

## BREAST CANCER RESOURCES

Sisters Network Chicago would like to share with you a brief list of available resources. You may also follow up with your health care practitioner or local medical centers for further assistance with a more comprehensive list if you require additional information.



[Sisters Network Chicago Chapter](#) - A National African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization; an affiliate chapter of Sisters Network, Inc. SNC is committed to increasing awareness to the devastating impact that breast cancer has upon African American women across Metropolitan Chicago. SNC provides support to survivors, community outreach, advocacy and financial assistance. Visit us at [www.sistersnetworkinc.org](http://www.sistersnetworkinc.org) and on [Facebook-Sisters Network Chicago Chapter](#)

[Living Beyond Breast Cancer](#) - Provides programs and support to help people whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. Includes limited financial expense.

[Cancer Care](#) - Limited financial grants for transportation, home care, and childcare and pain medications. They also provide counseling, educational workshops and free community programs.

[Metastatic Breast Cancer Network](#) - MBCN is a national, independent, nonprofit, all volunteer patient advocacy group dedicated to the unique concerns of men and women living with metastatic breast cancer.

[The Male Breast Cancer Coalition](#) - MBCC, a not-for-profit patient advocacy organization. They are on a mission to build awareness of male breast cancer through the wisdom and experiences of survivors.

[BreastCancer.Org](http://BreastCancer.Org) - Is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the most reliable, complete and up to date information about breast cancer. They also provide comprehensive information about metastatic breast cancer.

[Cancer and Careers](#) - Empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, by providing expert advice, interactive tools and educational events.

[Gilda's Club](#) - Their mission is to create welcoming communities of free support for everyone living with cancer - men, women, teens and children - along with their families and friends.

[Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act](#) (United States Department of Labor) - You can find information about federal laws requiring insurance coverage for breast reconstruction after mastectomy

[Caring Bridge](#) - Offers free personalized Web sites to those wishing to stay in touch with family and friends during significant events. Their mission is to bring together a global community of care powered by the love of family and friends in an easy, accessible and private way.

[Patient Advocate Foundation](#) - Patient Advocate Foundation's Patient services provides patients with arbitration, mediation and negotiation to settle issues with access to care, medical debt and job retention related to their illness

[Silver Lining Foundation](#) - Their goal is to facilitate and to provide respectful and equal access to cost free breast health testing from screening, to mammograms to biopsies.

[American Cancer Society](#) - ACS is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. Their mission is to eliminate cancer worldwide. They provide grants to medical scientists to fund research. ACS focuses on educating the public about cancer.

[National Breast Cancer Foundation](#) - Their mission is to prevent and cure breast cancer by advancing research, they promote breast cancer awareness and education and provide for free screening services.

[Susan G. Komen Foundation](#) - Their mission is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs of the community and to prevent and cure breast cancer by advancing research.

[Cancer Treatment Centers of America](#) - CTCA are a for profit network of five comprehensive cancer care and research centers and three outpatient care centers. They are able to offer personalized cancer care with state of the art technologies, and integrative approach to cancer care, and innovative treatments.

[African American Breast Cancer Alliance](#) - AABC is dedicated to providing hope, awareness education, emotional and social support to breast cancer survivors, their families and the community.

[Black Health Matters](#) - Is an organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the black community. It posts articles, blogs, and podcasts on its website to examine the issues of racism and its impact in perpetuating health disparities. It consults and collaborates with other local organizations that engage with the black community. It conducts community health education workshops.

[National Black Nurses Association](#) - NBNA mission is to provide a forum for collective action by African American nurses to investigate, define and determine what the health care needs of African American are.

[National Black Doctors.Org](#) - This is the world's largest and most comprehensive online health resource specially targeted to African Americans.

[National Comprehensive Cancer Network](#) - This is a not-for-profit alliance of 31 leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, an education.

[The Pink Fund](#) - This is not-for-profit breast cancer organization that provides 90-day, non-medical cost of living expensive to breast cancer patients in active treatment.

#### ADDITIONAL READINGS

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June, 2021

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"The Future is Brighter for Triple Negative Breast Cancer"  
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"MBC: Young and Stage IV"  
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New York: StoryRhyme.com Publishing, 2015

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New York: Knopf, 2013

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