

Free, personalized websites that support and connect loved ones during critical illness, treatment and recovery.

Breast Cancer Recovery Retreats

1-888-821-1140

<http://bcrf.org>

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Sponsors Infinite Boundaries wellness retreats for breast cancer survivors that nurture, enhance and aid the emotional, spiritual and physical recovery for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Online Resources

Breast Cancer Options

www.breastcanceroptions.org

Support, Advocacy, Education, Information.

(They are based out of New York and in addition to their website, have many programs and services in place for individuals living in the Hudson Valley area)

Kids Cope

www.kidscope.org

Helps children and families understand effects of cancer treatments on a loved one. Provides suggestions for coping.

BCMETS

www.bcmets.org

The largest online community of people living with advanced breast cancer, their families and friends.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

<http://nccam.nih.gov>

Information on complementary and alternative medicine.

Sisters Network Inc.

www.sistersnetworkinc.org

A national African American breast cancer survivorship organization.

Food Programs

MealCall

1-704-907-6196

www.MealCall.org

Information for food program options including congregate meal programs.

Meals on Wheels

Coordinates thousands of programs throughout the United States dedicated to delivering meals to those who are home bound. Some programs require a small donation. Each program determines eligibility.

For a referral to the Meals on Wheels serving your area, contact the National Eldercare office at: 1-800-677-1116.

Angel Food Ministries

www.angelfoodministries.com

Participants purchase groceries at a reduced cost through one of their host sites. Currently there are sites in 32 different states.

Utilities

Assistance programs are offered by many gas, electric, water, and phone companies. If you are having difficulty paying your monthly bills, contact the company before your balance becomes too large.

Companies are more likely to work out a payment plan with those willing to work with them. In an emergency situation, try checking with your local help lines and social service agencies, as some will provide one-time emergency help with utility bills.