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[From the YSC Bulletin Board]

Powerful. Vital. Unstoppable. For me, these words best describe the women of the YSC and its message — if you are fighting to raise awareness about young women with breast cancer, you can be sure of one thing: You are not alone. Once considered an outsider in the breast cancer community, the YSC has succeeded in taking its message mainstream, right where it belongs.

Beth Murphy, author and producer of “Fighting for Our Future”, “You Are Not Alone” and “Breast Cancer Legacy”

The Young Survival Coalition has a unifying spirit, a loving heart and the smarts to ensure that the medical, scientific and advocacy communities finally address the issues of young women and breast cancer. It is saving lives and offering many hope and comfort.

Mary Dixon, nine-year survivor

Until fairly recently, I felt alone in this. I knew there were many other people under 40 who had been diagnosed... and here are all of you! Thank you for letting me feel part of a group where people actually understand what I am feeling.

YSC volunteer diagnosed at 33

I was diagnosed with breast cancer ten years ago. There was not much for women my age then and it was hard to relate to the older women in my situation. Everyone always says and still says “you are too young for cancer”. They still to this day do not believe young women get breast cancer. YSC has helped to change that.

YSC volunteer diagnosed at 28



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Young Women United Against Breast CancerSM

Changing the Face of Breast Cancer

ACTION • ADVOCACY • AWARENESSSM

[About the Young Survival Coalition]

Young women CAN and DO get breast cancer. While breast cancer in young women accounts for a small percentage of all breast cancer cases, the impact of this disease is widespread: There are more than 250,000 women 40 and under in the U.S. living with breast cancer¹, and over 11,100 young women will be diagnosed in the next year². But, despite the fact that breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women ages 15 to 54³:

- ✘ Many young women and their doctors are unaware that they may be at risk for breast cancer.
- ✘ There is no effective breast cancer screening tool for women 40 and under.
- ✘ Young women are often diagnosed at a later stage than their older counterparts.
- ✘ There is very little research or educational material focused on issues unique to this younger population, such as fertility, pregnancy, genetic predisposition, the impact of hormonal status on the effectiveness of treatment, psycho-social and long-term survivorship issues, and higher mortality rates for young women, particularly for African-Americans and Latinas.
- ✘ Young women diagnosed with breast cancer often feel isolated and have little contact with peers who can relate to what they are experiencing.

For these reasons, the Young Survival Coalition is working to change the face of breast cancer and increase the quality and quantity of life for all young women affected by this disease.

Our Mission

The Young Survival Coalition is the only international network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to the critical concerns and issues unique to young women and breast cancer. Through action, advocacy, and awareness, the YSC seeks to educate and influence the medical, research, breast cancer, and legislative communities to address breast cancer in women 40 and under, and to serve as a point of contact for young women living with breast cancer.

1. Figure based upon the 2000 US Census

2. American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Facts and Figures, 2005–2006

3. National Cancer Institute, Fact Book, 2004

[How the YSC Works]

ACTION

The YSC works with doctors and researchers to educate them about the issues surrounding young women and breast cancer and encourages them to improve the standards of clinical care, and to study this underserved population. The YSC provides a forum for young women living with this disease to discuss vital issues by hosting survivor education programs and co-sponsoring the only international conference focused on young women and breast cancer.

ADVOCACY

The YSC collaborates with medical researchers and scientific institutions around the world to ensure that more attention and dollars are directed toward research on young women with breast cancer and the screening tools appropriate for them. As the voice of young women affected by breast cancer, YSC constituents nationwide are also changing the way legislators view breast cancer.

AWARENESS

The YSC educates the medical and research community, the breast cancer community, and the general public that young women CAN and DO get breast cancer. By empowering young women to be their own best health advocates, the YSC encourages them to know their bodies; understand the benefits and limitations of breast self-examination; and to never accept “you are too young for breast cancer” as a diagnosis.

The YSC also serves as a resource for young women diagnosed with breast cancer and their caregivers, providing the information, tools, and peer support structure they need to navigate their experience — helping to eliminate the sense of isolation often felt by these women and their loved ones.

[What Can You Do?]

Help support the YSC by volunteering or making a donation today! Log on to www.youngsurvival.org or call 646-257-3000. Together we will change the face of breast cancer and improve the quality and quantity of life for all young women affected by this disease.

[YSC Programs and Services]

The YSC’s programs and initiatives support the organization’s key goal of setting the standard and being the foremost influencer of issues and resources focused on young women affected by breast cancer to ensure that the needs of this population are met. Highlights include:

www.youngsurvival.org The YSC Website is the most comprehensive resource in the world for and about young women and breast cancer.

Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer This event is the only international conference of its kind to address the critical concerns and issues faced by young women affected by breast cancer. Co-hosted by the YSC and Living Beyond Breast Cancer, young women come to hear world-renowned doctors and researchers speak on the medical advances specific to young women with breast cancer.

ResourceLink The top resource email and toll-free number for anyone with questions regarding breast cancer in young women. Inquiries can be sent to ResourceLink@youngsurvival.org or by calling 877.YSC.1011. A YSC staff member will answer questions, refer to appropriate resources and provide a connection to a peer-support network of other young women affected by breast cancer.

Documentaries and Educational Films “Fighting for Our Future” chronicles the lives of young women with breast cancer; “You Are Not Alone” provides peer support and education for newly diagnosed young women; and, “Breast Cancer Legacy” focuses on the role genetics and family history play in young women affected by breast cancer. All produced in conjunction with Principle Pictures.

Companion materials for these films include: the “Fighting for Our Future” book containing comprehensive information for young women affected by breast cancer; “You Are Not Alone” booklet with information and resources for newly diagnosed young women; and, a FAQ sheet on hereditary breast cancer.