

Announcing the 2019 – 2020 Komen Grant Recipients

Social Support Services: *These programs provide psychosocial support and/or other assistance for breast cancer patients, survivors, their families, or caregivers.*

Cancer Support Community – Los Angeles

Phone: (310) 314-2555
Address: 1990 S. Bundy Dr #100
Los Angeles, CA 90025

To access psychosocial care, eliminate health disparities, and improve quality of life, Cancer Support Community Los Angeles will provide two separate weekly Spanish-language breast cancer support groups (daytime and evening) at White Memorial Medical Center for monolingual Spanish-speaking Latinas with any stage of breast cancer and their families who reside in SPAs 3, 4, or 7 and have low-incomes or are caregivers) through 80 group sessions with over 500 visits/attendance overall. Each 2-hr. group will be led by a Latina Spanish-speaking licensed therapist; one group will incorporate stress management techniques. CSC- LA will evaluate distress using CSC's validated distress screening tool, Cancer Support Source (CSS). The goal of this culturally and linguistically sensitive program is to empower women and their caregivers to take an active role in their physical and emotional recovery from breast cancer.

City of Hope

Couples Coping with Cancer Together Program

Phone: (626) 256-4673
Address: 1500 E Duarte
Duarte, CA 91010

Cancer can bring normal life stressors to a crisis point, particularly for disadvantaged populations who might lack the resources needed to cope. City of Hope plans to extend its existing Couples Coping with Cancer Together program in Spanish in service of our underserved Latina breast cancer patient population. The program is projected to serve at least 60 Spanish-speaking patients in the Women's Center at City of Hope that have a partner, significant other, or spouse. Couples will participate in a psychosocial/psycho-educational session that provides culturally and linguistically appropriate therapeutic intervention to empower couples with the practical knowledge and emotional skills to cope with cancer together. Program objectives will be measured using pre- and post-session couple surveys. The primary goal of the program is to reduce barriers to access psychosocial services and improve treatment outcomes for Latino couples facing a breast cancer diagnosis.

Herald Cancer Association

“Walking With you Program”

Phone: (626) 286-1306

Address: 715 E Mission Rd.
San Gabriel, CA 91776

The HCA “Walking with You” project will address specific needs among Chinese American breast cancer patients and survivors. As language and cultural barriers create additional distress to this population when they battle with breast cancer, the 2019-20 “Walking with You” project will work to meet these needs by: 1) Offering one-on-one sessions to at least 60 recently diagnosed patients to better prepare them in the beginning of their cancer journey; 2) Conducting monthly support groups for newly diagnosed or currently undergoing treatment patients to provide psychosocial support and in-language information, reaching at least 250 in attendance; 3) Conducting “Joy Luck Academy” that provides comprehensive breast cancer-related information and psychosocial support to at least 30 recent survivors; and 4) Conducting “Pink Ribbon Conference” to provide up-to-date information on breast cancer treatment and survivorship with at least 150 in attendance.

Project Angel Food

Phone: (323) 845-1800

Address: 922 Vine St
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Project Angel Food will be a nutritional lifeline to individuals diagnosed with breast cancer who are unable to prepare or afford healthy meals due to their medical condition, lack of support, housing and/or medical expenses. The National Cancer Institute recognizes the importance of diet in developing strength and enduring the side effects of cancer and its treatment. Studies show improvement in prognosis and quality of life among well-nourished patients. Key project activities are the preparation and delivery of medically tailored meals, nutritional counseling and follow-ups conducted by our registered dietitians, and outreach to African American, Asian, and Latinx priority populations. Project outcomes include the preparation and delivery of more than 44,000 meals to 160 clients in treatment for breast cancer and findings from our annual survey indicating medication adherence, weight gain, reduced food insecurity stress and improved health.

Special Service for Groups:

Phone: (213) 553-1800
Address: 905 E. 8th St
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Project Language Access for Support in Treatment (Project LAST) will provide supportive services to Latina and API women in SPAs 3, 4, 7, and 8 facing language barriers to care. It will offer face-to-face medical interpretation during breast health care intake, medical appointments, and support groups. The project addresses the large population of LA County residents who are limited English proficient (LEP), a known barrier to medical care. Project LAST will provide interpretation to 43 patients at intake and assessment; 107 patients during medical appointments; and 25 patients during psychosocial support groups. The goal is to increase supportive services for patients, survivors, and caregivers by enhancing the capacity of breast care providers to deliver services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The success of Project LAST will be measured by appointment documentation, appointment call logs, and satisfaction surveys completed by patients and providers.

Patient Navigation Services: *These programs provide patient advocacy, navigation, and coordinated referral services throughout the entire continuum of care.*

Glendale Memorial Health Foundation

Phone: (818) 502-1900
Address: 1420 S Central Ave
Glendale, CA 91204

We do not currently provide navigation services to symptomatic breast cancer patients. For all patients, especially those with linguistic, cultural and financial barriers, patient navigation will increase program completion and healthy outcomes. Our target population is symptomatic women from SPAs 2, 3 and 4. We will focus on providing services to Latina, Asian American and Pacific Islander women in SPAs 3 and 4, and to women with barriers to care. We expect that the patient navigator will initiate contact with up to 120 symptomatic patients, track health, well-being and comprehensive services accessed by up to 110 patients and provide essential follow-up services to 95 patients. We anticipate an increase in the number of women accessing a full range of services and completing treatment. We will compare treatment completion rates under the navigation program to prior program outcomes. Patient satisfaction levels will be measured by survey.

Herald Cancer Association

“Above and Beyond” Program

Phone: (626) 286-1306

Address: 715 E Mission Rd.
San Gabriel, CA 91776

HCA will implement “Above and Beyond – A Patient Navigation Project” to address specific needs among the low-income, medically underserved Chinese American breast cancer patients and survivors primarily residing in SPA 3 of LA County. As a result of lack of awareness of community resources and lack of ability to communicate with the mainstream agencies in English language and understand the complexity of the health care system, HCA will provide patient advocacy, navigation and referrals and linkage to resources in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner to at least 40 Chinese American breast cancer patients and survivors in this proposed project to improve their access to timely health care services in the continuum of care. Through providing the navigation service to remove the obstacles and barriers that may cause the delayed access to care, HCA hopes to reduce breast cancer mortality and enhance the quality of life among the breast cancer clients.