



The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

The Greater Atlanta Affiliate *2004-2005 Grant Recipients*

Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative

Treatment, Education, Support & Screening: This award supports psychosocial, informational, and physical support to Atlanta area lesbians living with breast cancer. The program also offers wellness programs and workshops on survivorship.

Asian-American Resource Foundation, Inc.

Education: Provides thousands of Asian women with information about breast cancer, how to perform breast self-examination, and where to get a mammogram. All of this information is provided in the native language of the center's constituency.

Bosom Buddies of Georgia

Education & Screening: Provides breast cancer outreach to at least 6000 refugee, minority and migrant women at health fairs and offers at least 40 breast health and craft classes to this population. Also provides screening referrals for mammography, clinical breast exams and follow-up, providing 120 at low or no cost to women who cannot otherwise obtain them.

Breast Friends, Inc.

Education & Support: A one-to-one breast cancer support network that provides individual support and practical assistance to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and their families. Services include a 24-hour telephone support line staffed by breast cancer survivors, transportation to and from treatment, in-home visits, peer support and other assistance, with emphasis on service provision to special needs populations.

Center for Black Women's Wellness, Inc.

Education, Support & Screening: This award is for a community based family service center with major outreach programs in Southwest Atlanta. The Center has a Community Breast Health Initiative with programs in disseminating breast health information, information on access to mammography, and follow up services to the medically underserved. The Center also has 2004-2005 programs to increase its referral network with breast health providers who care for the underserved.

Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.

Education, Support & Screening: A comprehensive, culturally and linguistically sensitive, community based project for providing breast cancer education, early detection,

outreach and medical screening services to limited English speaking, uninsured, underinsured, and elderly Asian American women. Also provides the first Asian American Women's Breast Cancer Education and Support Group in the state of Georgia.

Clayton County Board of Health

Education & Screening: Provides women under the age of 40 with limited financial and medical care resources with a clinical breast exam followed by a mammogram and/or ultrasound if project eligible and reside in Clayton County. This age group typically finds it extremely difficult to locate an affordable screening source.

Cobb/Douglas Boards of Health

Treatment, Education, Support & Screening: Provides increased outreach to women not likely to seek services for clinical breast exam and mammography, including women who are homeless, suffering from mental illness or retardation, women who live below 200% of poverty guidelines, are uninsured or underinsured. Offers screening to women younger than 40 years who are experiencing breast problems or have a first degree relative with a history of pre-menopausal cancer.

Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc.

Education, Screening & Support: Promotes breast health awareness to the underserved Latino community by providing a culturally appropriate setting for early detection screening, preventive care and resource information for follow-up services. This one-day health fair partners with the American Cancer Society, Mexican Consulate, local Latino-based organizations, and metropolitan hospitals/county clinics to reduce cancer rate disparity among Latinos.

Family Health Enterprise

Education & Screening: A Nurse Practitioner managed community health care program that provides culturally sensitive outreach services within metro-Atlanta to under-served women in need of breast health care. Assists women in making appointments for mammograms and supports each woman through the screening services and recommended follow-up care.

Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc.

Education: Focus on providing older African American women with educational materials regarding breast health facts and information on mammography screening.

Good Samaritan Health Center

Education & Screening: Provides free screening mammograms and diagnostic follow up testing for indigent women including the destitute, the working poor, and those who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible many of whom would otherwise be unable to receive these procedures.

Northside Hospital Breast Care

Education: Educates junior/senior high school girls and college women about breast cancer and the importance of early detection in partnership with Greater Atlanta Hadassah. Approx 1,800 young women from 10 metro area high schools and colleges

receive instruction in breast self exam technique, meet a breast cancer survivor, and receive a “mini breast” model and other educational materials.

Northside Hospital

Screening: Provides low or no cost screening mammography to low-income women through a mobile mammography van service (*ScreenAtlanta*). The van travels to 11 local area Kroger locations each month to provide easy, affordable or free access to mammography.

Rockdale Hospital & Milstead Pathology, PC

Education & Screening: Provides Nipple Duct Lavage (a “breast pap smear”) screening to high risk, low-income women by underwriting the cost of screening mammograms and ductal lavage. Ductal lavage is a minimally invasive, well-tolerated screening tool used to search for the earliest abnormal cells in high- risk women.

Saint Joseph’s Hospital/Atlanta and St. Joseph’s Mercy Care Services

Education & Treatment: Provides diagnostic follow-up services recommended to medically underserved women after an abnormal finding on a screening mammogram or clinical exam. The program provides diagnostic mammograms, magnification and special-view films, ultrasounds, aspirations and biopsies.

Saint Joseph’s Mercy Care Services, Inc.

Education & Screening: Provides comprehensive breast and cervical health education, outreach and follow-up services for low-income minority women using mobile vans and fixed sites in metro Atlanta. It offers a minimum of 1,000 educational contacts and 450 mammograms to underserved women 40 years or older per year.

Sisters...By Choice, Inc.

Education: This project offers no cost screening mammograms to underserved Hispanic, Latino, Asian/Pacific and other multicultural ethnic minorities in the Atlanta metropolitan area. The women have then access to tertiary level multidisciplinary care for breast cancer through the expertise of the project director who is a breast cancer surgical oncologist.

Surviving, Inc.

Education: Provides one-on-one home visitation, wig and prosthesis reimbursements, and assistance with travel to and from doctor’s offices. Strengthens, educates and comforts breast cancer patients and their families with free services, local doctor referrals, support groups and other avenues.

Turning Point Women’s Healthcare

Education: The award allows North Atlanta region medically underserved women and “under insured” working women in need of financial assistance to receive physical and psychological care during breast cancer treatment. Turning Point offers massage therapy, nutritional advice, exercise, and fitness programs and other support services free of charge.

The Wellness Community

Education: This award helps support groups for women with breast cancer via day groups, evening groups, and groups focused on issues of care in women with metastatic breast cancer. All groups are free and led by a social worker with expertise in issues facing breast cancer survivors. In addition, programs in stress reduction and nutrition are offered as well as art therapy.

Winship Cancer Institute/Emory University at Grady Hospital

Education: More than one third of patients with curable breast cancer drop out of prescribed chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy in inner cities. This program at Grady Hospital develops a concerted patient education program that better describes breast cancer, its treatment, and the importance of therapeutic treatment with the goal of increasing patient adherence to prescribed therapy. Specifically targets medically underserved breast cancer patients in metro Atlanta.

Winship Cancer Institute/Emory University at Grady Hospital

Screening: Provides access to ductal lavage procedures and tests to uninsured and underinsured minority populations seeking routine gynecologic check ups. Ductal lavage is a new investigational method of improving detection of breast cancer in women who have a high risk of breast cancer by family history. This minimally invasive test is used to look for patterns of proteins and atypical cells to detect breast cancers in combination with mammography.

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University: Lymphedema Management Program

Treatment: The award is for a lymphedema program led by a 2004 Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Clinician, with outreach to the breast cancer survivor population that have had surgery and radiotherapy, and are cared for in the Grady Cancer Center by Winship faculty. Education in manual lymphatic drainage, and long term lymphedema care for the underserved --as well as new culturally-sensitive approaches to patient lifetime compliance to home management of lymphedema --are provided.

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University at Grady Hospital: Hereditary Breast Cancer Program

Screening: The target population includes uninsured women and their families with histories of breast cancer cared for by Emory's Winship Cancer Institute physicians at the Grady Cancer Center. The award provides specialized genetic counseling, genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA 2 and heighten mammographic surveillance programs for indigent women who are found to have strong family histories of breast cancer but in whom counseling and testing is not covered by Medicaid.

YWCA of Greater Atlanta

Education: Provides a community based breast health education and support curriculum designed to teach women the components of good breast health and early detection. ENCOREPLUS targets African-American women working, yet low-income, age 40 and

over, who are medically underserved or uninsured. ENCOREPLUS is a national model of excellence.

Young Survival Coalition (YSC)-Atlanta Affiliate

Education & Support: YSC is the only international non-profit organization dedicated to the issues unique to pre-menopausal women with breast cancer. These issues include early menopause, compromised fertility, higher mortality rates and a more aggressive and more advanced cancer. This program provides forums for public awareness, opportunities for outreach with key professionals in the community and opportunities for young women with breast cancer to connect with other patients and survivors.