



## 2011-2012 Grant Recipients

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

151 Spring Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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

### **Breast Cancer Legal Project**

The Breast Cancer Legal Project (BCLP) provides legal services to low-income breast cancer patients and survivors in Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Clayton and Cobb counties. Attorneys help clients with legal issues that are barriers to care and affect their ability to focus on treatment and wellness. Issues can include employment rights, access to public benefits, maintaining income and housing, and preparing wills and advanced directives. BCLP partners with DeKalb Medical Center, Grady Hospital's Cancer Center for Excellence, the American Cancer Society, and a variety of cancer support groups and medical specialists' offices to reach out to clients, nurses and social workers. Attorney volunteers are recruited from Women in the Profession section of the Atlanta Bar Association to assist with outreach and take on pro bono matters, and from the law firm of Troutman Sanders to assist clients with end of life and estate planning. BCLP is the only project of its kind in the country providing direct legal services specifically to low-income breast cancer patients and survivors.

### **Center for Black Women's Wellness**

477 Windsor Street SW; Suite 309  
Atlanta, GA 30312

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

### **Community Breast Health Initiative**

Black women represent an important, but sometimes overlooked group in the fight against breast cancer. Though they are diagnosed with less frequency, they are more likely to die from the disease than their white counterparts. This disparity points to a need for culturally-relevant breast health education and breast health screening and diagnostic services for black women who often fall into the category of medically underserved by virtue of lacking health insurance and/or being low income. To address this, the Center for Black Women's Wellness will build on its capacity and experience and provide low cost/ no cost onsite clinical breast exams and coordinate additional low cost/ no cost breast screening and diagnostic services through area partners. With the support of the Komen Affiliate of Greater Atlanta, CBWW will provide clinical breast exams to 125 women, coordinate screening mammography services for 100 women, and coordinate additional diagnostic services for 20 women. An additional 100 women will be reached through group breast health education and another 400 through the distribution of health information materials.

### **Clayton County Board of Health**

1117 Battlecreek Road  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

### **CCBOH Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Center**

The prevention of breast cancer is a major priority for the Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH). According to data from the Susan G. Komen Atlanta Affiliate, large numbers of women in Clayton County are diagnosed with advanced stage (stage 3 or 4) breast cancer. High incidences of advanced stage breast cancer diagnoses within this county are consistent with women who are low income or uninsured. The CCBOH currently provides women the opportunity to receive comprehensive breast

health services. These services promote excellent breast health care and early breast cancer detection through self breast examination techniques, screening, and diagnostic services which are provided by CCBOH in addition to referrals for follow up services as indicated.

**Cobb County Public Health**

1650 County Services Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30008

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

**Mammography Initiative for Women Forty to Forty-Nine**

In Cobb County, Susan G. Komen funds will be used to provide breast health education, screening and diagnostic assessment to a population of uninsured or underinsured women between 40 and 49 years of age. The goal is to eliminate the barriers that may prevent these women from receiving appropriate breast health care. Susan G. Komen funds will allow us the opportunity to increase educational initiatives, have an impact on early detection and address issues relating to breast cancer.

**DeKalb Medical Foundation**

2675 North Decatur Road; Suite 610  
Decatur, GA 30033

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

**Wellness on Wheels**

DeKalb Medical is located in DeKalb County, one of the most diverse counties in the southeastern United States. Through its Wellness on Wheels Program, our goal is to provide breast cancer screenings and diagnostic workups when indicated to uninsured clients with sensitivity to language and cultural barriers. Wellness on Wheels provides 130-150 screening mammograms each month on a mobile health coach in Stone Mountain where primarily Refugee and African American clients are served and in Doraville where most of the clients served are Asian and Hispanic. Partnerships with Refugee Family Services, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Dia de la Mujer Latina and ENCORE Plus facilitate outreach to immigrant, refugee and African American women. Each client receiving a mammogram also receives a clinical breast exam and self breast exam education. When indicated, further diagnostic procedures are provided including diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound, MRI, surgical consultation and biopsy. The primary goal of Wellness on Wheels is early detection through encouraging yearly mammograms, self breast exam education and a prompt diagnostic workup when indicated.

**District Four Health Services**

122A Gordon Commercial Drive  
LaGrange, GA 30240

[www.district4health.org](http://www.district4health.org)

**District Four: Fayette and Henry Komen Expansion Grant**

District Four Public Health Services encompasses 12 counties in Western Georgia, southwest of the Atlanta metro area. Women living in rural communities, such as those in Fayette and Henry counties, often lack access to affordable healthcare services. District Four Public Health Services is committed to serving low income, uninsured and under-insured women (those with income less than 250% poverty level) ages 35-64, who might otherwise fail to get breast cancer screening and/or diagnostic services. The declining economic and health status of our communities continues to place women at higher risk for breast cancer. Our nurses are specifically trained to provide detailed clinical breast exams and then partner with are a hospitals, radiology facilities and physicians to provide a wide range of mammography and diagnostic services. District Four in collaboration with its partners, will provide

comprehensive breast cancer screening and/or diagnostic services to 100 women in Fayette and Henry Counties.

**East Metro Health District**

PO Box 897  
2570 Riverside Parkway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046  
[www.eastmetrohealth.com](http://www.eastmetrohealth.com)

**Breast Cancer Screening Project**

Eight hundred and ninety three thousand people live in East Metro Health District, serving Gwinnett and Rockdale Counties. Our health department clinics serve women of low socio-economic status and varied ethnicities, who encounter multiple barriers to care. In the past 12 years we have experienced an increase in the population of medically underserved women living in Gwinnett and Rockdale Counties. This increase is coupled with dwindling resources, severely limiting access to breast health education and services for these women. Our current breast cancer screening program has been in existence for 15 years with health centers in five locations. Bilingual staff provides breast cancer education, clinical breast exams, and referral for mammogram and diagnostic screening. Our staff performs follow up services and case management with referral for treatment when breast cancer is diagnosed. We also initiate Georgia Women's Health Medicaid applications for eligible women, which pays for breast cancer treatment. If funded, we will provide free breast exams, screening mammograms, diagnostic services and follow-up for approximately 400 women in our community.

**Emory University**

2165 North Decatur Road  
Decatur, GA 30033  
[www.emory.edu](http://www.emory.edu)

**Bridging the GAP: Genetic Access Program for Greater Atlanta**

An estimated 30% of individuals have a close family member with breast cancer. Bridging the GAP – Genetic Access Program for Greater Atlanta provides genetic counseling and testing for individuals with a personal or family history of breast cancer residing in the 10-county Komen service area who could not otherwise access these services due to financial constraints. Individuals with hereditary breast cancer risk have up to an 85% risk to develop breast cancer within their lifetime. Genetic testing identifies individuals at high risk for breast cancer so that they and their at-risk family members can have earlier and more frequent breast cancer screening resulting in early breast cancer detection.

**Family Health Enterprise**

634 McDonough Blvd. SE  
Atlanta, GA 30315

**Breast Health Promotion Program**

Family Health Enterprise (FHE) is dedicated to strengthening the decision-making abilities of women facing today's complex health issues. FHE upholds a standard of excellence in health care programs and assures access to knowledgeable and respected counsel and care.

Our organization, in partnership with many community organizations, will outreach to underserved women throughout the metro Atlanta region. Women with low income and without insurance will be given breast health care information and encouraged to make an appointment for a no-cost, or, low cost mammogram.

FHE will provide the clinical breast exam, and coordinate all appointments, including a mammogram and all recommend follow-up. Each woman will be given support throughout this process. Transportation will be offered; as well as, interpretive assistance. Every woman will be offered the support of a navigator being present during any scheduled procedure.

### **Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness**

265 Boulevard NE, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30312

[www.fultoncountyga.gov/county/health/](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/county/health/)

### **Saving One Life at a Time: Eliminating Barriers to Early Detection**

Women residing in Fulton County lack access to early mammography screenings and breast care education due to budgetary constraints, language barriers, and a lack of access to healthcare facilities. The target populations for this project are the uninsured, underinsured, age thirty-five and above, high-risk women living in Fulton County. Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness (FCDHW) Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) and Women's Health program, provide women with clinical breast exams, referral for screening mammograms and diagnostic follow-up procedures at no cost.

FCDHW will provide free clinical breast exams, mammography referrals, and patient navigator assistance to a total of 300 English and/or Spanish speaking women through the Women's Health mobile unit, which provides (easy) accessibility to services at non-traditional locations, and at one of the eight FCDHW Women's Health Centers. FCDHW will utilize Patient Navigators to provide culturally sensitive breast health information and rapidly navigate clients through the system and ensure all diagnostic procedures are completed.

### **Lighthouse Lymphedema Network**

10240 Crescent Ridge Drive  
Roswell, GA 30076

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

### **Lighthouse Lymphedema Network Bandages and Garments Fund**

Lymphedema is the swelling of the arm and/or corresponding trunk quadrant caused by an abnormal accumulation of lymphatic fluids in the tissues under the skin. It can occur after the removal or destruction of lymph nodes in the treatment of breast cancer. It is a chronic and progressive swelling that is often disfiguring, painful and debilitating. Complete decongestive therapy is a multimodal treatment program that has been proven to effectively reduce the symptoms of lymphedema. A key component to long-term management is twenty-four hour compression of the affected areas. Medicare and many private insurance companies do not pay for the necessary compression bandages and/or garments leaving some people who have lymphedema unable to purchase the most effective compression supplies. The goal of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is to assist those in financial need to purchase compression supplies through the expansion of our financial assistance program, the Bandages and Garments Fund. By providing people the appropriate supplies to best manage their lymphedema, we can help them reduce the physical and psychosocial side effects of their lymphedema and enhance their quality of life.

**Northside Hospital**  
1000 Johnson Ferry Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
[www.northside.com](http://www.northside.com)

### **Screening Mammography and Diagnostic Services**

Northside Hospital (NSH) is able to provide 250 screening mammograms, 100 diagnostic mammograms, 70 ultrasounds, 10 cyst aspirations, 15 biopsies and 1 MRI free of charge to qualified individuals living in Komen's 10-county region. Hispanic, Black and uninsured women in Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett and Cherokee Counties will be targeted. To qualify, clients must be uninsured and have a written doctor's order. Patients must have received either a screening or diagnostic mammogram through our program to qualify for ultrasounds, cyst aspirations, biopsy and MRI. Financial eligibility is determined through examination of annual family net income. If it falls below 200% of the current poverty income guidelines as established by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the client will be eligible to receive screening and diagnostic mammograms at no charge. Age requirements follow American Cancer Society guidelines. Services are provided at NSH- Atlanta's Breast Care Center, Alpharetta Women's Imaging, NSH-Forsyth Breast Cancer Center, and Cherokee Imaging at Riverstone. NSH's ScreenAtlanta mobile mammography van offers screening mammography as well.

**Piedmont Fayette Hospital**  
1255 Highway 54 West  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
[www.piedmontfayette.org](http://www.piedmontfayette.org)

### **Piedmont Fayette Screening and Advanced Diagnostic Services for Underserved Women**

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of one mammogram per year, and free or low-cost screening mammograms are now available through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCP) for women with inadequate or no health insurance. However, cuts in BCCP funding and the increasing number of uninsured women as a result of the economic downturn have left a critical gap in services for many women and particularly for those women whose screening mammogram results are abnormal. Diagnostic breast imaging involves additional mammographic images, ultrasound and, in some circumstances, biopsy or MRI to establish or exclude the presence of carcinoma. These procedures can be very costly and therefore are not readily accessible to those who cannot afford them. With support from Komen Atlanta in 2011-2012, Piedmont Fayette Hospital will serve 200 low income and/or under/uninsured women living in the 10 county Komen Atlanta target counties with screening and diagnostic services.

**Piedmont Hospital**  
**1968 Peachtree Road, NW**  
**Atlanta, GA 30309**  
404-605-4427  
[www.piedmont.org](http://www.piedmont.org)

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services for cancer and other health conditions. These services can be costly and may not be accessible to those who cannot afford them. With support from Komen Atlanta, Piedmont Hospital will provide screening, diagnostic breast imaging, and biopsy free of charge to women from the ten Komen counties who otherwise would not be able to afford these potentially life-saving procedures.

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

424 Decatur Street, SE

Atlanta, GA 30312

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

### **Breast & Cervical Cancer Program**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) of Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc. (SJMCS) offers a full continuum of breast cancer care and support for low-income minority women in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Program activities include educational sessions, clinical breast exams, mammography, diagnostic services, and ongoing follow-up and support. With a bilingual staff, the program provides culturally appropriate services that acknowledge and respect each client's cultural norms. Through SJMCS' fixed and mobile clinic sites, BCCP services are offered in various locations easily accessible by the grant population. By offering services that are affordable, accessible and culturally appropriate, BCCP helps at-risk women overcome the barriers that have traditionally limited their access to breast health and cancer prevention including poverty, limited English proficiency, limited education and lack of insurance.

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

7823 Spivey Station Blvd, Suite 250

Jonesboro, GA 30236

[www.southernregional.org/about-us/locations/spivey-station.aspx](http://www.southernregional.org/about-us/locations/spivey-station.aspx)

### **Caring Compressions**

Located in close proximity to rural south Atlanta, The Women's Center at Spivey Station outpatient facility enables Southern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) to extend services deeper into communities south of the metropolitan area. **Caring Compressions** provides access for screening and diagnostic services to low income, uninsured and underinsured women in Rockdale and Henry Counties, who might not otherwise receive a mammogram, ultrasound, or lymphedema service/supplies. As part of our continuum of care, we will also provide core biopsies. Our objectives include: 200 screening and 145 diagnostic mammograms; 90 ultrasounds; 15 ultrasound biopsies, and 7 stereotactic biopsies. SRMC Spivey Station offers complete one-stop screening and diagnostic treatment for breast cancer care and it is the closest facility to Rockdale with lymphedema therapy. Patients will receive psychosocial and emotional support to help overcome initial fears and shocks once they have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Our Nurse Navigator will assist patients with questions, scheduling, education, and insurance matters from their point of entry and thereafter, at SRMC Spivey Station.

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

1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30318

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

### **Women's Health Screenings**

Too often women must make a choice between the basics of food or shelter and preventative healthcare that could save their lives. The Good Samaritan Health Center, Inc. is a non-profit Christian organization that provides healthcare to uninsured, low income people in greater metropolitan Atlanta. The Good Samaritan Health Center serves women who have the least access to healthcare and are at

the highest risk of having breast cancer remain undiagnosed and untreated at an early stage. Our patients, who may not otherwise have access to regular screening mammograms, experience the full benefit of comprehensive breast health care in the context of their relationship with a medical provider at the Good Samaritan Health Center. The Women's Health Screening Program is an ongoing program of The Center that provides clinical breast exams, screening mammograms, and diagnostic testing to uninsured, low-income women who are most in need of access to healthcare services and most at risk because of income and/or race. Through Komen funding in 2011, 750 women will receive clinical breast exams and 500 women will receive screening mammograms and any diagnostic tests they need.

**TurningPoint Women's Healthcare**

11180 State Bridge Road, Suite 503

Alpharetta, GA 30022

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

**Breast Cancer Survivor Rehabilitation Support Project**

TurningPoint Women's Healthcare is the only organization in Greater Atlanta that offers specialized, integrated and evidence-based breast cancer rehabilitation. TurningPoint provides physical therapy, exercise, massage therapy, counseling, nutritional counseling and education programs that improve the quality of life of women with breast cancer. Majority of women with breast cancer are not referred to specialized rehabilitation that can prevent or improve survivorship issues. Lack of awareness in the medical and rehabilitation community are barriers to care. Financial, cultural, and language barriers compound the problem. This project will provide rehabilitation services to underserved women in Greater Atlanta. The quality of life of 300 women with breast cancer will be improved through specialized rehabilitation, and 100 women who are underinsured or uninsured will be provided with financial assistance. The project will support programs for women in South Atlanta, Hispanic women and women with metastatic breast cancer. The project will reach over 500 breast cancer survivors with breast cancer survivorship education programs.

**WellStar Foundation**

2000 South Park Place, Suite 202

Atlanta, GA 30339

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

**Reducing Late-Stage Diagnosis of Breast Cancer through Targeted Screenings, Diagnostics, and Data Cleaning**

This project uses the power of healthcare data analytics and the synergy of two WellStar outreach programs to target under- and uninsured women in Cobb and Cherokee Counties. Specifically, using our own patient data and other demographics, we will create a HIPAA- compliant profile of those underserved women that are most likely to be diagnosed with late stage breast cancer in our service area. Using this profile, we will increase our communication and engagement efforts to this subsection of women through our Congregational Health Ministry and our Talking Shop with WellStar outreach program. By providing free screening and diagnostic tests to this population segment, we expect to decrease late-stage breast cancer diagnoses for underserved women in Cobb and Cherokee Counties.

**West End Medical Centers**

868 York Avenue, S4

Atlanta, GA 30339

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

**Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Program (BCSDP)**

West End Medical Centers (WEMC) is a primary community health center in Georgia with a 501-C3 status serving a racial/ethnic minority with a low income status. For 7 years WEMC has provided free breast cancer screenings for uninsured women ages 50-64 through BCCP. West End also has received funding to screen women ages 40-49 funded by the Komen/Atlanta Affiliate for 2 years. Many women 40-49 are symptomatic or at risk with no resources to get the screening mammogram.

WEMC's Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Program, which aims to screen 400 women ages 40-49 will ensure a comprehensive program for women in need. Additional staff will allow the provider to screen more women; and provide patient support services. Planned community activities such as the breast cancer awareness health fair will identify women in need of screening. Education needs will be met through support group meetings and individual/group counseling sessions. Review of the goals and objectives by the performance improvement committee and adherence to the timeline and budget, support program efficiency.