YOUNG WOMEN CAN AND DO GET BREAST CANCER

- Breast cancer is the **most common cancer** in women ages 15 to 39.¹
- More than **12,000 young women** will be diagnosed this year.²
- It is estimated that **more than 250,000 women** diagnosed with breast cancer at age 40 or younger are living in the U.S. today.

YSC’S RESEARCH AGENDA

**ADVOCATES FOR ANSWERS**

YSC assembled a team of leading advocates, researchers and clinicians for an 18-month “Research Think Tank.” Our goal is to drive real change by refocusing the research community on the tough questions that will ultimately improve and extend life for young women with breast cancer.

[Find out more at youngsurvival.org](http://youngsurvival.org).

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

- **Raise awareness** that young women can and do get breast cancer. Share your story or represent YSC at a local health fair or community event. Train to become a YSC State Leader or learn how to be an advocate.

SUPPORT SURVIVORS

- **Pay it forward** by supporting and empowering young survivors. Attend or start a Face 2 Face networking group near you, train to be a peer mentor and more.

FUNDRAISE

- **Host a fundraising event**, celebrate a momentous occasion, ride in Tour de Pink, make a donation or attend a YSC fundraising event!
Young Survival Coalition (YSC) was the first organization to focus exclusively on the unique issues young women with breast cancer face.

Founded in 1998 by three young women who were under the age of 35 when diagnosed with breast cancer, YSC has become the go-to organization for young women facing a breast cancer diagnosis.

Among other services, YSC:

- Provides information, resources and support from diagnosis through long-term survivorship
- Educates and empowers young women to be their own best health advocates
- Works with healthcare providers, researchers and legislators to educate them about the unique issues young women face
- Advocates for more studies on breast cancer in young women and access to quality care

BREAST CANCER IN YOUNG WOMEN IS DIFFERENT

- Young women often face delayed diagnosis and more aggressive forms of breast cancer.
- Lack of awareness among medical professionals, along with limited research and effective screening tools, can lead to higher mortality rates.
- Due to age at diagnosis, concerns can include fertility preservation, treatment during pregnancy, genetic predisposition, early menopause and caring for young children.
- Financial difficulty may occur when facing breast cancer during the peak of a career or while pursuing an education.

“YSC gives us hope and allows us to carry on in our journey and believe that there is something better on the horizon for us. And that cancer isn’t the period, but just the start of a sentence.”

- Victoria, diagnosed at 30