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/.

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!
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!

NHGCC Support Services Fund

The NHGCC 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. NHGCC 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 NHGCC Support Services Fund, visit our web site at: www.nhbcc.org or call 1-800-930-8410.

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

The New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition (NHGCC) 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 NHGCC 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 midstream plate change). Additional information can be found on the form in this newsletter.

NHGCC invites you to be among those who have already purchased their NHGCC License Plate Decals for just $25 per set. To order your decals, visit our web site at: www.nhbcc.org or use the Order Form included in this newsletter!
2019 Fundraisers are on a Roll!

NHBC 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 NHBC 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
Hoodkroft 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 NHBC President Nancy Ryan and NHBC 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 Hoodkroft Ladies “Swing For The Fight” golf fundraiser. Thank you for an outstanding event and for the fun-filled buffet dinner!
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Nancy Ryan, President, NHBCC