



# BREAST CANCER FUND OF OHIO

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



## 2019-2020 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 Joy Lewis, Executive Director, to identify resources that will help them through the crisis. Call 216-233-0777 or email [Joy@BCFOhio.org](mailto:Joy@BCFOhio.org)**

### How You Can Help

Purchase a Breast Cancer Awareness license plate—for your car or motorcycle—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!

Help us promote the specialty license plate - both for cars and motorcycles. 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 2019, 91% of Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio expenses were devoted to mission-related activities that supported Ohio residents with breast cancer.

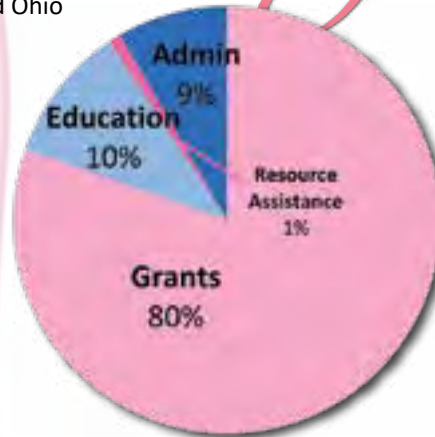
## Income

License Plate Registrations.....	\$103,458
Individual & Corporate Contributions .....	\$6,770
Events & Fundraisers.....	\$53,499
Miscellaneous .....	\$1,805
	<b>\$165,532</b>

## Expenses

Grants*.....	\$134,536
Education/Outreach.....	\$17,378
Patient Navigation.....	\$1,525
Administration.....	\$13,963
	<b>\$167,402</b>

\* \$62,969 surplus available from 2018



## Grantee Profile:

Judy, a participant in one of our breast cancer support groups, has been diagnosed with three different kinds of cancer in the past five years.

Her initial breast cancer diagnosis was made in January 2015, and she went through lumpectomy surgery and radiation treatment. During her radiation, she started experiencing symptoms which led to a diagnosis of uterine cancer, for which she had to have a complete hysterectomy. Then in 2018, she was diagnosed with a second type of breast cancer, leading her to have a mastectomy followed by an aggressive chemotherapy treatment.

Due to Judy's aggressive treatments, she struggled with severe neuropathy in her feet and was unable to drive to and from our facility. If it were not for the Lyft transportation funded by the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio, she would not be able to attend group meetings during a pivotal moment in her life.

I have witnessed Judy's progress through a healthy range of emotions, from anger to denial to eventual acceptance of her diagnoses. She was reluctant to share when she started attending, but now she is attending group to share her experiences with those who are newly diagnosed. Her positive outlook and resiliency have provided hope and inspiration to many newly diagnosed women, which is all made possible through the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio.

- Cancer Support Community, Cincinnati, OH

# Grantmaking

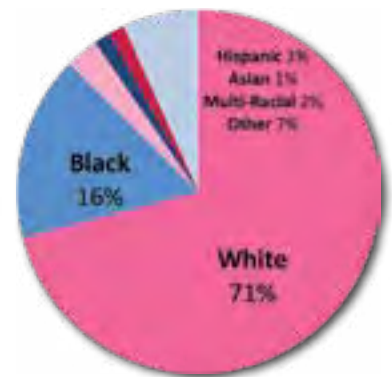
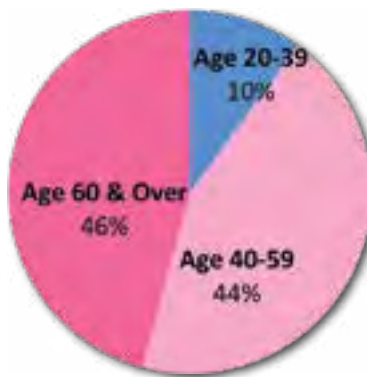
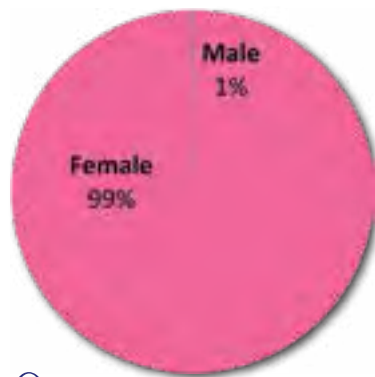
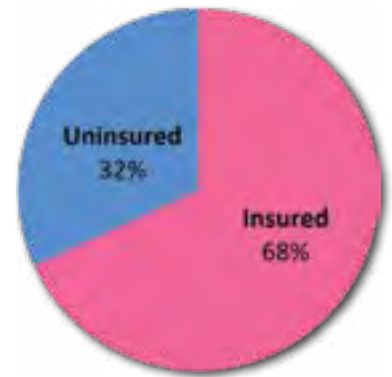
In 2019, the Board of Directors granted \$135,536 to the following 34 Ohio nonprofit organizations to distribute to their clients undergoing treatment for breast cancer:

Ashland County Cancer Association .....	\$2,000
Atrium Medical Center Foundation.....	\$2,000
Cancer Assistance of Williams County .....	\$2,000
Cancer Association of Auglaize County .....	\$2,500
Cancer Connection of Northwest Ohio .....	\$4,000
Cancer Family Care.....	\$5,000
Cancer Patient Services .....	\$4,000
Cancer Services of Erie County.....	\$4,000
Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio.....	\$5,000
Cancer Support Community of Greater Cincinnati.....	\$6,500
Cleveland Clinic .....	\$1,000
Cleveland Clinic Foundation .....	\$10,000
Cleveland Clinic Foundation-Strongsville .....	\$1,000
Cleveland Clinic Southpoint Cancer Center.....	\$636
Eleanor N Dana Center at the University of Toledo.....	\$400
Foundation For Firelands.....	\$2,000
Gathering Place - East .....	\$5,000
Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation-Dayton .....	\$5,000
Guernsey County Cancer Society Inc.....	\$2,500
JD Breast Cancer Foundation .....	\$5,000
Karen P. Nakon Breast Cancer Foundation .....	\$7,500
Life Care Alliance .....	\$6,000
Mercy Health Foundation .....	\$5,000
Mercy Health Foundation Clark & Champaign.....	\$2,000
MetroHealth Foundation, Inc.....	\$5,000
Mount Carmel Health System Foundation .....	\$3,500
Pink Ribbon Girls .....	\$8,000
Ross County Community Action Commission .....	\$4,000
SOMC Cancer Center.....	\$5,000
Southwest General Health Center.....	\$500
The Aultman Foundation.....	\$3,000
United Way of Sandusky County .....	\$2,000
University Hospitals CMC-Seidman Cancer Center .....	\$8,000
Victory Center .....	\$6,500
Returned Grants from 2018 .....	-1,000
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$134,536</b>

# Who we helped in 2019

Data consolidated from grantee reports for grants made in 2019

Adams.....	1
Ashland.....	18
Ashtabula.....	6
Auglaize.....	31
Brown.....	2
Butler.....	12
Champaign.....	3
Clark.....	18
Clermont.....	2
Cuyahoga.....	221
Delaware.....	18
Erie.....	23
Fairfield.....	2
Franklin.....	256
Fulton.....	2
Geauga.....	12
Guernsey.....	5
Hamilton.....	46
Hancock.....	2
Huron.....	11
Knox.....	1
Lake.....	22
Lawrence.....	1
Licking.....	2
Logan.....	1
Lorain.....	36
Lucas.....	281
Medina.....	5
Miami.....	19
Ottawa.....	10
Pickaway.....	1
Portage.....	7
Ross.....	6
Sandusky.....	17
Scioto.....	4
Stark.....	20
Summit.....	28
Trumbull.....	1
Warren.....	2
Wayne.....	2
Wood.....	52
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,209</b>



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

One of our patients was hospitalized due to fluid in her lungs from her metastatic breast cancer. She very much wanted to return home from the hospital stay, but her insurance was not willing to approve the special type of catheter drain at home. Funds from BCFO were used to purchase the catheter/drains in order for patient to be able to go home with her family. - *University Hospital Seidman Center, Cleveland*

Sheryl was coping with her new Stage 2 breast cancer diagnosis, having a difficult time coping with how fatigued her chemotherapy treatments were making her. She was extremely stressed about reducing her hours, especially as she watched her bills piling up, but most days she could barely get out of bed. She sought assistance for purchasing groceries. We were pleased to be able to help her and she was grateful and thankful, writing us a note that said, "I'm finding it hard to talk with people, even my family and friends, about everything that's going on. Thank you for the funds so that I could stock up on some groceries. Just knowing you're there brings me comfort." - *Cancer Family Care, Cincinnati*

A young mother with five children was working, but she was unable to keep up with being employed, raising her kids and getting chemotherapy. BCFO funds provided grocery and gas cards to help keep her afloat financially during treatment. Her partner works as well, but the little bit every month helped keep food on the table for her and her family. She is so grateful! - *Aultman Hospital, Canton*

A single mother of eight, with four still living at home, worked full time until her diagnosis. Chemotherapy side effects prevented her from working, and she was still facing surgery and radiation. She did not get paid while missing work, and she tried to get along on \$1,803 per month. BCFO support paid for two months of her rent to ensure she and her children had a home where she could rest easily and they could continue to thrive. Paying two months allowed her to free up some extra funds to put toward food and the needs of her children.

- *The Karen P Nakon Breast Cancer Foundation, Cleveland*

# 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 more than \$1,270,000 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.

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## 2019 Donors to the Highway of Hope

### INVESTOR INTERSTATE \$10,000 - \$24,999

**Fundraiser: Chrome Divas of Columbus** (more than \$68,000 since 2014)

### BENEFACTOR BOULEVARD \$5,000 - \$9,999

**Fundraiser: Akron Auto Auction** (more than \$22,000 since 2017)

**Fundraiser: Dive Hope** (more than \$90,000 since 2011)

*Aqua Lung Dealers of Ohio*  
*Shawn Bryant*  
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**Fundraiser: South-East Harley**

**Davidson**  
*Fast Lane Promotion & Apparel*  
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*South East Harley Davidson*

### ADVOCATE AVENUE \$1,000 - \$4,999

All-Ohio State Fair Band  
Kenyon College Football  
Leppo Equipment

**Fundraiser: Grazy Mule Golf Outing**

*Ohio State Eagles*  
*VFW Post 8736 Fundraiser*

**Fundraiser: Network for Good**

**Fundraiser: Nurtur Salon Spa**  
**Columbus**

(more than \$37,000 since 2014)

### LOVING CIRCLE LANE \$500 - \$999

Abbington Coshocton Corp  
Akron Fire Fighters  
Assured Partners of Ohio  
CustomInk LLC  
Graco Inc  
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**Fundraiser: Orange Theory Fitness**  
**Fundraiser**

**Fundraiser: Columbus Blue Jackets**  
*Catherine L. Barrows*  
**Mary Lee Phister Memorial Fund**  
*Jacque Skrzypiec*

### PATRON PLACE \$250 - \$499

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Kendra Scott LLC  
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Ohio Pest Management

### SUPPORTER STREET \$100 - \$249

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**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.



## Board of Directors

The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio is led by an eclectic board of directors with a wide variety of backgrounds and strengths. We share a strong commitment to furthering the organization's mission and encourage anyone who is interested in joining us to fill out the application available on our website.

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\*Indicates breast cancer survivor