

Bridging the Gap: The 6th Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer

Young women who have been affected by breast cancer will have the chance to come together as a community February 24-26 in Denver for the only international educational conference dedicated to the unique needs of young women affected by the disease. Co-sponsored by the YSC and Living Beyond Breast Cancer (LBBC), the 6th Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer brings together more than 800 young women diagnosed with breast cancer, their friends, family members and doctors to share their experiences and hear leaders in the medical, psychosocial and research fields discuss topics specific to young women and breast cancer.

This year's plenary sessions bring Dr. Kimberly Blackwell, who will talk about the new advances in research as they relate to young

women diagnosed with breast cancer, and Dr. Helen Coons, who will discuss the impact of cancer on intimate relationships. Attendees will also have the opportunity to listen to world-renowned doctors and researchers presenting at workshops focusing on issues specific to women who are: newly diagnosed or in treatment, post-treatment, long-term survivors, or living with metastatic disease, as well as caregivers, advocates and health-care professionals. Discussion topics include sexuality; dating and relationships; fertility; targeted treatments; breast reconstruction options; genetic testing; and coming to terms with your "new normal" after your diagnosis.

Visit the annual conference website at www.youngsurvivorsconference.org for more information and to register, or call (610) 645-4567. Walk-in attendees welcome. ♀

In the Words of Two-time Conference Attendee Jennifer Coy:

"I still couldn't believe I had been diagnosed with breast cancer. At 32 and a single parent of a 2-year old girl, with a full-time career, I had always been so independent. Now I was undergoing treatment, living with my parents, unable to work more than a seven-hour day a few days per week. My hair, brows and lashes were gone, and I questioned whether I was still a woman. I felt I was dying. I got on Mom's computer and started doing searches on "young women and breast cancer," and found the YSC website. I was amazed to see they had a conference coming up in a couple of weeks, and I knew I had to go. Two days later, I booked a hotel room and a flight across the country.

Attending the 2004 Annual Conference changed my perspective, empowered me and renewed my spirit. I received reliable information, as well as support from others who are like me. I even met other single-mom survivors! The sessions I attended helped me understand what was happening to me, and convinced me that my doctor had recommended the best possible treatment regimens.

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GIVING THE GIFT OF OURSELVES

Last week, I had a minor procedure that was going to leave a small scar on my stomach. I looked up at the doctor who was explaining the cosmetic implications and said “My chest is like a tic-tac-toe board; it just doesn’t matter if you add another line!”

Most of us have scars, and not all of them are external. We have faced more in three or four decades of life than many octogenarians. We have faced our mortality, the reaction of our acquaintances when they hear about our diagnosis, the impact of cancer on our families, the struggle to cope with our new bodies, and, ultimately, the death of some of our friends. And, when we are finally exhausted, we are asked to continue to give. Is there more to give beyond pieces and parts of our breasts?

To me, 2006 is a year to celebrate YSC volunteers; those people who give of themselves in ways that can never be deemed small. Whether it is talking to a newly diagnosed

woman, dropping off flyers, scheduling an interview with a local journalist or reviewing the YSC financial statements, our volunteers are truly changing the face of breast cancer.

I recently met a woman who had given her heart and soul to a YSC event; after the event, she admitted she needed a break. I was so appreciative of the fact that she knew her limits. I have met others who go so far beyond my ability that I am almost shunned into fits of guilt. I have to remind myself that whatever I give is good enough.

As I start my two-year term as YSC President, I want to acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers who make the YSC what it is today. Without each of your contributions, no matter how large or small, we couldn’t continue to grow and be recognized as the world-renowned organization we are today. You are the ones who continue to push us with your work, your ideas your dedication. It is truly your support that has pushed the organization

to levels we at one time only dreamed of reaching. And we continue to dream to achieve even more.

I look forward to celebrating with many of you at the 6th Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer, February 24-26. And, I welcome the opportunity to personally thank each of you for putting the YSC on the map!



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[Generous Partners Help YSC Exceed Year-End Fundraising Goal]

The YSC worked with many generous corporate partners this year to raise awareness and much needed funding for programs and services for young women affected by breast cancer. We are grateful to these companies, and to all of our generous donors, for believing in and sharing our mission. Their support helped the YSC raise more than \$1.6 million to continue our mission and vision for young women affected by breast cancer worldwide.

A few of our partnerships this past year included:

■ **Hershey**, through the sale of special YORK Peppermint Patties with pink centers, donated more than \$125,000 to the YSC this past year. Through a campaign entitled “Get the Sensation,” the candies were sold across the U.S. in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Hershey also became the title sponsor of the YSC’s YORK Tour de Pink, our annual fundraising bicycle ride.

In 2006, Hershey and the YSC are partnering on a Be Sensational campaign in collaboration with Nicole Miller and her limited-edition cocktail purses which will be sold on eBay during February. Hershey has also increased its commitment to the YSC through the sale of YORK Peppermint Patties, as well as Kisses and Nuggets for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and will again be the title sponsor of the YSC’s YORK Tour de Pink bike ride.

■ **Mikimoto**, producer of the world’s finest pearl jewelry, created the Hope Collection, a pearl and pink sapphire necklace and earring set, and donated proceeds from all sales. Mikimoto has been a dedicated supporter of the YSC and of women who are affected by breast cancer since 2003.

■ **Pure Romance**, a leading party plan company specializing in relationship enhancement products, has become a partner with the YSC and a sponsor of the Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer, a collaborative program with LBBC. Pure Romance has also created the SSS Program for breast cancer survivors, which focuses on helping them regain the intimacy and sexuality they had prior to their diagnosis.

■ **Hologic**, a partner of the YSC’s since 2003, supported the YSC with a \$100,000 grant towards our educational video and documentary for young women living with advanced breast cancer. These vital programs will be used to educate young women diagnosed with advanced disease as well as the medical community that serves them.

■ **The Avon Foundation**, generously supported the YSC with a \$100,000 grant to support YSC’s programs dedicated to young women living with advanced breast cancer; the translation of YSC’s website into Spanish; and scholarships for young women to attend our annual conference.

■ **Nutra Nail**, whose products are manufactured by CCA Industries, donated 25 cents per sale of eight Nutra Nail Growth and Strengthening products last September and October. Through the support of nationwide drug, food and mass market stores, the campaign generated more than \$40,000. We look forward to building on this success in 2006.

■ **Val Skinner/LIFE Foundation**, partners of the YSC since 2003, have collaborated with the YSC on programs for young women living with advanced breast cancer with a \$20,000 commitment.

■ **Henri Bendel**, the exclusive New York retailer, partnered with celebrities to create a collection of unique handbags to benefit the YSC. London-based design duo Bracher-Emden generously agreed to provide the aptly-named “Breast Bags” for the project, with each celebrity contributing their creative inspiration and design talent. An eBay auction raised more than \$8,000, as well as worldwide awareness of the YSC. Bendels donated proceeds of October sales of a limited-edition cosmetic bag with pink piping, bringing in an additional \$2,500.

■ **KPSS, Inc.**, a global leader in the hair product industry and long-time supporter, is selling the 2006 Goldwell calendar nationwide through select retail stores and salons, as well as on KPSS, Inc.’s website.

[ResourceLink: Peer Support, Resources, and Information]

The YSC's newest program, ResourceLink, was created to provide young breast cancer patients with the most comprehensive network of information and peer support.

In its first 12 months, ResourceLink has addressed close to 2,000 questions about young women and breast cancer via telephone and email. Our database of resources, support groups, services and programs grows every day, helping us to connect women with the critical services they need. ResourceLink offers a special feature, a peer support network of young breast cancer survivors and caregivers who are available to talk or email with other young women and who want to speak with someone who shares their experiences.

Whether you are a young woman with breast cancer trying to find a local support group, a friend or family member searching for a book on being a caregiver or looking for resources for a young woman recently diagnosed, or a health care professional interested in reading the latest research on young women and breast cancer, ResourceLink can help. Email us at ResourceLink@youngsurvival.org or call 877-YSC-1011 and get connected.

To ensure that ResourceLink is the first and best place for young women with breast cancer to turn, we need your help! If you know of a program or resource in your community that is specific to young women affected by breast cancer, please let us know about it. Submit a resource via the YSC website at www.youngsurvival.org/young-women-and-bc/resources/submit-a-resource/ or contact Alex Exley, ResourceLink Manager, at 877-YSC-1011, or alexex@youngsurvival.org.

In the future, we will add ResourceLink to the YSC website as a searchable database to make it easier to find the information you need, and will publish the ResourceLink Guidebook, offering the same comprehensive information in a convenient, portable format.

ResourceLink is made possible through the support of ADP, AstraZeneca, Sanofi-Aventis and StepUp Women's Network. 


[The YSC Website Relaunches]

In Fall 2005, the YSC relunched its website with enriched bulletin board functionality, improved search capabilities and more dynamic content. We hope these enhancements contribute to a more satisfying user experience for all of our constituents. If you would like to offer your suggestions as to how to continue to improve the site, please email webadmin@youngsurvival.org.

[YSC and Y-ME -- Collaborating to Support More Young Women]

The YSC and Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization are partnering to offer vital peer support to more young women affected by breast cancer by training members of the YSC community as peer counselors on the Y-ME Hotline and Match Program.

By training YSC constituents, the YSC ensures that when a young woman calls the Y-ME Hotline, she can be put in touch with a young survivor with similar experiences. Last August, the YSC and Y-ME came together to train young women with metastatic disease as peer counselors to meet the needs of this underserved group, and we will be replicating this effort in 2006 through the generous support of Genentech.

Members of the YSC community interested in participating in this program will receive training from Y-ME counselors to answer all types of questions related to breast cancer, and talk with callers about their concerns. For more information on this collaboration, contact stacyl@youngsurvival.org. The Y-ME Hotline can be reached at 800-221-2441. 

[YSC Ally, Breast Cancer Pioneer Dies at 57]

The YSC lost one of its staunchest allies and breast cancer research lost one of its leading lights when Dr. Jeanne Petrek was killed in an accident last April. Dr. Petrek, 57, was a charter member of the YSC Medical Advisory Board (MAB) and director of the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital.

At the time of her death, Dr. Petrek was preparing to complete a 10-year study of the effects of breast cancer treatment, particularly chemotherapy, on ovarian function,

including infertility and premature menopause. She followed 800 young breast cancer survivors, many of whom eventually became members of the YSC community.

Sloan-Kettering officials told the New York Times that Dr. Petrek's work was the first large study ever done on the safety of pregnancy for breast cancer survivors. Her research will be completed by her colleague, Dr. Kimberly Van Zee, and will benefit young women with breast cancer for years to come. 


[YSC Spreads the Message of Young Women and Breast Cancer Globally]

The staff and board of the YSC continually participate in conferences around the globe to build influence in the medical and research communities, with the goal of improving the quality and quantity of life for young women affected by breast cancer. Recent highlights include:

Past President Randi Rosenberg and Executive Director Michele Przepyszny attended the Working Group for Young Women with Breast Cancer, sponsored by Europa Donna, the European Breast Cancer Coalition in June. The conference brought together representatives from more than ten nations to share expertise and brainstorm how to improve services for young women affected by breast cancer around the world.

Przepyszny presented "Unique Challenges of Breast Cancer in Young Women" at the Southwest Oncology Group's Clinical Research Associates Plenary Session in


September. While presenting at the recent Roche Skill Building/Global Advocate international conference, Michele was praised for her presentation the previous year. "We were so moved by your statements that young women and breast cancer is NOT glamorous," said one attendee, "that we went back to our home in Germany and started three support groups for young women with breast cancer."

YSC Co-founder and Board Member Joy Simha spoke in a plenary session at the 2005 Era of Hope Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, which highlighted advancements made through the U.S. Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (DoD BCRP). Joy presented as part of the session entitled Genetic Profiling and Studies of Gene Expression, addressing the topic from a consumer perspective. 

[YSC Board Secretary Receives NBCC Award]

Jen Levinson, YSC Board Secretary, was recently honored at the National Breast Cancer Coalition's (NBCC) Annual New York Gala. Former President Bill Clinton launched the Virginia Clinton Kelley Fund, created to support the NBCC's programs that educate and train breast cancer survivors to become powerful advocates in the research, medical and legislative communities.

Jen was one of two advocates honored at the event for their dedication and commitment to legislative advocacy on a local and national level. Jen's activism involves not just the YSC and NBCC; she also sits on the board of the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition.

After being initially diagnosed at age 34, Jen became active in the YSC as a Board Member, Chair of the Research and Advocacy committee, and has helped the YSC sponsor close to 50 young survivors each year at the annual NBCCF conference. 

[Survivor Spotlight — Selma Schimmel]

“This poor, unfortunate woman” is how Selma Schimmel’s oncologist described her when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1983. For Selma, then only 27, the doctor’s words were nearly as disturbing as his diagnosis. “I was not poor or unfortunate; I was hopeful, and I was going to survive.”

But beating cancer required medical and psychological help, so she joined a local support group. From the first session, however, Selma knew she didn’t fit in. “I looked around and realized I was the youngest person.” Selma, still a UCLA student, found no answers to her questions. Will I ever be able to have a family of my own? Will I ever be able to have a career?

Frustrated, Selma started Vital Options, a support group for young adults coping with cancer. For these patients, cancer attacks not only their bodies, but also their dreams of starting a family or a career. Moreover, the oncology of cancer for 20- to 40-year olds differs from pediatric cancers or those typically experienced later in life. Vital Options, now in its 22nd year, is pushing the medical community to recognize the unique challenges of this demographic.

Selma launched Vital Options while undergoing chemotherapy. Soon she cultivated a volunteer staff of psychologists and social workers. “It became a place for young professionals to train,” Selma recalls.

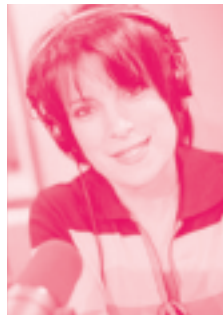
As news of Vital Options spread, Selma decided to open a clinic. But she needed money.

After some thought, Selma decided to host a dance recital. “Dance is a perfect metaphor. You have to align body, mind and spirit, the same way that you beat cancer.” Her

show, Dance for Life, was an immediate success, and attracted burgeoning talent like Paula Abdul, as well as marquee acts like Liza Minnelli.

In 1995, Selma launched Group Room, a radio show where cancer patients and their families get clinical information and psychological counseling. Last year, Vital Options’ website attracted 216,000 visitors.

“One of the goals of my life is to be there for any young adult struggling with the decision of what to do once they find out they have cancer.” With her radio show and her website, Selma’s making every attempt to provide the YSC community and other young women with the resources and support she never had. ✕



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And during it all, I discovered that I was still alive. I returned home with a new understanding of breast cancer and treatment that I did not get from all the books I had read or from what my doctors had told me.

I attended the conference again in February 2005 and found many sessions that met my new needs; those of a woman whose treatment had ended. I did not think it would be possible, but the 2005 conference was even better than 2004. It covered everything from updates on advances in breast cancer treatment and understanding the impact of cancer on the lives of young women to coping with depression and sex after breast cancer. I learned that my life would never go back to what it was, but eventually I would discover my new normal.

Whether you attend for the first time or the sixth time, the Annual Conference is an empowering event. This year’s conference is being held in Denver, my home town, and I’ll be bringing my aunt who was diagnosed at age 40. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone there!” ✕

[YSC Welcomes Three New Board Members]

The YSC voted in three new board members at the November 2005 meeting. Each of these dedicated volunteers has worked with the YSC raising vital funds, creating new programs and initiating key relationships nationally and globally for the organization. Their strategic vision and dedication will continue to build the YSC into an internationally acclaimed organization that serves thousands of young women affected by breast cancer.

Elizabeth Danes is a Principal at Capital Z Investments, where she has been responsible for sourcing, evaluating and structuring investment in private equity and hedge funds and their management companies. Prior to joining Capital Z in 1998, Elizabeth was a fund manager at the F&C Group (formerly Foreign & Colonial), a London-based asset management business, where she assisted in the development and management of private equity funds. She was also an associate in the Financial Institutions Group at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London. Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelors Degree in International Politics from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and received a Masters Degree in Economics from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium).

Lisa J. Frank is a founding member of the YSC and attended the first YSC meeting on November 1, 1998, just one and a half months after being diagnosed with Stage I breast cancer at age 36. A member of the original Board of Directors and the first fundraising co-chair, Lisa has remained involved in the YSC, working on the annual YORK Tour De Pink and In Living Pink fundraisers and serves on the Board Development Committee. In August 2004, Lisa had a second primary recurrence and was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer at the age of 43. The first call she made after her second diagnosis was to the YSC. Lisa is a lawyer for ADP, Inc., the national payroll service and a major partner in the YSC’s ResourceLink program.

Margaret (Peg) McCormick was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer in 1999, and first became involved with the YSC in 2001 while heading up oncology advocacy relations for Roche Pharmaceuticals. While at Roche, Peg secured funding for YSC’s national programs including the YSC documentary, Fighting For Our Future, YSC’s educational video, You are Not Alone, the Young Perspectives newsletter, and the Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer. Peg earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business. She is currently working as the Director of Alliance Development for Novartis Oncology. Peg brings a broad range of health care experience to the YSC including advanced practice nursing, research administration, marketing, and advocacy relations. Born and raised in Minneapolis, MN, Peg currently resides in Hoboken, NJ, with her husband Ron LeGault. ✕

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KPSS, Inc. will donate a portion of the proceeds of each calendar sold in the U.S. with a minimum donation of \$16,000. This stunning calendar features women from the YSC community, as well as information about the organization and breast cancer in young women.

■ **Tarte Cosmetics** participated in a QVC segment to support breast cancer research and has sold a special pink lip gloss to benefit the YSC. The YSC received more than \$9,000 from the sales of Tarte’s exclusive Ladies Night set, which included a small clutch, lip sheer and mini cheekstain.

■ Other retail partners and supporters of the YSC include: **Skechers, Olive and Bette’s, Nanette Lepore, Leslie Newton; Catorina MacKechnie, and Paper Denim and Cloth.**

If you are a retailer interested in collaborating with the YSC, please contact Michele Przypyszny at michelep@youngsurvival.org. ✕

[Local Spotlight—Ohio]

In neighborhoods across Central Ohio, volunteers of the Young Survival Coalition - Central Ohio Chapter are out in force, raising awareness of the YSC and young women with breast cancer through fundraising events, petitioning for a breast cancer license plate and educating the medical community that young women CAN and DO get breast cancer.

Since it became an affiliate of the YSC, the YSC Central Ohio Chapter has initiated many exciting collaborative programs with local chapters of other national organizations.

In collaboration with Hadassah, a Jewish women's volunteer organization, YSC Central Ohio works to educate young women in high schools and colleges about breast health through a program called "Check It Out."

YSC Central Ohio volunteers have also formed a successful link with Ohio's American Cancer Society (ACS). Last year, YSC volunteers helped launch an effort to increase the number of young women in ACS Ohio's "Reach to Recovery" peer-support program. YSC Central Ohio also works closely with the Columbus Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and for the past two years has received a grant from the Columbus Komen Affiliate to provide information packets to newly diagnosed cancer patients. In 2006, Central Ohio YSC will launch an educational series in collaboration with local non-profits, hospitals, and oncology offices focusing on issues unique to young women and breast cancer.


The key to YSC Central Ohio's success is the commitment of their core group of volunteers. Whether it is organizing a Courage Night, staffing an educational booth at a health fair or speaking at a medical symposium, volunteers are encouraged and empowered to make a difference in their communities. "This is an exciting time for YSC Central Ohio," according to Chapter Chair, Anna Cluxton. "Our goal is to have office space donated early this year and a part-time executive director hired by end of 2006!"

For more information about YSC Central Ohio or to join their Yahoo! Listserve, email yscoho@youngsurvival.org. 

[YSC Affiliate Leaders Gather to Share, Learn and Inspire]

Close to 50 young breast cancer survivors from across the country gathered in New York for the YSC's first Affiliate Leadership Conference November 11-13, 2005. The goal of the two-day meeting was to empower these committed volunteers to further the YSC's mission in their communities, build leadership and expand the YSC's reach.

The intensive weekend helped focus participants on the mission and goals of the organization nationally and in their local communities. Workshops encouraged the exchange of ideas, helped YSC affiliates formulate their action plans, and laid the foundation for fostering vibrant, supportive communities of young women affected by breast cancer in each of the regions represented including Atlanta, Central Indiana, Central Ohio, Houston, Baltimore, Denver, Northern New Jersey, and Kansas City.

The YSC's Affiliate Program is key to the success of the organization and exemplifies grassroots advocacy at its best. The YSC is the dynamic, influential organization it is today because of the passion and tireless commitment of these volunteers. To learn more about starting a YSC Affiliate in your area, contact Lori Atkinson, Affiliate Manager, at loria@youngsurvival.org. 

[Volunteer Spotlight—Keith Halpern]

When Keith Halpern decided to challenge himself to run a 50-mile ultramarathon, he knew he couldn't do it alone. So he enlisted the support of the YSC's mission to inspire him to tackle the race and make it to the finish line.


"Toward the beginning of my training, I decided I wanted this run to be about more than just doing what many of my friends and family viewed as insane," he said. "Finding it difficult to explain why I was running this event, I wanted to give it a more tangible purpose and decided to run the race as a fundraising benefit. It didn't take me long to choose the Young Survival Coalition as the organization."

Keith's mother-in-law, whom he never met, was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 32 and died at 44 after a long battle with the disease. Since then, Keith's wife Robbie and her family have been actively raising money for breast cancer research in their native Montreal. Both Keith's cousin, Polly Halpern, an active member of the YSC community who was instrumental in forming a support group for young women in the Puget Sound area, and his aunt, recently fought and won their respective battles with cancer.

Because the YSC is the only organization dedicated to the unique needs of young women with breast cancer, Keith wanted to be a part of the YSC's mission to get young women the physical and emotional support they need to battle this disease.

"I've come to know about YSC's work and believe that their particular focus on young women fills a critical void in the breast cancer support network," Keith said.

As soon as Keith announced his mission to family and friends, the word spread and donations started pouring in. Within a short time, he had raised nearly \$4,500 for the YSC.

When the miles started taking a physical toll on Keith, and he began to lose hope that he would complete the grueling race, he admitted that the YSC's mission helped carry him across the finish line. "Thinking about all of the people who had pledged and were supporting both the YSC and me in this endeavor really helped me get through some of those tough miles," he added. 



For Steven Ostrovitz (l.) and Tom Merrifield (r.), the Tire Rack One Lap of America was more than an eight-day endurance rally with nearly twenty-four hours of driving each day. By the time they crossed the finish line more than 5,000 miles later, the team had raised over \$10,000 for the YSC, where Steven's wife Judy found much-needed support during her breast cancer diagnosis and treatment for advanced disease.



Port Washington, New York residents Debbie and Mike Levine enlisted the help of eleven friends and their families on both U.S. coasts, and through sales and donations at their curbside lemonade stands, the group raised more than \$6,000 for the YSC!! We are deeply grateful for their thirst-quenching efforts.

[The YSC Welcomes Two New Staff Members] [Young Survival Coalition]

Stacy Lewis, the YSC's new Program Director, brings over 12 years experience creating, developing and administering services and programs for those with special healthcare needs. She is recognized as an effective leader and an individual dedicated to quality program delivery. For five years, Stacy served as the Deputy Director and Director of Programs for SHARE: Self-help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer; before that she served as the Community Executive and Director of Breast Health for the American Cancer Society - Eastern Division. She is a graduate of William Paterson University and credentialed as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) by the National Commission For Health Education Credentialing, Inc. Stacy will be responsible for enhancing the YSC's programmatic capabilities and spearheading new initiatives including those which address the specific needs of young women from diverse backgrounds and those who are living with metastatic disease.

The YSC's new Affiliate Manager, **Lori Atkinson**, is a seven-year breast cancer survivor who has been involved as a volunteer with the Young Survival Coalition for the past six years. Her involvement has focused primarily on the organizational structure of the YSC's local groups and volunteers, as she started the first YSC affiliate in Indiana. Since then she has been a member of the Affiliate Task Force, Volunteer Steering Committee and has been involved with YSC's strategic planning. She is also a graduate of the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Project LEAD® and Clinical Trials LEAD® educational courses for advocates. Lori is responsible for managing the YSC's eight affiliates as well as developing a strategy of growth for new affiliates of the YSC. Lori lives in a small town outside of Indianapolis, IN. ❧

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