Our Mission

The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF), founded in 1991, is a statewide, state-based 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to the eradication of breast cancer through education and advocacy for Virginians. Our goals are to establish the end of breast cancer as a state and national priority, to advocate for the collective needs of people affected by breast cancer, and to educate Virginians on the facts about breast cancer.

25th Anniversary

VBCF commemorated 25 years of service to Virginians in 2016 with a “More than a Pink Ribbon” virtual quilt. This online quilt is a unique piece of art that highlights the names and faces in the fight against breast cancer. For a $25 suggested donation, supporters can upload a photo and submit a brief written statement in honor of their own or another’s survivorship journey, in memory of another, or in general support for the cause to be included on a special quilt square. Each quilt square also links to a space where personal stories can be added and where family and friends can leave comments. To learn more, visit www.morethanapinkribbon.org

VIRGINIA BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION: FACT SHEET

Educate

Free Newly Diagnosed Kits
Print and online information packets for those with breast cancer, including resources for caregivers and children.

Free Educational Materials
In honor of our slogan - “Breast Cancer is More Than a Pink Ribbon” - VBCF distributes 75,000 pink ribbon safety pins attached to our Breast Health Basics brochures through its local volunteer and community organization network. Materials include information for women and men about symptoms, breast cancer rates, screening recommendations, and risk and lifestyle factors.

Education
Host an annual educational conference in localities of need to provide current information on breast cancer as well as participating in local health fairs and educational events across the state.

Stay Abreast Presentation
By request, trained educational experts are available to present information on breast health and cancer, as well as how attendees can get involved in our educational and advocacy programs.

Public Library Funding
Provide funds for Virginia’s public libraries to purchase up-to-date breast cancer materials. Since 2000, VBCF has provided more than $60,000 to support local libraries.

Breast Health Mini-Grants
Provide funds to non-profits for breast health education. Since 2013, VBCF has helped local non-profits serve more than 20,000 Virginians.

Becky’s Place at RAM
Organize and offer breast health education at Remote Area Medical (RAM) programs in Virginia, including the largest, three-day event in Wise County.

Publications
• VBCF Connection, a monthly e-newsletter
• One Voice, a bi-annual print newsletter
Our History

The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF) was founded because no other organization existed in Virginia that was devoted solely to representing the needs of individuals and their families affected by breast cancer. In February 1991, five women met in a support group. Stunned by the lack of research and progress in breast cancer treatment, they planned a Mother’s Day Rally at the State Capitol to bring attention to this devastating disease. The activist seeds of VBCF were sown that day. Today, VBCF’s small staff is headquartered in Richmond and with the help of volunteers, provides Virginians with accurate, up-to-date information on breast cancer early detection, diagnosis, treatment, research, legislation, caregiving, and survivorship.

Our Activities

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- Information on clinical trials
- Breast cancer and appearance concerns
- Information on Virginia’s Every Woman’s Life program, offering free cancer screenings for the uninsured
- And more

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