



## 2017-2018 Grant Recipients

### **Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.**

54 Ellis Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
[www.atlantalegalaid.org](http://www.atlantalegalaid.org)

### **Breast Cancer Legal Project (BCPL)**

The BCLP provides free legal services to low-income breast cancer patients and survivors in metro Atlanta. The un-met legal needs of low-income breast cancer patients and survivors are barriers to care and affect their ability to focus on treatment and wellness. Attorneys navigate clients through legal issues including employment rights, access to public benefits, maintaining income and housing, and preparing wills and advance directives. The BCLP provides legal advice and representation, works with medical provider partners to conduct outreach and on-site intake, and trains pro bono attorneys to serve the unique needs of this specialized population. The BCLP will serve 150 low-income individuals living with breast cancer, including those in Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton Counties, as well as Hispanic/Latina and LGBTQ individuals. The BCLP resolves legal issues that serve as barriers to treatment and wellness and measures these results by tracking outcomes in its case management system.

### **BOAT People SOS**

6107 Oakbrook Parkway  
Norcross, GA 30093  
[www.bpsos.org/bpsos---atlanta](http://www.bpsos.org/bpsos---atlanta)

### **Health Awareness & Promotion Program - Breast Cancer**

Asian women living in Metro-Atlanta are at high risk of breast cancer due to the cultural, linguistic, transportation, and financial barriers that prevent them from accessing breast health care. HAPP-Breast Cancer Program seeks to improve access and promote preventive breast health services to underserved Asian women by 1) educating 100 women on breast self-awareness 2) coordinating screening services to 300 women 3) navigating 130 women through the breast cancer continuum of care through comprehensive case management, and 4) raising awareness of 5,000 community members on program's services. Our evaluation methods include impact and process evaluations that will utilize pre- and post-surveys and tracking metrics through breast cancer program data files in order to track our progress with projected milestones. Our program is highly likely to result in increased awareness of at least 5000 Asian community members about breast cancer resources, prevention, and services in the community.

### **Center for Black Women's Wellness, Inc.**

477 Windsor Street, Suite 309  
Atlanta, GA 30312  
[www.cbww.org](http://www.cbww.org)

## **Community Breast Health Initiative**

Through its Community Breast Health Initiative, CBWW builds on its capacity and experience to provide low/no cost on-site clinical breast exams to women who are either uninsured or under-insured, unemployed, and who fall below the federal poverty guidelines. CBWW also coordinates low/no cost breast screening mammograms, and diagnostic services through area partnerships. Through effective outreach, this program identifies hard-to-reach women who need breast health education and other services.

The support that CBWW receives from Komen Atlanta would assist in providing 100 women in need with access to breast health services, including but not limited to clinical breast exams for 75 women, mammography screenings for 65 women, and diagnostic services for 42 women. The breast health advocates will ensure appropriate linkage to care and treatment for those women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer through this program.

### **Center for Pan Asian Community Service, Inc. (CPACS)**

3510 Shallowford Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30341

<https://www.cpacs.org/>

### **CPACS ABC Program**

The CPACS Asian Breast Care (ABC) Program is a linguistically and culturally competent screening and diagnostic program geared toward educating immigrant and refugee women about the importance of mammograms and clinical breast exams (CBE) and how to access these services, providing low/no cost clinical breast exams and screening mammography and diagnostic services and linking women to linguistically and culturally competent providers if follow-up treatment is required. ABC provides transportation to clients who cannot otherwise access screenings and follow up care. ABC has long-established partnerships with local hospitals to provide mammography services through their mobile units. CBEs are provided through the CPACS Cosmo Health Center. Annually, ABC provides CBEs and mammograms to over 500 low-income, limited English proficient immigrant women. The program's support groups nurture women after diagnosis, through treatment, and after treatment completion.

### **Cobb County Department of Public Health**

1650 County Services Parkway

Marietta, GA 30008

[www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org](http://www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org)

### **Mammography for Women Forty to Forty-Nine Project**

Cobb County has the 5th highest breast cancer incidence rate of Atlanta metro counties. Cobb and Douglas county residents rely on CDPH support for breast health through education and awareness initiatives, clinical screening exams, and mammography referral programs. Of the 389 women served during the last grant cycle, 88% (69% Latina and 19% African –American) were from minority groups. CDPH's Mammography for Women Forty to Forty-Nine Project, supported by Susan G. Komen funding, identifies breast cancer at an early stage to increase availability of treatment options and decrease consequences associated with breast cancer diagnosis, especially mortality. The project will provide

screening and diagnostic assessment for 599 low-income women, aged forty to forty-nine in Cobb and Douglas counties who are under- or uninsured. Data from past Komen funding years indicate that approximately five women who receive screening services during the project cycle will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

### **Grady Health System**

191 Peachtree Street, Suite 820

Atlanta, GA 30303

[www.gradyhealth.org/specialty/avon-breast-center/](http://www.gradyhealth.org/specialty/avon-breast-center/)

### **Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Services for Underserved Women**

Grady's Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence will support Komen Atlanta's priority to increase access to affordable diagnostic procedures for low-income women, particularly African American women and other minorities who are uninsured or underinsured. Komen funding will be used to provide diagnostic services – including diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, biopsies and cyst aspirations – at no cost to an estimated 125 women. Priority will be given to women who reside in Fulton or DeKalb County, though women from other counties within Komen's service area could be considered with the intention of reaching those who would otherwise not have access to needed diagnostic services. The major goal of the project is to increase timely access to breast cancer diagnostic services for medically underserved women. By providing affordable, accessible diagnostic services, Grady aims to prevent patients from delaying care, which would increase their risk for late stage detection of breast cancer.

### **Lighthouse Lymphedema Network**

10240 Crescent Ridge Drive

Roswell, GA 30076

<https://www.lighthouselymphedema.org/>

### **Compression for the Cause**

It is estimated that there will be 7,160 cases of female breast cancer for GA in 2016. Lymphedema can impact up to 50%, so about 3,580 of these women. The only treatment is Complete Decongestive Therapy. The compression component is key to long-term management; yet, often not covered by insurance. A study by Shih et al found those with lymphedema had higher health care costs than other survivors and had more missed days at work due to hospitalizations or MD visits. Within the 13-county Komen service area, in 4 years the LLN has assisted 140 survivors, 87% minorities and 76% from the 5 priority counties. The goal is to assist 18+ survivors in financial need who reside in the 13-county Komen service area purchase compression supplies. Without an evidence-based model to follow, the LLN developed one utilizing input from those assisted, therapists, garment providers, and the board to implement changes for the Fund and it is now the evidence-based model used by other lymphedema groups.

### **Northside Hospital**

1000 Johnson Ferry Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30342

[www.northside.com](http://www.northside.com)

### **Northside Hospital's Breast Diagnostic Services Project for Underserved Women**

Lack of access to quality care is a barrier too often experienced by many women. This project will increase access to breast diagnostic services for approximately 500 medically underserved women, especially African American and Latina women residing in Cherokee, DeKalb, Fulton, and Henry counties. Financial support will be used exclusively to provide free diagnostic services (diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, biopsies, cyst aspirations, breast MRIs and MRI biopsies) to uninsured/underserved women living below 250% of the federal poverty level who reside within Komen's service area and have a physician's order. Increasing access to care will increase survival, allow more underserved women the opportunity to detect breast cancer earlier and will reduce the number of late stage disease diagnosed annually in this population. Outcomes will be measured on a monthly basis and will compare program objectives with the actual number of services provided.

### **Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Foundation**

1100 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Building 2, Suite T80  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
<http://www.mercyatlanta.org/>

### **Mercy Care Breast and Cervical Cancer Program**

BCCP offers a continuum of breast cancer services and support for low-income minority women in metro Atlanta. These are women who often face barriers (i.e. poverty, fear, limited English proficiency, etc.) accessing breast health and cancer care services. Program activities funded by Susan G. Komen will include screening mammography, diagnostic and support/navigation. The agency partners with the Voyles Breast Health Center at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital to offer comprehensive services to its patients. During the grant period, approximately 350 women will be served. To support evaluation efforts, BCCP utilizes EPIC (Electronic Medical Record) to capture and track patient encounters, including education, referrals for screening and diagnostic services, outcomes relative to abnormal findings, patient navigation encounters, and demographic data (i.e. age, ethnicity, and income). The collected data is measured against program objectives to ensure progress towards success.

### **Southern Regional Medical Center: The Women's Center at Spivey Station**

7823 Spivey Station Boulevard, Suite 250  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
<http://www.southernregional.org/About/spivey-station/>

### **Caring Compression's**

The Breast Center at Spivey Station allows SRMC to extend services further into the communities of south metro Atlanta. The Caring Compression's program provides access to screening and diagnostic services to low income, under insured, and uninsured women and men in this region. Our objective include 225 screening mammograms, 140 diagnostic mammograms, 100 Ultrasounds, 4 Breast MRI'S, 20 Ultrasound Biopsy, 6 Stereotactic Biopsies and Lymphedema supplies. In a region where public

transportation is limited, our program also provides transportation to and from our facility. The Clinical Care Coordinator is able to assist patients with components of care from their point of entry to completion of their treatment. It is through the Clinical Care Coordinator that we are able to track patient outcomes and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the program. Without this program, there is nowhere in our community for these patients to receive screening and diagnostic services.

**The Good Samaritan Health Center, Inc.**

1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30318

[www.goodsamatlanta.org/](http://www.goodsamatlanta.org/)

**Breast Health Program**

The Breast Health Program will increase access to and improve the affordability of screening and diagnostic procedures for medically underserved populations including those that are uninsured, low-income, or homeless (with the majority being African American and Latina who also reside Cherokee, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, or Henry Counties). This program will provide access to 803 breast health services such as clinical breast exams, screening mammograms, diagnostics and transportation for approximately 400 individuals. This year the center will offer free round-trip transportation to those that need it and will continue to provide van transportation for all homeless patients every Friday. We will continue to follow up with patients and navigate them through the process. This year the center will incorporate a new evidence-based practice to increase compliance rates and provide access to the screening services by offering an onsite quarterly mobile mammography unit.

**The Health Initiative**

1530 DeKalb Avenue, Suite A

Atlanta, GA 30307

[www.thehealthinitiative.org](http://www.thehealthinitiative.org)

**Increasing Access to Screenings for LGBT Women**

The purpose of this project is to increase the number of LGBT women in the Komen Atlanta service area accessing breast health screenings. This effort will promote early detection and increase survival rates within this vulnerable population. HI will distribute culturally specific breast health messaging, which directs individuals to free screenings services, through electronic marketing, social media, and tabling at community events. As LGBT women who identify as masculine-of-center are nonresponsive to traditional breast health campaigns, messaging reflects a range of gender presentations. Provider partners will conduct CBEs and mammograms (via mobile units) at a minimum of three community events. Screenings will also be provided through appointments scheduled with local providers. This project will result in increased access to breast health services for LGBT individuals, an underserved, at risk population. A total of 150 clinical breast exams and 75 mammograms will be conducted.

**TurningPoint Breast Cancer Rehabilitation**

8010 Roswell Road, Suite 120

Atlanta, GA 30350

[www.myturningpoint.org](http://www.myturningpoint.org)

### **Access to Rehabilitation & Exercise for Breast Cancer Survivors**

This project addresses emotional/physical support needs of breast cancer survivors after active treatment is completed, by reducing barriers to rehabilitation and exercise through financial assistance for uninsured/under-insured low income patients and funding complimentary exercise, education and wellness programs. Key activities funded in the grant are specialized physical therapy, massage therapy, nutrition services, counseling, individual exercise, survivorship educ. and a Pilates class. Target is all breast cancer survivors residing in all Komen counties, with a range of demographics. Grant programs will serve 230 survivors in the clinic and over 3000 community members/patients reached with survivorship education. Success will be evaluated by tracking statistics, patient impact surveys and measuring patient physical/functional/psychosocial outcomes. Expected outcomes are improved quality of life, reduced long-term treatment side effects and enhanced healthy lifestyle behaviors.

#### **WellStar Foundation**

805 Sandy Plains Road

Marietta, GA 30066

<http://www.wellstar.org/>

#### **Mammography Voucher Program - Reducing Late Stage Breast Cancer (WellStar Fulton County Facilities)**

WellStar will provide free breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through this program, increasing access to healthcare for populations that are medically underserved. African American and Latino residents of Fulton County will be targeted through WellStar's congregational nurse network and community outreach and education. However, WellStar will provide outreach to the entire community and medical services to those who meet the eligibility requirements, including being uninsured or living below 250% of the federal poverty level. According to the 2015 Komen Atlanta Community Report, the leading barrier that prevents women from having regular breast cancer screenings is a lack of health insurance. We expect to provide breast cancer screening to 300 patients and cover transportation costs for 30 patients in our Fulton County service area. In an effort to increase the number of breast cancer screenings, this project will lower the incidence of late-stage breast cancer diagnoses.