



CONNIE DWYER
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

2022-2023 Grant Impact It's Our Time to Embrace Hope

These grants have made a significant impact on breast cancer patients and survivors, improving their access to care, treatment outcomes, emotional well-being, and quality of life. We are so grateful to our supporters who make this influential grant program possible.

The CDBCF grants program supports breast cancer nonprofit organizations and initiatives that assist underinsured and uninsured women in several New Jersey counties, including Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren. For more information and to apply for a grant visit www.cdbcf.org/grants

2022 Grants

Providing Certainty with Precision Technology

Trinitas Regional Medical Center (Connie Dwyer Breast Center): Grant: \$49,500

Purchased a Trident® HD Specimen Radiography System and two Hologic LOCalizers for the operating room and radiology department. This innovative technology in women's health is designed to achieve exceptional clinical results leading to improved breast care, experience, and outcomes, reducing patient anesthesia time and surgery duration. These tools are setting the standard for breast conserving surgeries and stereotactic breast biopsies. Approximately 100 breast patients are served annually, and thousands over the equipment's useful life will benefit from its leading-edge technology.

Restoring a Positive Self Image After Breast Cancer

Move Over Breast Cancer: Grant: \$2,500

Supported the Client Care Program operating in the Mobile Resource Lounge & Salon, providing various empowering experiences such as head-shaving, wig fittings, counseling, fitness training, and education sessions. More than 250 women benefited, experiencing reduced anxiety, community support, improved mood, and a sense of wholeness.

Meeting Essential Needs

Pathways - The Connection for Women and Families: Grant: \$25,000

Assisted women and families in Union, Morris, and Essex counties through meal deliveries, financial assistance, and support. Meals were provided to 32 women undergoing cancer treatment, along with 34 family members. Thirteen women in financial distress received bill payment assistance. Pathways is one of the only local organizations that provides direct services to women with cancer.

Making a Huge Impact Against a Little-Known Side Effect

Liberty Healthcare System Foundation (Jersey City Medical Center): Grant: \$5,200
Supported lower-income breast cancer patients with lymphedema issues by providing them with their own compression bandages and garments. This helped control swelling and enhance their quality of life. For people with cancer, the build-up of lymph fluid can be caused by a variety of issues including surgery or radiation and can cause discomfort.

Community Support Drives Breast Cancer Awareness

Crossroads Hope: Grant: \$10,000

Conducted 17 workshops, reaching 1,114 individuals in vulnerable communities throughout NJ, totaling 263.75 hours of support. Events included health fairs, educational presentations, wellness workshops, and nutrition sessions. Partnership with community organizations normalized conversations about cancer and improved access to information and resources.

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Wig Program Boosts Confidence

MoHair Foundation- Grant: \$2,000

Purchased wigs made from 100% human hair for individuals suffering from breast cancer, providing personalized consultations and fittings. The organization is founded by Monique Smith-Andrews who watched her mother struggle with the effects of hair loss with no viable options. So, she began researching alternatives to wigs and began her journey into the non-surgical hair replacement industry, which is making an indelible mark on black and Hispanic women facing breast cancer.

Bridging the Gap Between Health Disparities

Sister2Sister Grant: \$10,000

Supported the Breast Cancer Assistance Program, providing unrestricted emergency financial assistance to underserved and minority breast cancer survivors. Also provided monthly support

group meetings, exercise programs, and referrals to resources for a proper diet, benefiting minority and underserved breast cancer survivors.

Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation's Mission

Through sponsored facilities and a grants program, the Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation serves underprivileged and vulnerable women by ensuring access to high-quality breast health services, including screening, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up care. Additionally, CDBCF provides financial support for programs that offer resources, education, advocacy, and empowerment for the women it serves.