KOMEN COLUMBUS & METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

We want everyone to benefit from the scientific discoveries that are improving treatment for MBC and have the information and support needed to face the unique challenges and concerns of living with MBC. Our goal is to make metastatic breast cancer a chronic disease.

COMING UP

- MBC Advocacy day, September 26, 2018 (komencolumbus.org to sign up!)
- Spring 2019 MBC mini-retreat
- Fall 2019 MBC full retreat

SEEKING ADVISORY GROUP

Komen Columbus is seeking patients living with advanced or metastatic breast cancer to participate in an advisory group to advise in the planning of programming focused on meeting the needs the metastatic breast cancer community locally, including a retreat weekend being planned for fall 2019. Monthly or bi-monthly phone and/or meetings will be held to allow as much participation with as little time commitment as possible.
If interested, contact: juliemcmahon@komencolumbus.org

RESEARCH INVESTMENT

More than $166 million in over 400 research grants and more than 40 clinical trials focused on metastatic breast cancer.

SUPPORT RESOURCES

MBC PROGRESS

- New, one-stop, comprehensive MBC information site on komen.org
- Downloadable Questions t Ask Your Doctor card related to treatment and quality of life issues
- Information on clinical trials
- Integrative therapies, diet and nutrition, making treatment decisions and more
- Support and information for co-survivors, talking to children
- Information about research investments and progress

PEER SUPPORT

- Living with stage IV breast cancer message board at komen.org
- Closed Facebook group at facebook.com/komencolumbus Groups

HELPLINE

- Provides free professional support services to anyone with breast cancer questions or concerns.
- 1-877-GO KOMEN, helpline@komen.org
- Breast cancer clinical trial education and psychosocial support, clinicaltrialinfo@komen.org
- Metastatic Breast Cancer clinical trial search, breastcancertrials.org

UPCOMING MBC RETREATS IN 2019

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

PATIENT TREATMENT ASSISTANCE FUND

- We aim to help those facing financial challenges by providing limited financial assistance to low-income, under-insured or uninsured women. Funding helps women of any age who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, at any stage of the disease. Financial assistance is granted to women who meet pre-determined eligibility criteria.
- To learn more about this program, call the Komen Breast Care Helpline at 1-877 GO KOMEN

ADVOCACY

- Improve access to high quality treatment through "compassionate use" (Expanded Access Navigator website)
- Improve access and continuity of care through safety-net funding/ Medicaid access at state and federal level
- Empower personalized treatment decisions by reforming step therapy and lessening insurance restrictions on coverage
- Protected oral chemotherapy coverage
- Palliative care legislation
- Part of Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance