



Cedar Valley Cancer Committee

# TOUCH OF COURAGE

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## METASTATIC BREAST CANCER ACCESS TO CARE

### Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act: A Lifeline for Patients

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act (H.R.549/S.663) is a crucial piece of legislation currently making its way through Congress. This bill aims to eliminate the waiting periods for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicare benefits for individuals diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer (MBC). The act is a beacon of hope for many patients who face significant financial and healthcare challenges due to the aggressive nature of their illness.

Metastatic breast cancer, (stage IV breast cancer), occurs when cancer cells spread beyond the breast to other parts of the body. This stage of cancer is incurable, and treatment focuses on prolonging life and improving the quality of life. Patients with MBC often undergo continuous treatment, which can be physically, emotionally, and financially draining.

Under the existing system, individuals diagnosed with MBC must endure a five-month waiting period for SSDI benefits and an additional 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage. These waiting periods can be devastating for patients who are unable to work due to their illness and need immediate access to healthcare and financial support. The delays often result in significant financial strain, forcing patients to deplete their savings or go into debt to afford necessary treatments.

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act seeks to address these issues by waiving the waiting periods for SSDI and Medicare benefits for individuals with MBC. This legislative change would ensure that patients receive timely access to the financial and healthcare support they need, alleviating some of the burdens associated with their diagnosis.

### The Role of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC)

The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) has been a pivotal force in advocating for the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. NBCC is a grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through advocacy, education, and research. Their efforts have been instrumental in bringing attention to the unique challenges faced by individuals with MBC and the urgent need for legislative change.

NBCC has mobilized its network of advocates, including our own Beyond Pink TEAM advocates, to lobby Congress, emphasizing the importance of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. They have organized meetings with legislators, launched awareness campaigns, and provided testimony to highlight the critical need for this bill. Their advocacy efforts have been crucial in garnering bipartisan support for the legislation.

### The Impact of the Act

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## LOOKED FOR THE SILVER LINING

### A SURVIVOR STORY BY CARISSA JOHNSON

Cold, hollow, a blur. These are the feelings I experienced when I was told I had stage 3 triple-negative breast cancer, along with the BRCA1 gene, at the age of 33. No one can prepare you for that news and you can't help but think of the worst. We often hear that no one knows your body better than you, but this became a reality for me after my diagnosis. For five months prior to my diagnosis, I had been complaining about pain in my breast. The pain was constant, not excruciating, but very tender. I did not show the "normal signs" of breast cancer, so my symptoms did not raise any red flags, until months later when I found a lump. I had a feeling this lump was a lymph node, as it was more in my arm pit area. I had a mammo and an ultrasound and was told that there were a couple of concerning spots. As soon as they turned the screen to show me, I started crying. I knew something wasn't right and the images confirmed those feelings.

After that first initial shock and panic wore off about my diagnosis, my emotions were all over the place. I look back at pictures from before my diagnosis and wish so badly for those "easy" days again. Emotions aside though, attitude is everything! I've always been a glass half full kind of person. I truly believe that a positive attitude can make all the difference in any situation. My advice to anyone going through a challenging time is to always look for the "silver lining", there's always at least one!

Cancer treatment is no walk in the park, especially when you're thrown curve balls throughout the journey. But through it all I have continued to keep my positive mind set. At the time of my diagnosis, I was given the standard triple-negative treatment plan, Taxol/Carbo and then AC. I had fully prepared myself for chemo side effects, but what I was not prepared for was having so many allergic reactions. I've always been one of those patients that never wanted to be a bother, but being open and vocal with your medical team is so critical when going through treatment. During my second chemo treatment I quickly started to experience reactions that I had felt the first time. Seconds after clicking the button to call the nurse, my throat started to swell. My blood pressure soon began to tank. I can't even describe what that feels like

other than every square inch of your body hurting. That has so far been the scariest moment of my life but thank goodness I was in such great hands! I continued to have reactions to two more chemo drugs after this, but even so, my treatments were working!

My husband and I have two young children, and they have also taught me so much about resiliency and understanding through all of this. I was so worried they wouldn't understand what was happening to me or be confused.



We explained to them that mommy has a few boo-boos and the medicine I must take will make my hair fall out. They just looked at us and said "ok, will it come back?" with no concern. I was also worried that I'd be down for the count most of the summer and not be able to do many fun things with them. Again, they were perfectly content with numerous movie nights and playdays at home while mom laid on the couch.

As I write this, I've finished my last round of chemo and now am preparing for my surgery in a few weeks. Six months ago, I thought the chemo treatments would never end, but looking back time has flown by. I know it will continue to go like this as I progress through the rest of my treatment plan. I've always been a supporter of the Beyond Pink TEAM in the past, but now having been on the receiving end of their services, it's even more personal for me. I sadly won't be able to physically participate in the Pink Ribbon Run this year, due to my surgery, but my family and friends intend on making this an annual tradition moving forward. One positive thing that has come out of my cancer journey is realizing how amazing and kind people are. So many people have helped us through this journey and continue to support my family in ways I never could've imagined.

## NEW TO CANCER? HAVE ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS?

The Beyond Pink TEAM has created a series of videos all in one place to help you through your cancer journey. Check it out on our website, [www.beyondpinkteam.org](http://www.beyondpinkteam.org) or use this QR code. We're here to support you.



## BPT VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – CHRISTINE CARPENTER



Volunteers are individuals who are passionate about a mission, care for others, give of their time, and want to make a difference. Our Beyond Pink TEAM (BPT) volunteer, Christine Carpenter, a 31-year-survivor, is all of these. At the time of her diagnosis, Christine feared she would not live to see their then 14-year-old daughter graduate from high school. She channeled her initial terror and rage about breast cancer into a commitment to end this disease. She's seen her daughter graduate from high school, have a successful career, marry, and have two children.

Led by the passion to save others from this awful disease, Christine was driven to read extensively about the science and emotional impact of breast cancer. This led her to join the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC). And three years after her diagnosis, she attended NBCC's Project LEAD, a science training program for activists. This training taught her critical thinking skills and how to bring the survivor perspective to the important issues and controversies in breast cancer.

After attending Project LEAD, Christine joined the BPT and began working to make things better for Iowa women with breast cancer. Her involvement with BPT led to creating an all-Iowa Breast Cancer Resource Guide, starting the Young Cancer Survivors support group, and leading a grant project for women of color, which led to the creation of Splash of Color, the only breast cancer education and support group for women of color in Iowa.

Christine doesn't just make an impact in Iowa but also on the national level. Every year since 1997, Christine, along with an Iowa delegation, lobby United States Senators

and Representatives for the priorities of NBCC. In 1998, BPT members met with Senator Grassley to ask for his help to pass the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. It was signed into law in January 2000 so now income eligible women are eligible for Medicaid for their treatment. BPT continues to monitor the program to make sure it continues.

Each year Christine and the Iowa advocates ask Iowa's Senators and Representatives to continue to fund the Department of Defense (DOD) Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP). The BCRP seeks to "accelerate high-impact research with clinical relevance, encourage innovation and stimulate creativity, and facilitate productive collaborations." Often Christine represents all of us as a Consumer Reviewer for the DOD Breast Cancer Research Program.

What does the National Breast Cancer Coalition think of Christine and the Iowa advocates? "Deceptively calm and composed, Christine Carpenter, with the Iowa Cedar Valley Cancer Committee's Beyond Pink TEAM, and the Iowa Breast Cancer Advocacy Network, is a fierce advocate for NBCC's federal policy priorities and its mission to end breast cancer. She has dedicated her life to ending breast cancer. She takes on all aspects of the NBCC mission: she acts as Iowa field coordinator, is a team leader, a board member a science advocate, and a leader in every sense of the word."

Unfortunately, the incidence of breast cancer in Iowa and the United States is still rising and mortality rates are only down slightly. As Christine states, "There is too little research on prevention of breast cancer and prevention of metastasis. We need to bring back the urgency to breast cancer and that's why I need to continue to be passionate and fearless about doing what it takes to prevent breast cancer and save lives. I hope you will join me as an advocate to end breast cancer."

## CANCER EXPERIENCE REGISTRY

Cancer Experience Registry (CER) is an ongoing survey for cancer survivors and caregivers. Respondents must be 18 or older and living in the United States with any cancer diagnosis from any time.

### Cancer Experience Registry Survey

Have you ever received a cancer diagnosis or helped a loved one with cancer? Share your voice by taking the Cancer Support Community's Cancer Experience Registry survey. By harnessing the power of patient and caregiver voices, our survey helps elevate the lived experience of cancer into actionable information that can inform all levels of decision making. You can join thousands of others

in helping to influence healthcare policies, enhance cancer care, and improve support services. Learn more and take the survey here: <https://cancerexperienceregistry.org/iowa>





## VOTE BREAST CANCER

Why is voting so important? It is important because breast cancer is a political issue. Policy makers determine almost every aspect of breast cancer, such as funding for breast cancer research, access to quality care, and regulations affecting health care systems. That is why voting is so important to ending breast cancer.

Our elected officials are charged with making important breast cancer policy decisions every year. Before you vote on November 5, please consider how the next President, and your Iowa Congressional delegation voted on important breast cancer issues.

Presidential Support	DOD Breast Cancer Research Program	Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act
Vice President Kamala Harris Former President Donald Trump	YES NO	YES NO
<b>Iowa Congressional Support</b>		
<b>District 2</b>		
Rep. Ashley Hinson Opponent-Sarah Corkery	NO YES	YES YES
<b>District 4</b>		
Rep. Randy Feenstra Opponent-Ryan Melton	YES YES	YES YES

Remember, we control who the next president is and who sits in Congress representing Iowa. Register to vote today <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html> and **VOTE BREAST CANCER!**

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

October isn't just breast cancer awareness for women, but men too! The American Cancer Society estimates breast cancer in men in the United States for 2024 are

- 2,790 men in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer.
- About 530 men will die from breast cancer.

That means 1 in 726 men will develop breast cancer. Marlyn Washburn was one of those ones. (Read his story in the April 2023 Touch of Courage newsletter).

When Marlyn's own daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014, he commented that he never needed to worry about getting breast cancer. Men don't get breast cancer. But two years later, Marlyn was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

His family and friends were not familiar with the medical terminology or fully understood what it meant to be "metastatic." The oncologist told them there was no cure, but there was hope to give him "five quality years." Marlyn lived only five months after his diagnosis.

Patricia, Marlyn's wife, took his last car and had it wrapped to bring awareness and educate people about risks men

also face when it comes to breast cancer. (See photo) Patricia travels the United States to meet men with breast cancer, their loved ones, their caregivers, and their widows, listening to their stories and giving encouragement. Patricia recently joined The CARE Project, Inc. which is a non-profit organization which emotionally and financially supports male and female breast cancer patients. In addition, Patricia developed The Marlyn Washburn Grant. This grant is awarded annually to one man undergoing active treatment or within 60 days of last treatment. To learn more about The CARE Project, Inc. or The Marlyn Washburn Grant go to <https://thecareprojectinc.org>.

Locally, the Beyond Pink TEAM offers grants to support both men and women financially while in treatment. Talk to the social worker at your cancer treatment or breast center for assistance in applying.



# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PINK RIBBON RUN | 2024

On Saturday, October 5th, the 18th Annual Pink Ribbon Run will be held with participants meeting at the River Place Plaza, Cedar Falls. Meet up with your team and other participants early to get the pre-race announcements. Browse the Beyond Pink TEAM table to learn more about how your participation is supporting the Cedar Valley survivors as well as how you can donate to their mission.

If you are unable to pick up your race bib and registration materials on Friday, you may do so Saturday morning at the Community Main Street Office, 310 E 4th Street. It's just a quick walk to the River Place Plaza to join the festivities.

## Pink Ribbon Run Agenda

Important dates and information for the event this year:

- In Person Race Day - October 5 at 8 am. Race starts at 8:30 am.
- Virtual Race is October 5 - 12th.
- Register right up until race day. Register via RunSignUp.com-Pink Ribbon available up until 8 am on day of race for the in-person event
- Virtual race registration will stay open through October 5th.

## Packet Pick-up Information:

Packet pick-up available on Friday, October 4th, at the Community Main Street office, 310 E 4th Street at the following times:

- 11 am - 1 pm - Team/group pick-up. MUST email or Facebook Message ahead of time to have packets gathered and ready to go.
- 3 - 7 pm All participant packet pick-up

Saturday, October 5th – Day of Race at the Community Main Street office, 310 E 4th Street:

- 6:30 - 7:30 am Participant packet pick-up

## Race Day Agenda:

- Packet pick-up 6:30-7:30 am - CMS
- 8:00 am - Survivor Photo – River Place Plaza
- 8:15 am - Welcome/pre-race announcements
- LINE UP!
- 8:30 am - Race Start
- 9:30 am - Post Race: Thank you, Survivor Story, Awards, Team Prizes – River Place Plaza

## THANK YOU TO THE 2024 SPONSORS

### WARRIOR

GreenState Credit Union  
Oakridge Real Estate  
Bambinos  
Community Auto Group  
KWWL



### STRENGTH

Xpressions  
MIX 93.5  
Nagle Signs Inc.



### COURAGE

SCHEELS  
Urban Pie  
PDCM Insurance



### HOPE

First Bank  
Gilead  
JQ Construction



### FAITH

John Deery Motors  
Advance Heat Treat Corp.  
UnityPoint Health – Community Cancer Center  
MercyOne  
Lincoln Savings Bank  
Cedar Valley Breast Center  
Kimball Beecher Family Dentistry  
Cindy Lou's BBQ  
Carolann Seeds



### SUPPORT

Avalon Plastic Surgery Center  
Forbin/VGM  
NuCara – New Image Boutique  
NuCara Pharmacy  
Mudd Group



### IN-KIND

Tea Cellar  
Sidecar Coffee Shop  
Cottonwood Canyon Coffee  
Martin Bros.  
Culligan  
Pump Haus Pub & Grill  
Urban Pie  
Nagle Signs Inc.  
The Runner's Flat  
KJ & Kompany  
Bambinos  
NuCara – New Image Boutique  
Second State Brewery  
Scratch Cupcakery  
Cindy Lou's BBQ  
Scooter's Coffee



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

### Treasure Your Chest Bike Ride

Sunday, October 6th, the Cedar Valley Cyclists will be hosting their "Treasure Your Chest" bike ride to collect donations for the Beyond Pink TEAM. Registration is at 12:30 with the ride beginning at 1:00 from the Waterloo Single Speed. There will be stops with educational activities and even some treasure chest prizes!

### Cedar Falls Downtown District Supports BPT

"Shop and Dine" – Thursday, October 10th, at the various merchants and businesses in the Cedar Falls Downtown District. A portion of their receipts that day will be donated to the Beyond Pink TEAM. The hours are 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Great time to enjoy the autumn weather and merchant specials.

### Ladies Auxiliary Steak Night

The Amvets Post #49 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a steak night on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 5:30. There will be choices of meat (rib eyes, sirloins, chicken breast, ham steaks, and pork chops) with baked potato, roll and salad. A choice of pink cupcake or cookie for dessert. Proceeds will be donated to the Beyond Pink TEAM.

### SCHEELS Girls Night Out

Once again, SCHEELS is hosting a special Girls Night Out to support the Beyond Pink TEAM. The event is Sunday, November 3rd from 7-9 pm. You must have a ticket to attend. Tickets can ONLY be purchased on the Cedar Falls SCHEELS Facebook page link. Cost is \$25.

## YOUR DONATIONS DO IMPACT SURVIVORS

Your donations and contributions to the BPT really have an impact on the survivors. Here's what one survivor had to say about the Beyond Pink Fund and the help she received.

*"Enclosed please find a donation toward the BPT. And I think I'm ready to do some volunteering."*

*My cancer journey has not been as difficult as some.*

*Chemo & surgery are done. So now it's a matter of regaining some strength & stamina. I am dealing with neuropathy in both feet.*

*I have completed both VISA gift cards that were granted. These money gifts have been a godsend. Also, I appreciate the newsletter. It is very informative. Thanks for all you do!"*

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If passed, the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act would have a profound impact on the lives of individuals with MBC. By eliminating the waiting periods for SSDI and Medicare benefits, the act would provide immediate financial relief and access to healthcare for patients. This change would enable patients to focus on their treatment and quality of life without the added stress of financial insecurity.

*Two local women shared the impact of MBC and the cost concerns of health coverage for them:*

*"Since February 2024, I, a 64-year-old woman from Iowa, am currently paying an \$860/month Cobra fee to stay on my husband's health insurance as he turned 65 and is no longer eligible. I will be paying this monthly amount until I turn 65 and can apply for Medicare."*

*"I would be in big trouble if I didn't have my husband's health insurance."*

### How You Can Help

The passage of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act requires continued advocacy and support from the public. Here are some ways you can get involved:

**1. Contact Senator Grassley:** Iowa's Senator Ernst is a lead co-sponsor of this bill in the Senate and all four of Iowa's members of the House are co-sponsors. Reach

out to Senator Grassley, who currently does NOT support the bill. Urge him to cosponsor S.663. Personal stories and testimonials can be powerful tools in conveying the importance of this legislation.

**2. Join Advocacy Groups:** The Beyond Pink TEAM advocates, in conjunction with NBCC, provide resources and opportunities for individuals to get involved in advocacy efforts. Join us to amplify your voice and contribute to the collective push for change.

**3. Spread Awareness:** Use social media and other platforms to raise awareness about the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. Educating others about the bill and its potential impact can help build broader support.

### Conclusion

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act represents a critical step towards ensuring that individuals with MBC receive the timely support they need. NBCC's relentless advocacy has been instrumental in advancing this legislation, and highlighting the power of collective action in driving meaningful change. By supporting this bill, we can help improve the lives of countless patients and move closer to a future where no one has to face the challenges of metastatic breast cancer alone.



## DONATIONS

Donations, Memorials, and Fundraiser monies received from June 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.

Anne Barloon  
Linda Bowman  
Jeff Coons  
Nancy Cornish  
Friend and Family of  
Pat Homeister  
Dee & Marty Hughes  
Joy & Rod Thorson Fund  
Mary Jo Juel  
Marty Mullnix  
Dianna McMurry  
Kate Paredes  
Helen Steffen  
Truly T Boutique  
Cynthia Wilson

## THANK YOU

to these individuals,  
businesses, and corporations  
for their support of the Beyond  
Pink TEAM mission through  
their donations and support.

## Memorials and Honorariums

In memory of Dorothy Knudsen  
from Family and Friends

In memory of James McCormick  
from Carrie Beneke



### Parade Photos

Thanks to Splash of Color Breast Cancer Support Group for inviting the Beyond Pink TEAM to join them for the Summer Soul Classic Parade.



### Pride Fest

The Beyond Pink TEAM provided information at a table during the Pride Fest event.

## FUNDRAISERS

Waterloo Bucks  
Waterloo Police Foundation



### Buck's Pink Out Game

A big win for the Waterloo Bucks – and all the people living with breast cancer – the Pink Out Night. Great job by Cheri Nelson, breast cancer survivor, throwing out the first pitch. Thanks to all the volunteers who manned the Beyond Pink TEAM booth and everyone who showed their support and participated in purchasing the pink jerseys worn by the Buck players.



### Check presentation

The Waterloo Police Foundation thinks that breast cancer awareness is important all year long. Thank you for honoring the Beyond Pink TEAM with a \$2000 donation.

## DATES TO REMEMBER OCTOBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

**October 1, 1:30 pm**

Care & Share Cancer Support Group  
MercyOne Cancer Treatment Center  
200 E Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo  
Sarah 319-272-2816 for meeting info

**October 7, 1:30 pm**

Touch of Courage  
Breast Cancer Support Group  
Masks are optional  
Community Foundation of NE Iowa  
3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls  
Pat 319-610-4424 for more info

**November 4, 1:30 pm**

Touch of Courage  
Breast Cancer Support Group  
Masks are optional  
Community Foundation of NE Iowa  
3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls  
Pat 319-610-4424 for more info

**November 5, 1:30 pm**

Care & Share Cancer Support Group  
MercyOne Cancer Treatment Center  
200 E Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo  
Sarah 319-272-2816 for meeting info

**December 2, 1:30 pm**

Touch of Courage  
Breast Cancer Support Group  
Masks are optional  
Community Foundation of NE Iowa  
3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls  
Pat 319-610-4424 for more info

**December 3, 1:30 pm**

Care & Share Cancer Support Group  
MercyOne Cancer Treatment Center  
200 E Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo  
Sarah 319-272-2816 for more info

**January 7, 2025, 1:30 pm**

Care & Share Cancer Support Group  
MercyOne Cancer Treatment Center  
200 E Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo  
Sarah 319-272-2816 for more info

**January 6, 2025, 1:30 pm**

Touch of Courage  
Breast Cancer Support Group  
Masks are optional  
Community Foundation of NE Iowa  
3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls  
Pat 319-610-4424 for more info

**January 21, 2025, 5:00-7:00**

BPT All Cancer Survivor Group  
Cedar Valley Unitarian  
Universalists Church  
3912 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls  
Angela 319-231-3143 for more info

# RESOURCES

Information, support, counseling, and educational materials are available from the following:

**Beyond Pink TEAM** is a local breast cancer organization providing a variety of services. Our website lists services we provide as well as other services available in the Cedar Valley. [beyondpinkTEAM.org](http://beyondpinkTEAM.org)

 You can also find us on Facebook.

**Living Beyond Breast Cancer** includes a helpline, newsletter, and information. [LBBC.org](http://LBBC.org)  
Survivors Helpline: 888-753-5222

**Cancer Care** is a national nonprofit organization offering counseling, support, financial assistance, and education to individuals with cancer and their families.  
[cancercare.org](http://cancercare.org)

**Iowa Cancer Consortium** offers cancer information and links to resources in Iowa. [canceriowa.org](http://canceriowa.org)

**American Cancer Society** offers cancer information and services. [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

**National Breast Cancer Coalition's** mission is to eradicate breast cancer by focusing the government, research institutions, and consumer advocates on breast cancer. It encourages advocacy for action and change.  
[stopbreastcancer.org](http://stopbreastcancer.org).

**National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN)** provides state-of-the-art treatment information in easy-to-understand language to people with cancer and their caregivers. [NCCN.org/patients](http://NCCN.org/patients)

**National LGBT Cancer Network** works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk.  
[cancer-network.org](http://cancer-network.org)

**National Cancer Institute** offers information about cancer, breast cancer, clinical trials, cancer statistics, research and funding, and the latest news. They will also answer your questions by calling **1-800-4CANCER**.  
[cancer.gov](http://cancer.gov)

**National Cancer Institute** provides dictionaries of cancer terms, genetics terms, and cancer drugs.  
[cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries](http://cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries)

**Young Survival Coalition** connects with other young women diagnosed with breast cancer.  
[youngsurvival.org](http://youngsurvival.org)

**CancerChoices** is an independent, science-informed resource, helping you make sense of your choice in integrative cancer care.  
[cancerchoices.org](http://cancerchoices.org)

**The Cancer Journey** provides short 3–5-minute videos featuring survivors, doctors, social workers, and advocates who share their experiences of diagnosis, treatment, after-treatment, living with metastatic cancer, and advocating to end this disease.  
[beyondpinkteam.org/the-cancer-journey.html](http://beyondpinkteam.org/the-cancer-journey.html)

**MISSION | Beyond Pink TEAM** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide breast cancer prevention, education, support, and advocacy for comprehensive, quality health care for ALL in the Cedar Valley and surrounding communities.

**Connect with us . . .** Your support financially or through volunteering is both needed and appreciated. Please feel free to complete the following and forward to Cedar Valley Cancer Committee at the address listed below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate with the Beyond Pink TEAM by:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing a survivor story for the newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls and sending emails to policy makers for breast cancer issues   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming part of the Breast Cancer Advocacy Network   | <input type="checkbox"/> Become a member of the Beyond Pink TEAM - Complete this form, send with a check for \$5 to Jeanne Olson, BPT Treasurer, to address at bottom of this page. Meetings are 3rd Thursdays each month (except December) at 7:00 a.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering (check all that apply)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocating by contacting Congress/Ignite the Cancer Conversation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Support Groups  | <input type="checkbox"/> Educating by hosting tables at Health Fairs, presenting, helping with newsletters   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development (Publicity)   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events (Fundraisers, Projects and More)   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donating. Make checks payable to Beyond Pink TEAM designating specific fund, if you wish.<br>(All donations are tax deductible) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BPT Fund  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Fund   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area of Need  |  |

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Scan here for more  
information on the  
Beyond Pink TEAM.



**BeyondPinkTEAM.org**