



# BREAST CANCER FUND OF OHIO

*Helping with the challenges of living,  
while being treated for breast cancer*



## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### About Us

The mission of the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio (BCFOhio) is to help breast cancer patients survive the hardships of cancer treatments by providing emergency financial assistance.

Each year, we distribute thousands of dollars to nonprofit organizations throughout Ohio that provide emergency funding to breast cancer patients undergoing active treatment.

100% of funds raised by the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio stay here in Ohio to benefit patients in your community.

Emergency funds are used to help provide critical services to women and men in need:

- 👉 temporary support of living expenses such as housing, utilities, and food
- 👉 transportation to and from treatments
- 👉 child care during diagnostic and treatment procedures
- 👉 job training for those who lose their jobs after their diagnosis
- 👉 mental health services not covered by a third party
- 👉 assistance with treatment costs, prescriptions, and co-pays not covered by a third party
- 👉 costs of participation in clinical trials that are not covered by a third party

**Women and men with breast cancer can call Deb Ferenc, Executive Director, to identify resources that will help them through the crisis. Call 216-287-0355 or email [Deb@BCFOhio.org](mailto:Deb@BCFOhio.org)**

### How You Can Help

Purchase a Breast Cancer Awareness license plate at [www.OPLATES.com](http://www.OPLATES.com) or at your local BMV office. The specialty license plate costs \$35 over the regular license plate fee. Of that amount, \$25 goes to the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio. You do not have to wait until your birthday, so order yours today! **New in 2017:** the breast cancer awareness license plate for motorcycles!

Help us promote the specialty license plate. Include our public service announcements on your website and other materials. Print our flyers and include them in sales packets, contract folders, information files ... or just leave them on the counter where people will see them and pick them up. We also have posters, brochures, and even HOPE BANKS that you can leave on your desk or sales counter. To order them, send us an email indicating how many you need and we will ship them to you.

Fundraise for the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio. If your group likes to fundraise, we are a great cause to promote! We will provide your group with literature and other goodies so that you can run a successful campaign. Contact us and we will help you in your event planning.

Give directly to the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio's HIGHWAY OF HOPE. Make a donation for yourself or in memory/in honor of someone you know. The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit organization. Your donations are tax deductible. Visit our website at [www.BCFOhio.org](http://www.BCFOhio.org) for more information.



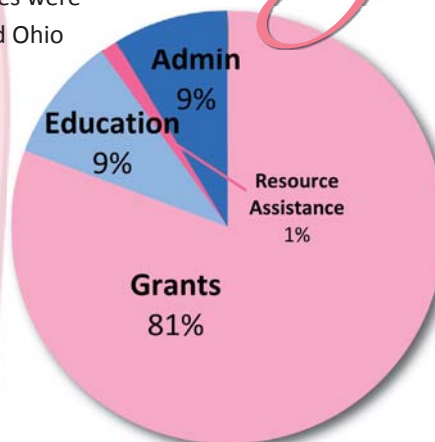
# Accountability

In 2016, 91% of Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio expenses were devoted to mission-related activities that supported Ohio residents with breast cancer.

<b>Income</b>	
License Plate Registrations	\$120,103
Individual & Corporate Contributions	\$16,906
Events & Fundraisers	\$43,493
Miscellaneous	\$753
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$181,255</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Grants	\$155,465
Education/Outreach	\$18,083
Resource Identification Assistance	\$2,460
Administration	\$16,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$192,576</b>

\* \$121,138 surplus available from 2015



## Grantee Profile: Cancer Family Care, Cincinnati, OH

We provided both food and gas money at Christmas time for a woman who is a single-parent from Africa with two daughters, ages 7 and 14. She was diagnosed right after her 41st birthday. They were struggling to make ends meet since the mother was unable to work during her breast cancer treatment.

A young woman was 28 years old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She needed assistance in paying her car payment. Having her car was critical, as she needs it to get to medical appointments as well as to drive back and forth to work and child care on a daily basis.

Another woman is 43 years old, and she is managing a Stage IV breast cancer diagnosis. She knows that her work as a registered nurse has ended since she will be getting ongoing treatment long-term. We were able to help her with an overdue house payment.

Cancer Family Care social workers and counselors are grateful to have BCFO funds to help breast cancer families. We are excited to be able to alleviate some of the added stress for these women and men. Thank you to all of you who support the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio.

*Carol Huber, LSW, LSW-S  
Director of Clinical Services*

# Grantmaking

In 2016, the Board of Directors granted funds to the following 32 Ohio nonprofit organizations to distribute to their clients undergoing treatment for breast cancer:

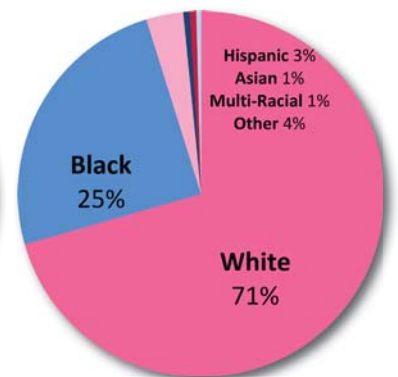
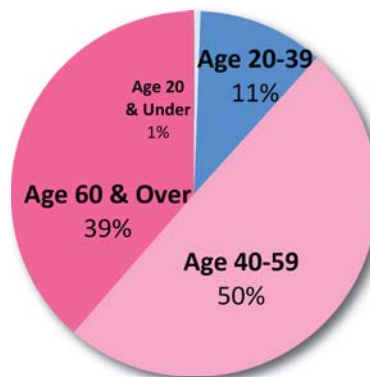
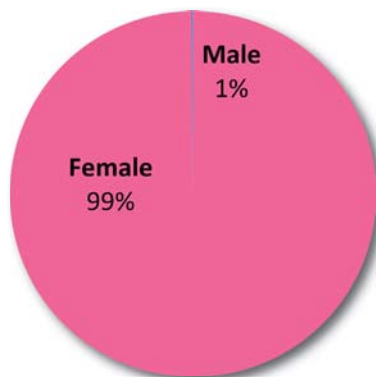
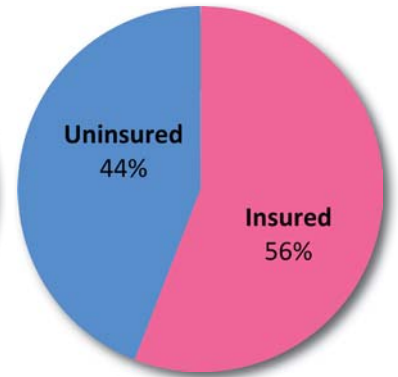
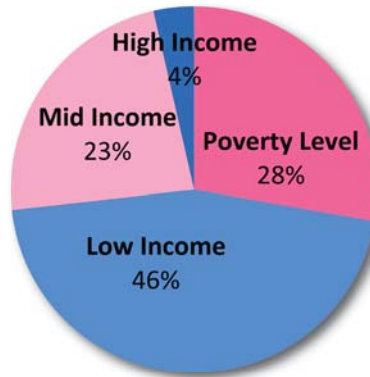
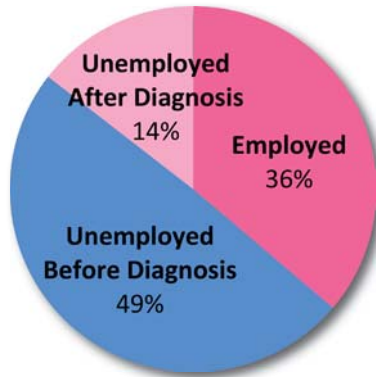
Akron General Development Foundation .....	\$8,000.00
Ashland Cancer Family Care .....	\$2,000.00
The Aultman Foundation .....	\$4,000.00
Cancer Assistance of Williams County .....	\$5,000.00
Cancer Association of Auglaize County .....	\$2,000.00
Cancer Connection of Northwest Ohio .....	\$6,000.00
Cancer Family Care .....	\$7,000.00
Cancer Patient Services .....	\$7,000.00
Cancer Services of Erie County .....	\$5,000.00
Cancer Support Community of Greater Cincinnati .....	\$8,000.00
Cleveland Clinic Foundation .....	\$1,000.00
Cleveland Clinic Southpoint Cancer Center .....	\$1,000.00
Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center .....	\$2,500.00
Five Rivers Health Center .....	\$1,000.00
Gathering Place - East .....	\$5,000.00
Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation - Dayton .....	\$6,000.00
Guernsey County Cancer Society Inc .....	\$2,500.00
JD Breast Cancer Foundation .....	\$7,000.00
Karen P. Nakon Breast Cancer Foundation .....	\$8,000.00
Life Care Alliance .....	\$7,000.00
Lifecare FHDC .....	\$1,000.00
MetroHealth Foundation, Inc. ....	\$2,000.00
MetroHealth Medical Center - Oncology Clinic .....	\$750.00
Mount Carmel Health System Foundation .....	\$5,000.00
Pat Kracker Breast Cancer Fund .....	\$4,000.00
Pink Ribbon Girls .....	\$9,000.00
Ross County Community Action Commission .....	\$8,000.00
Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund .....	\$2,827.35
SOMC Cancer Center .....	\$9,600.00
TriHealth, Inc. ....	\$1,000.00
University Hospitals CMC - Seidman Cancer Center .....	\$9,287.24
Victory Center .....	\$8,000.00
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$155,464.59</b>

# Who we helped

Data consolidated from grantee reports for grants made in 2016

## Clients Helped Per County

Ashtabula.....	4
Auglaize .....	11
Brown .....	1
Butler.....	3
Clermont.....	3
Cuyahoga.....	101
Fayette.....	5
Franklin.....	15
Fulton .....	6
Guernsey .....	5
Hamilton.....	36
Hancock.....	10
Henry.....	3
Huron.....	32
Lake .....	6
Lorain.....	11
Lucas.....	258
Medina .....	7
Montgomery .....	13
Ottawa .....	4
Pike .....	1
Portage .....	2
Preble .....	1
Richland.....	8
Ross .....	10
Sandusky .....	25
Scioto.....	8
Seneca .....	7
Stark .....	17
Summit .....	18
Wood.....	34
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>665</b>



## Making an impact, one woman and man at a time

Married and with two boys, Monique faced the difficult decision of choosing between daily living necessities and life-saving breast cancer treatments and medications. The Columbus Cancer Clinic (an agency of LifeCare Alliance), with funds from the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio, made that decision unnecessary. “Not only did they provide prescriptions, transportation assistance to medical appointments, and rental assistance, but they also fitted me with a wig. I felt so much love that day! My husband and I plan to pay it forward. We want to help others during their time of survival.” – *LifeCare Alliance, Columbus, OH*

Judy was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, a more aggressive form of cancer with a high recurrence rate. Her treatment included six months of IV chemotherapy, a bilateral mastectomy, 28 rounds of radiation, followed by oral chemotherapy. She is scheduled for another surgery this coming summer. She works at her maximum tolerance level, which is currently only 10-15 hours per week. Using funds from the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio, Cancer Services was able to help Judy and her family with money for food, bills, and living expenses. – *Cancer Services of Erie County, Inc., Sandusky, OH*

Cathy was undergoing treatment when she was informed by her employer that she was terminated and was no longer covered by insurance. Her daughter, a college student, moved back home for the summer to find a job and help contribute to the household expenses. Cathy wasn’t sure when or if unemployment compensation was possible or if she would be able to find steady employment given her circumstances. Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation’s funds granted through the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio covered the cost of one month’s rent for Cathy and her daughter. This gave her the time she needed to work on her plan and decreased her stress so she could focus on her breast cancer treatment, her health, and her well-being. Thank you for your support of these patients!

– *Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Dayton, OH*

# Thank you ...

Your tax-deductible donations to the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio HIGHWAY OF HOPE provide critical support services to women and men who are coping with the day-to-day challenges of living while being treated for breast cancer. Because of your support, we have been able to grant almost \$815,000 since 2008 to nonprofit organizations throughout Ohio to distribute to the breast cancer clients they serve.

The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio adheres to the ten principles of the Association of Fundraising Professionals **Donor Bill of Rights** and the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations standards of accountability.

**GIVE TODAY AT [WWW.BCFOHIO.ORG](http://WWW.BCFOHIO.ORG)**

Thanks to drivers of the Breast Cancer Awareness license plate, the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio has received **more than \$1.1 Million** from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles since January 2008.

**New in 2017: Breast Cancer Plates for Motorcycles!**

**Order your plate today at [www.OPLATES.com](http://WWW.OPLATES.COM)**

**Guidestar approved!** The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio has earned the GuideStar Exchange Seal, the leading symbol of accountability in the nonprofit world. GuideStar serves to legitimize nonprofits and is a source of information to potential donors and grantors. If you are thinking about donating to us – and we are incredibly grateful – rest assured we value responsibility, transparency, and accountability with the funds with which we are entrusted.



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