



Giving Opportunities



Give Hope to Breast Cancer Patients

The Breast Center at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center in Gilbert, Arizona, treats more than **4,000 breast cancer patients each year**. As one of only four Breast Centers in Arizona accredited by the **National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers**, Banner MD Anderson provides comprehensive, multi-disciplinary care in one location—including diagnosis, treatment, integrative and complementary therapies, wellness workshops and classes, and survivorship support.

Generous charitable gifts help extend the expert care provided by our physicians and offer special programs and services to patients. Philanthropic investment also funds critical research that leads to the discovery of more effective treatments and could one day lead to the elimination of breast cancer altogether. Opportunities to support Breast Cancer patients and programs at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center include:

Research. Clinical trials help uncover better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer and give patients access to the latest medications and treatments which may not yet be available to the public. Future patients also benefit from discoveries made in clinical trials. Seven different breast cancer clinical trials are currently underway at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Approximately 10 to 20% of breast cancers are triple-negative, meaning they do not respond to hormonal therapy and drugs that target estrogen, progesterone and HER2 in cancer cells. The lack of proteins in this deadly cancer essentially renders most traditional treatments ineffective. Triple-negative breast cancer, which tends to grow and spread more rapidly than other forms of the disease, often strikes younger women. African-American and Hispanic women are among those most commonly afflicted. Now, cancer care is on the threshold of dramatic change. Clinical oncologists predict the field will advance more rapidly in the next 20 years than it has in the past 50 thanks to advances in clinical research.

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Charitable gifts help ensure that compassionate, state-of-the-art breast cancer care is available right here in Arizona, allowing families to stay close to home and their support systems while battling this disease.



Best in Clinical Care

High Risk Breast Clinic. Prevention for those genetically predisposed or with other high-risk factors for breast cancer (BRCA, family history, etc.)

Community Outreach. Funds are needed to support community education and outreach to help members of our community understand their risk of developing breast cancer and to convey the importance of regular screening in order to detect cancer early and improve treatment outcomes.

SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS

Support Groups. Various support groups and programs are available for breast cancer patients, including the brand new Cancer and Beyond program offered exclusively to Banner MD Anderson Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients.

myCancerConnection®. This cancer support community of trained volunteers – both survivors and caregivers – are matched with patients with their same or similar type of cancer to provide support during the cancer journey. The program is open to all cancer patients, with breast cancer patients a large percentage of participants.

Boutique of Hope. Most of the merchandise in this on-site store is focused on meeting the needs of cancer patients and survivors, particularly breast cancer patients, as it offers an array of products designed to enhance appearance, boost self-confidence and help make the recovery process more comfortable. Services include compassionate fitters who assist for free with fittings in private dressing rooms for wigs and breast prosthetics, and specialty bras and camisoles for those who have undergone mastectomies.

SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS

Donations in support of survivorship services for breast cancer patients at Banner MD Anderson provide the funding necessary for support groups and educational opportunities specifically designed to meet the needs of survivors, and special events like an annual survivorship day. These services help breast cancer survivors learn to navigate life after cancer.

HOW TO GIVE

Support the continued growth and expansion of the Breast Center at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center with a tax-deductible gift to the Banner Health Foundation:

- ▶ **Check** payable to Banner Health Foundation – BMDACC Breast Center, mailed to Banner Health Foundation, 2901 N. Central Ave., Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85012
- ▶ **Online Credit Card Donation** at give.bannerhealth.com/cancer by selecting Breast Cancer Programs from the “Gift Designation” drop-down menu.
- ▶ **Call** 512-751-7830 or 602-747-GIVE (4483)

Gifts of cash, pledges paid over multiple years, non-cash assets such as stock, and planned gifts are welcome. Gifts of \$25,000 or more will be recognized within the Cancer Center..

