



## 2019-2020 KOMEN GREATER IOWA GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Central Iowa

#### **Healthy Women Program: Breast Health Initiative, Patient Navigation Services and the Fight Strong Fight Together Community Outreach Project: \$58,190**

*Polk County Health Department, Des Moines IA*

The purpose of this project is to support access to screening, diagnostic and treatment services through education, patient navigation, care coordination, case management, interpretation, support, and linkages to resources to decrease barriers. Patient Navigation services help women with difficulties navigating the health care system despite insurance status to improve breast cancer screening rates, promote early detection and ensure continuity of care. To address disparities for African American/Black women and geographic access issues for Madison County residents, targeted outreach efforts will involve providing information, peer education/support, partnerships, collaborations, and linkages to financial assistance, resources and patient navigation. Outreach will continue to improve our ability to reach and engage African American/Black women and Madison County residents to increase the number of women who obtain breast health education, mammograms and continuity of needed care. For more information call (515)286-2018 or visit [www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health).

### Western Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota

#### **VNA Breast Cancer Patient Assistance Program: \$30,176**

*Visiting Nurses Association of Pottawattamie County, Council Bluffs IA*

VNA's BCPAP addresses the financial and emotional impact of a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment by providing financial assistance, emotional support and system navigation. Assistance for short-term needs is provided to breast cancer patients in treatment and experiencing financial hardship, support is provided to bridge the gap between services, assess upcoming needs, and assist with connecting to resources. This program is customized to each individual's needs and help is offered at varying levels. Funds are utilized so patients can maintain financial stability and reduce their stress, both of which make a profound impact on their ability to follow treatment. The program's Patient Advocate helps patients access a local network of support services that optimize the success of their treatment. Accessible to all regardless of where they receive treatment, this program is expected to improve the quality of life for people in Cass County (IA), Dakota & Thurston counties (NE). For more information contact Cindy Calhoun at [ccalhoun@thevnacares.org](mailto:ccalhoun@thevnacares.org) or by call (402)930-4075.

#### **Navigating the Continuum of Care One Patient at a Time: \$71,632**

*Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs IA*

Jeannie Edmundson remains committed to doing their part to reduce the number of breast cancer

deaths over the next decade. This project will utilize a powerful marketing brand and resources to enhance our outreach campaign throughout Southwest Iowa and will strive to help women obtain needed services, regardless of their ability to pay. For women who are uninsured or underinsured in Cass, Mills, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties, we will provide screening mammograms and diagnostic services. For women diagnosed with breast cancer, we will help them navigate through the continuum of care from diagnosis to treatment to survivorship. With a goal of reaching at least 200 women in the target population, they will track services provided, number of women in the continuum of care and number of women in survivorship. For more information call (712)396-4117 or visit [www.jehfoundation.org/home](http://www.jehfoundation.org/home).

### ***Eastern Iowa and Illinois***

#### **The Voucher Program: \$100,000**

*Genesis Health System, Davenport IA*

Cost barriers continue to prevent women/men of all ages from obtaining breast cancer imaging. The Voucher Program (VP) addresses this need by providing screening mammograms, diagnostic mammograms & breast ultrasounds free of charge to those of all ages in need. The population served includes lower income women/men residing in the 9 county Quad Cities service area, although it targets outreach in the target (priority) counties to facilitate increased use of the VP. Genesis works with community partners to create awareness & guide patients through the continuum of care, including financial assistance provided by the VP and “Pave the Way” for women who are missing out on available screening services. A Navigator and Coordinator will use community resources to research target areas, publicize informational events & offer relatable education to target populations. For more information about obtaining a voucher call (563)421-1921 or email [stradta@genesishealth.com](mailto:stradta@genesishealth.com). More information about this and other financial assistance programs can be found online at [www.genesishealth.com](http://www.genesishealth.com).