

# Raising Our Voices

## New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition

Fall 2019

Volume 24, Number 1

### NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION (NBCC) 2019

By Nancy Ryan,  
 President, NHBCC

This year five New Hampshire advocates represented our state at the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Annual Advocate Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, from April 27 to April 30, 2019. NHBCC Board members Tammie Larocque, Deb Smith, Nancy Ryan and Jackie Staiti, and Jennie Halstead (Executive Director, My Breast Cancer Support), immersed themselves in workshops, plenaries, and networking on topics ranging from tumor dormancy to disparities in health care. Learning the basics of science and public policy helps advocates support sound policies, evidence-based treatment and transparent research to help end breast cancer. NBCC leads the way in training advocates to participate

wherever decisions about breast cancer are made. To appreciate the scope of NBCC's work, visit: <http://www.breastcancerdeadline2020.org/>.



New Hampshire advocates Jennie Halstead (Executive Director, My Breast Cancer Support), Tammie Larocque, Deb Smith, Nancy Ryan and Jackie Staiti at the NBCC Annual Summit.

As always, the Summit culminated in a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. NBCC's top public policy priority this year is the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act (H.R. 2178 in the House of Representatives and S. 1374 in the Senate). This legislation would waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility and the

5-month waiting period for individuals with metastatic breast cancer who qualify for Social Security Disability.

NHBCC is proud to report that all four members of New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation have signed on as co-sponsors of this legislation.

Please join us in thanking Senator Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Representative Ann McLane Kuster and Representative Chris Pappas for stepping up to the plate early-on to help pass this bill!

### Inside This Issue

- NBCC 2019 .....1
- A Word From Our President .....2
- NHBCC Support Services Fund .....2
- NHBCC License Plate Decal .....2
- Fundraisers .....3

# A Word From the President

by Nancy Ryan, President, NHBCC

This year NHBCC began its 27th year of action, education and advocacy and I cannot say it often enough: Thank you for supporting the NHBCC mission and work. From its inception in 1992 when a legislative alert meant typing, printing on cardstock, cutting to size, labeling, stamping and mailing postcards to today when a legislative alert is done with a few clicks of the Mouse, NHBCC has stayed true to our Founding Members' vision: ending breast cancer and advocating for those facing breast cancer now. NHBCC remains an all-volunteer organization. NHBCC continues to be an active member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), fighting to maintain adequate federal research funding and sound breast cancer public policies. The NHBCC Support Services Fund, launched in 2007, provides financial assistance to approximately 100 women each year. On behalf of the NHBCC Board of Directors, I want to personally thank all the individuals, community organizations and businesses that donate time, energy and funds to keep NHBCC a strong New Hampshire voice for ending breast cancer. Thank you!

## NHBCC Support Services Fund

The NHBCC Support Services Fund is a financial resource that helps New Hampshire breast cancer patients who are struggling to keep up with daily expenses as they face treatment and recovery. NHBCC helps approximately 100 women and families every year. We often receive heartfelt letters from the recipients of our fund. The following thank you letter excerpts convey the importance of the Support Services Fund and the gratitude of those you help.

*"What a blessing you are for easing some of the financial burden recently placed on me through my breast cancer. . . Thank you and blessings to all of you who volunteer."*

*"Thank you for your assistance. This has been a horrible time for myself and my family and to know there are organizations out there to help people like me is truly wonderful."*

*"I can't tell you how grateful we are for your assistance towards our medical expenses. . . The financial aspect has been almost as stressful as dealing with the cancer."*

*For information about how to access the NHBCC Support Services Fund, visit our web site at: [www.nhbcc.org](http://www.nhbcc.org) or call 1-800-930-8410.*

**NHBCC LICENSE PLATE DECAL — Support NHBCC by proudly displaying the NHBCC License Plate Decal on your vehicles!**

The New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition (NHBCC) has been authorized to sell special decals with our logo that can be placed on a type of license



plate called the "Decal Plate." The NHBCC Decals can only be placed on a Decal Plate. The new Decal Plates resemble the regular New Hampshire passenger license plate however, they include a 3" x 3" blank square on the left side of the plate that allows for the placement of the special decal. You can obtain the special Decal Plate when you visit your town or city clerk's office to renew your vehicle's registration, or at any time of the year (a mid-stream plate change). Additional information can be found on the form in this newsletter.

NHBCC invites you to be among those who have already purchased their NHBCC License Plate Decals for just \$25 per set. To order your decals, visit our web site at: [www.nhbcc.org](http://www.nhbcc.org) or use the Order Form included in this newsletter!

# 2019 Fundraisers are on a Roll!

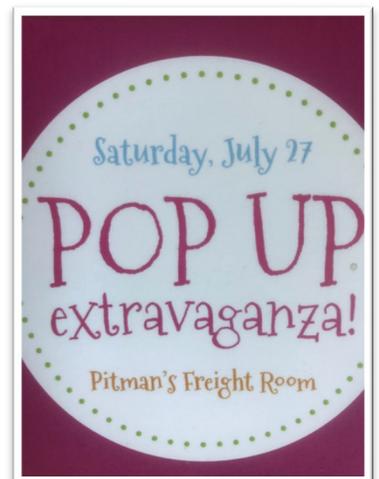
NHBCC is entirely dependent on the generosity of the individuals, businesses and communities throughout New Hampshire to support our work and mission. In addition to many individual donors, here are some 2019 fundraising donors that are making our work possible. Check the NHBCC Website for upcoming events!

Athena's by Chrissy Shedd  
Chester Firefighters Association, Inc.  
Club National, Inc.  
Concord Country Club Hit The Links In Pink Golf Tournament  
Friends of Alvirne Ice Hockey  
Great Bay Crossfit  
Hannaford Supermarkets  
Hillsboro Deering High School  
Hoodcroft Country Club Ladies Golf Tournament  
Manchester School of Technology  
Mastricola Upper Middle School  
New Hampshire State Association of Emblem Clubs  
North Hampton School  
One Good Turn Woodworking  
The Studio—Melissa McCarthy, Jayson Twombly, June Garen  
Wentworth By The Sea Country Club



Jo Ann Feldman (3rd from left), Mary Mattson (far right) and their team hosted NHBCC President Nancy Ryan and NHBCC Board Member Nancy Snell at the 2019 “Hit The Links In Pink” golf tournament fundraiser luncheon. Thank you, ladies!

Thank you to Melissa McCarthy, Jayson Twombly and June Garen for the unique Pop-Up Extravaganza fundraiser at Pitman's Freight Room in Laconia!



One of the many special raffle gift baskets at the Hoodcroft Ladies “Swing For The Fight” golf fundraiser.  
Thank you for an outstanding event and for the fun-filled buffet dinner!

*Nancy Ryan, President, NHBCC*

“This year NHBCC entered its 27th year of action, education and advocacy and I cannot say it often enough: Thank you for supporting the NHBCC mission and work.”

Change Service Requested

18 Belle Lane | Lee, NH 03861-6438



PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE