



2017-2018 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Central Iowa

Reducing Financial, Geographical & Educational Barriers to Breast Cancer Screening for Iowa's Low Income, Uninsured Women:

Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines IA

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) will provide access to breast screening and diagnostic services to low-income, uninsured or underinsured women throughout the Susan G. Komen Iowa

Greater Iowa's 106 county service area through the Care for Yourself program. This program provides no cost mammograms at participating local clinics for Iowa women ages 40-64. It's easy to enroll, and no documentation is required. To get enrolled in the program, contact your local health department or email Jolene Carver Jolene.carver@idph.gov.

Healthy Women Program: Breast Health Initiative, Patient Navigation Services and the Fight Strong Fight Together Community Outreach Project:

Polk County Health Department, Des Moines IA

The purpose of this project is to increase breast cancer health services for early detection to increase survival rates for women/men in the project area as well as address health disparities for low income and ethnic minorities. Polk County Health Department will increase the percentage of people who enter, stay in, or progress through the continuum of care through program activities. For example, providing education for breast health literacy, providing bilingual (English/Spanish) patient navigation services for Spanish-speakers and providing patient navigation services to address access issues, and delays/barriers to care for uninsured, underinsured and insured (especially newly insured/recently uninsured) including scheduling, reminders and follow-up. For more information call (515)286-2018 or visit

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health.

LGBTQ, health, screening, survey, assessment, providers, community partners:

One Iowa, Des Moines IA

One Iowa is working with the University of Iowa, Iowa Cancer Consortium, and Iowa Department of Public Health to conduct an LGBTQ health needs assessment statewide. Assessment includes a survey and multiple focus groups. This project serves LGBTQ people and health care providers in Iowa. Partners aim to survey over 500 LGBTQ Iowans. They will use the final analysis to guide their work with LGBTQ Iowans and encourage their health care system contacts to do the same. By providing a work roadmap for health care providers and advocates, this assessment will improve breast cancer prevention and treatment outcomes for LGBTQ people in Iowa, in addition to improving general health outcomes. For more information, contact Erica Barz at (515)288-4019

Western Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota

Sister to Sister (Hermana a Hermana):

Promise Community Health Center, Sioux City IA

The Promise Community Health Center seeks to reduce the incidence of and mortality rate from breast cancer in Sioux and Lyon counties by increasing awareness of and access to breast health care, education and mammography services. Disproportionately high incidence and mortality rate for breast cancer and the barriers of poverty rates, cultural differences and lack of insurance coverage are obstacles that the PCHC seeks to overcome. They will offer grant funded mammograms and community presentations. For more information, contact Emily Tuschen at (712)722-1700.

Patient Advocate Program:

June E Nylen Cancer Center, Sioux City IA

The Cancer Center's Patient Advocate program accomplishes coordination of care. The patient advocate will serve as a point of contact for patients and families throughout their course of treatment. Key activities: welcome and orientation of patients and families to decrease the emotional, financial and physical stress of a cancer diagnosis. Target community: breast cancer patients in the Cancer Center service area. Expect number of individuals served: 150 - 200 breast cancer patients. Expected results: Increase the number of breast cancer patients who stay in and progress through the continuum of care. For more information call (712)722-1700 or visit www.promisechc.org.

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA:

Norm Waitt Sr. Young Men's Christian Association, Sioux City IA

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA helps cancer survivors reclaim their health and build support. The 12-week, small-group fitness and strength-building program is customized for each survivor based on their physical and social history. For more information, contact Erica DeLeon at (402)404-8439

Navigating the Continuum of Care One Patient at a Time:

Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs IA

Jeannie Edmundson aims to educate women on importance of breast self-awareness and "knowing their risk." In addition, Jeannie Edmundson Hospital will be providing funds to assist with access to care by providing reimbursement travel cards to encourage screening and eliminate the financial barrier for many women who travel from rural areas to get screened. For more information call (712)396-4117 or visit www.jehfoundation.org/home.

Eastern Iowa and Illinois

Pink Pass Call to Action:

UnityPoint Health-Trinity, Rock Island IL

The Pink Pass program utilizes Breast Health Outreach Coordinators to travel throughout the targeted counties and promote the need for mammograms by distributing "Pink Passes." When a woman arrives for her appointment and presents the Pink Pass, she is given a \$10 gift card. The purpose of the gift card is to encourage participation (the gift card may offset the cost of travel or make it more appealing to get

a mammogram) and serves as a thank-you for taking/making the time to get screened. For more information, contact Kelly at (309)779-5127 or kelly.frick@unitypoint.org or visit <http://www.trinityqc.com>.

The Voucher Program-Mammograms & Ultrasounds:

Genesis Health System, Davenport IA

There are no age restrictions or income guidelines for an individual to use this program. It's available to individuals residing in any of the counties: Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, Scott, Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, or Whiteside. For more information about obtaining a voucher call (563)421-1921 or barkd@genesishealth.com. More information about this and other financial assistance programs can be found online at www.genesishealth.com.

Breast Health Awareness Outreach and Education:

Gilda's Club Quad Cities, Davenport IA

This program consists of several lunch-and-learn type sessions at various businesses and organizations in Muscatine County and aims to provide education information on breast health, screening and care to its residents. If your business is interested in hosting a lunch-and-learn for your employees, contact Kelly Hendershot, Program Coordinator at (563)326-7504. For more information about Gilda's Club Quad Cities, visit www.gildasclubqc.org.

Encouraging Early Detection in African-American Women

Living Proof Exhibit, Moline IL

Living Proof Exhibit presents art exhibitions and programming for people touched by cancer. Survivor stories accompany their work to share their journey with those who view their art. Komen was able to fund the October program that focuses on breast cancer early detection and treatment in the African- American community. A panel of African-American Quad Citizens will share their sister quilt, book, and film about their breast cancer journey to provide culturally relevant breast cancer information. For more information, contact Pamela Crouch at (309)236-1360