

Accomplishments

First Meeting – 1997

The Iowa Breast Cancer Resource Guide

- Created, published and distributed 8,000+ free copies of the Iowa Breast Cancer Resource Guide (2000), Iowa Breast Cancer Resource Guide – 2004, and Iowa Breast Cancer Guide – 3rd Edition (2007).
- Received funding for the Guides from MIXX 96.1 radio, Waterloo – Cedar Falls Junior League, and the Des Moines Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Breast Cancer Treatment Materials Available for Bosnians

- Translated into Serbo-Croatian and published “Za Zene S Rakom Dojke” (For Women Facing Breast Cancer), an American Cancer Society breast cancer treatment booklet.
- 1000 copies of Za Zene S Rakom Dojke distributed free to Bosnians in Iowa.
- IBCE member presented “Breast Cancer Treatment Materials Now Available for Bosnians” at Susan G. Komen Mission Conference in New York City – 2004.

Breast Cancer Advocacy

- Since 1997, IBCE members lobby in Washington, D.C. during the annual Breast Cancer Coalition Lobby Day.
- IBCE members asked Iowa Senator Grassley to provide leadership for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. He does it and it was signed into law January 2001.
- IBCE members assisted as Senator Harkin was inducted into the National Breast Cancer Coalition Hall of Fame for his continuing support of numerous breast Cancer issues.
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- Three IBCE members were Consumer Reviewers for the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.
- One IBCE advocate earned a scholarship to attend the internationally famous San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.
- IBCE is a member organization of the Iowa Consortium of Cancer Control.
- Four IBCE members graduated from the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Project LEAD.

Breast Cancer and the Environment

- IBCE sponsors public presentations by Dr. Kamyar Enshayan on "Cancer and Pesticides: Acting on What We Know."
- IBCE is a supporter of "Yards for Kids" a program encouraging pesticide-free lawns, parks, recreation areas, and any area where kids and adults congregate.
- Published the flyer "Alternatives to Carcinogens in Your Home."

Breast Cancer Quality Care

- Advocated to create the Wheaton Franciscan support group for young cancer survivors.
- IBCE's advocacy provided access to social work services for all women with breast cancer treated by Cedar Valley Medical Specialists.

Cedar Valley Cancer Committee: Beyond Pink Team and others

- Iowa Breast Cancer Edu-action is a subcommittee of the Cedar Valley Cancer Committee: Beyond Pink Team.

- Cedar Valley Cancer Committee grants us 501 (c) 3 (charitable organization) status under their umbrella.
- Cedar Valley Cancer Committee's Beyond Pink Team is a member organization of the National Breast Cancer Coalition.
- IBCE created and distributed 8,000+ Iowa Breast Cancer Education informational brochures.