

ABOUT THE STEP SISTERS



The Step Sisters fight breast cancer differently – by raising funds to provide practical support services for area patients as they battle the disease.

Studies show that personal and financial difficulties can cause breast cancer patients to delay or even stop their treatment. By funding services such as transportation, childcare and house cleaning, our goal is to not only increase a patient's quality of life, but also decrease her obstacles to treatment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When were The Step Sisters founded?

While The Step Sisters have been working for many years to fight breast cancer, they officially founded the organization in February, 2014.

How are The Step Sisters different from other breast cancer charities?

Many large charities are already doing great work raising funds towards a cure. The Step Sisters support women that are *currently* battling the disease by funding necessary support services.

What types of services do The Step Sisters fund?

The Step Sisters fund transportation, house cleaning, food delivery, childcare, lawn services/snow removal and pet services.

The Step Sisters also have a Crisis Fund, used to support women facing extreme financial difficulties during their treatment and assist with rent/mortgage, utilities and food. A gift card program, started by the group, is also used to defray everyday costs during treatment (food, gas, etc.).

Finally, The Step Sisters create, stuff and supply Chemo Care Bags to patients undergoing chemotherapy, providing comfort during a very difficult time.

How are The Step Sisters important in fighting breast cancer?

Step Sister services are designed to ease a patient's mind, decreasing stress and providing comfort. But they are also designed to remove *all* obstacles to treatment. If a patient postpones her appointment because she does not have childcare, for example, we know that delay can be detrimental to her overall prognosis. We believe that no patient should have to alter her treatment plans because of her personal circumstances.

Where do The Step Sisters offer their support services?

Today, The Step Sisters fund services at nine medical centers throughout Northern Virginia.

LEADERSHIP

Ashley Campolattaro, *Founder & Co-Executive Director*

Ashley co-founded the Step Sisters in 2005 when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. She currently serves as Co-Executive Director. As the Step Sisters have grown and evolved, her life has been touched by breast cancer with a number of friends also facing the disease. She feels that the Step Sisters' mission has reignited the "heart" of the organization and has brought new meaning to its work by impacting our local communities.



Angela Fuentes, *Founder & Co-Executive Director*

Angela joined the Step Sisters in 2009 following her personal battle with breast cancer. Throughout her treatment, members of The Step Sisters played an important role in supporting her and getting her through a very challenging time in her life. Angela hopes to pay forward the generosity and kindness that was shown to her family and is proud to serve as Co-Executive Director of The Step Sisters organization.



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