



## 2015 – 2016 Community Grant Recipients

### DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

#### **Glendale Memorial**

The Marcia Ray Breast Center provides diagnostic breast imaging and follow-up services for symptomatic women under the age of 40 and all symptomatic men, living in Los Angeles County. Early detection of breast cancer is critical to improving a patient's treatment options and chance for long-term survival. The Diagnostic Breast Program offers a full range of services to women and men who meet the eligibility criteria. These services include: digital diagnostic mammography with computer aided detection, breast ultrasound, cyst aspiration, needle core biopsy and pathology testing and any necessary follow-up. Traditionally, there are no public breast health care services available for women under 40-years of age or for men who may be experiencing an issue or problem in the breast. Access to publicly funded screening or diagnostic services is not readily offered to this population because they do not fit the "common" profile of one who may be at-risk for developing breast cancer.

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#### **St. Mary Medical Center**

The Under 40 Diagnostic Program at St. Mary Medical Center's Sr. Sabina Sullivan Women's Health Center aims to improve breast cancer survival rates through early diagnosis, by expanding breast healthcare access for symptomatic women aged under 40 years of age and symptomatic men of any age in Los Angeles County. The program provides free, comprehensive diagnostic services for women and men of all ethnicities who find a suspicious lump or mass in the breast, but do not qualify for state funded screening programs due to age or sex. While the program primarily benefits residents of SPAs 8, 7 and 6, the program will accept any patient who meets the funding criteria and resides in Los Angeles County.

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### **Valley Breast Care**

The program provides breast cancer diagnostic services for symptomatic women under the age of 40 and for men of any age, residing in LA County. The key activities include the provision of diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, ultrasound guided breast biopsies, stereotactic biopsies and surgical excisional biopsies. In addition, there is a sub focus related to breast cancer support service - the provision of breast prosthesis and wigs to breast cancer patients undergoing treatment. The expected change that the program will bring to the community is the removal of barriers to the access of breast cancer diagnostic and treatment services.

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### **White Memorial Medical Center**

White Memorial Medical Center continues to provide breast diagnostic services for symptomatic women under-40 and men who reside in Los Angeles County. The center will provide at least 80 diagnostic mammograms, at least 100 breast ultrasounds, and at least 30 biopsy procedures as appropriate to aid in the arrival of a final diagnosis in a timely, comprehensive manner and in a convenient, patient-centered, compassionate environment.

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### **Beverly Hospital**

The diagnostic program for symptomatic women under 40 and men who are ineligible for public funding provides care at the hospital Women's Pavilion and Breast Center. Diagnostic services are available to all LA County residents and include Medi-Cal approved services at Medi-Cal rates. The program intends to serve 100 symptomatic, uninsured women under age 40 and men residing in LA County. In addition, the program provides follow-up diagnostic services including ultrasound or stereotactic-guided core needle biopsy and pathology as recommended by the radiologist for an estimated 30 patients.

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### **SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE (Patients, survivors and co-survivors)**

#### **Cancer Support Community - Santa Monica**

In order to improve access to psychosocial care, eliminate health disparities among minorities, and improve quality of life, Cancer Support Community-Santa Monica will provide two Spanish-language breast cancer support groups at White Memorial Medical Center (WMMC) for primarily monolingual Spanish-speaking Latinas with any stage of breast cancer and their families who reside in SPAs 3, 4, or 7 and have low-incomes or are underinsured. We expect that about 100 people (85 women with breast cancer; 15 caregivers) will attend the groups over 500 times during the grant period. Both groups will be facilitated by Latina Spanish-speaking licensed psychotherapists and will meet for 2 hours per session. The goal of the program is to empower the women to take an active role in their physical and emotional recovery from breast cancer.

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#### **Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC)**

CLRC plans to promote access to information offering legal assistance to women coping with breast cancer throughout Los Angeles. By providing women in SPAs 1-8 with legal resources that remove barriers, and ultimately increase access to health care, CLRC eliminates disparities and reduces the link between poverty and breast cancer mortality. By providing legal services to women in SPAs 1-8, CLRC empowers patients and caregivers to successfully move through the continuum of care from diagnosis through survivorship.

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#### **SSG-PALS for Health**

Project Language Access for Support in Treatment (Project LAST) seeks to implement a treatment support project to provide face-to-face medical interpretation services to monolingual and limited English proficient (LEP) Latina women in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 3, 4 and 7; LEP Asian and Pacific Islander (API) women in SPAs 3, 4, 7 and 8; and

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other women countywide that face language barriers. The project will provide language services to 175 women from the LEP target population. We expect that we will improve access to breast health screenings, treatment and support along the continuum of care for underserved LEP women in Los Angeles County by providing interpretation services and intake and assessment appointments, treatment appointments and during group support sessions. Not only will access be improved, but the health outcomes for the target population will also be improved as a result of increasing language supportive services in the targeted communities.

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### **University of Southern California**

The Patient Education and Community Outreach Center at USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center aims to broaden a region-wide effort to improve cancer survivorship services in Los Angeles County. The Adelante Survivorship Care Program for breast cancer survivors offers an exercise support program for cancer survivors and aims to now develop a new nutrition component. We also intend to utilize Promotoras to reach underserved breast cancer survivors from the area. A review of support services in Los Angeles County reveals that no comparable projects exist in the vicinity of East Los Angeles and in SPA 4. The change we expect our program to bring is a new path back to health for cancer survivors in East Los Angeles and SPA 4 through exercise and nutrition classes, a need entirely unmet by any other program.

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## **PATIENT NAVIGATION**

### **Saban Community Clinic**

SCC established the Collaborative Diagnostic Breast Cancer Project (CDBCP) in January 1997 to address the need for screening and diagnostic services for breast cancer by providing integrated, comprehensive breast care services and navigation for low-income women and men who do not qualify for publicly funded cancer detection programs. SCC

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performs breast exams and assesses the diagnostic needs of women and men. Based on these assessments, referrals are made to Tower Radnet for diagnostic services inclusive of breast ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms, echo guided core biopsies, image-guided core biopsies, and breast MRIs. SCC hopes to increase the number of patients served since last year. The Patient Navigator will help guide patients through the continuum of breast care services by providing patient navigation to at least 1,200 patients.

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