

List of 2014 Current Community Grant Recipients

A Request for Applications with priorities from our 2011 Community Profile was distributed last fall. The grant applications received were reviewed, rated and ranked by an independent review panel made up of breast cancer survivors and health care professionals and then approved for funding by the Komen Northeastern New York Affiliate Board. Komen Northeastern New York awards grants to the following programs. Please note that Susan G. Komen is not a direct service provider:

Albany County

Camp Bravehearts, Inc.-*Oncology Camp for Women*-\$18,035-Survivorship, Education-Enables women living with breast cancer an opportunity to share life experiences with others in similar circumstances through weekend retreats, one-day programs and events; targets women who are underserved, minorities, the young and residents of rural counties with high incidence or mortality rates of breast cancer.

Montgomery County

To Life!-*Educational Outreach to Underrepresented Minorities*-\$30,000-Education-To provide breast health workshops, and individual outreach in the community, along with breast health mentors to work within existing community networks; especially directed towards African American and Hispanic women where the need is the greatest. Partnerships with Centro Civico in Amsterdam will help cross existing cultural barriers.

Schenectady County

YWCA of Schenectady-*Encore: Take Charge of Your Health*-\$30,000-Education-Targets minority women residing in Schenectady County for breast health services that are medically underinsured or uninsured and have low incomes. The program goal is to provide group and individual educational sessions on early prevention and detection of breast cancer—outreach will take place at area churches, community centers, domestic violence and homeless shelters.

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation-*Comprehensive Rehabilitation Therapy for Patients who are Recovering from Breast Cancer*-\$12,037-Treatment, Education-Addresses the needs of patients living with physical complications including decreased motion/strength/endurance and increased pain or swelling as a result of treatment for breast cancer. Programs will include providing bandaging supplies and garments for those with lymphedema, an Aqua Lymphatic Therapy program, Pink Ribbon Pilates, and other therapies.

Clinton County

Community Link Mobile Health-*Women's Breast Screening and Health Education*-\$25,000-Screening, Education-To reduce barriers to breast screening and education using a mobile clinic for education, clinical breast exams and referrals for mammograms for women with no-insurance and/or low income in rural Northern New York.

Hamilton County

Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home-*Transportation and Education of Hamilton County Women*-\$9,928-Education, Screening-Increase accessibility to clinical breast exams and mammography by

women over 40 in Hamilton County by increasing ease of access, providing transportation assistance and engaging in breast health educational programs.

Small grants for educational projects and scientific conferences were also reviewed throughout the past year and approved for funding by the Affiliate Board. Komen Northeastern New York awarded small grants to the following programs:

CRAAB!-Conference Grant-\$5,000 -Funding will organize a Spring 2014 conference, collaborating with the University at Albany Cancer Research Center and the Institute for Health and the Environment on “Updates on Risk Factors.” Topics to be discussed include: genetic discoveries, new understandings of lifestyle connections, and recent research on gene and environmental interaction that contributes to the development of breast cancer. Practical implications, such as changes in lifestyle behaviors that can potentially reduce one’s risk of getting cancer or risk of recurrence, will also be covered.

Medical College of Wisconsin-Conference Grant-\$5,000-This 1.5-day CME-certified conference partnered experts in clinical oncology and basic cancer research in Fall of 2013 in Albany, NY in order to enhance understanding and collaboration between these groups and foster translational oncology in the Capital and Adirondack regions of New York. This conference supported: (1) the identification of practical recommendations for immediate implementation of scientific findings into clinical practice and (2) cancer research that has as its ultimate goal to improve patient care.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Conference Grant-\$3,447-Funding was provided for a Fall 2013 seminar for over 100 participants on the topic of “chemo-brain” in collaboration with the Capital Region Cancer Care Consortium. The purpose of the event entitled, *Thankful Living*, was to educate and empower persons living with cancer through providing educational materials and tools to help lessen the impact that chemo brain has on one’s quality of life. Educational materials were provided through various guest speakers followed by an interactive question and answer session.

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation-Travel Grant-\$1,000-The goal of this grant was to advance the abilities of Sunnyview patients so that all of them can continue to live to their fullest potential. This grant paid for travel for a therapist to learn Aquatic Lymphatic Therapy--40 patients per year are treated for upper body lymphedema at this facility and more are expected through the new hospital network.