

Grant assistance program for single mothers with ABC/mBC

Infinite Strength

OVERVIEW: Infinite Strength is a non-profit organisation with a mission to provide financial support to underserved single mothers with ABC/mBC in the US. This initiative provides eligible applicants with financial support of \$6,000 for rent, mortgage, utilities and food, as well as free admission to the organisation's HOPE retreats and quarterly Life Support Series panel discussions.



Area of focus:

Support for patients with ABC/mBC



Target population:

Underserved, low income single mothers living with ABC/mBC

Objectives: To offer better quality of life for single mothers with ABC/mBC and their children while navigating an ABC/mBC diagnosis. To offer better access to care by providing virtual and in-person quarterly panel discussions with top oncologists, researchers and therapists

Unmet needs addressed:

- Single mothers with ABC/mBC often lack basic financial security and emotional support. The program was developed to address those needs and to improve the quality of life of this patient group

Key components:

- A grant of \$1,000 per month for six months to cover rent, mortgage, utilities and food, with the possibility of re-application for grant the following year
- Lifetime, free of charge access to monthly [HOPE Retreats](#) with a licensed family therapist and quarterly virtual and in-person mBC Life Support Panel Discussions with experts in the field

Challenges: To make eligible patients aware of the initiative. The organisation have worked with oncologists and social workers to help make patients aware of the support available

Outcomes: Women and children from 17 states with access to financial support and oncologist expertise **Development:** The initiative was developed based on previous work with ABC/mBC patients leading to recognition of the needs of this underserved population

Cost: >€30,000

Timeline: The initiative is ongoing

Targeted to reach: 150-300



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Based on written submission from Roberta Lombardi, Infinite Strength, 2023. The Hard-to-Reach ABC/mBC Communities Toolkit was developed as a collaboration between Pfizer Oncology and the ABC Global Alliance, with funding and support provided by Pfizer. ABC Global Alliance members and Pfizer colleagues were invited to submit breast cancer community-based initiatives that address specific needs of underserved patient populations with advanced/metastatic breast cancer. Initiatives were evaluated against criteria determined by a steering committee with members from both Pfizer and the ABC Global Alliance. Initiatives were selected for inclusion in the toolkit to highlight best practices in addressing the unique needs of this patient population. All organizations who submitted their initiatives for consideration have provided permission for the initiative information to be included in the toolkit and shared publicly. Pfizer and the ABC Global Alliance bear no responsibility for the contents of the toolkit.

Ethnic, religious, indigenous/native populations and/or other historically marginalised groups	Younger patients	Older patients	Men	LGBTQ+ patients	Low health knowledge patients
Patients who lack an adequate caregiver or support system	Patients who mistrust conventional treatments	Low income patients			
Patients a long distance from a specialist centre	Patients with uncontrolled comorbidities	Mental health patients			