IN 1998 a group of young women, all diagnosed with breast cancer before age 40, gathered in New York City and had the first YSC meeting. They all personally experienced that young adults were missing from the research, community and conversations about breast cancer. Twenty years later, these needs still define YSC’s work.

YSC celebrated its 20th year in 2018 by hosting 10 community events across the country, including our largest flagship event in New York City, where it all began. Throughout the year, your support helped YSC provide survivors, co-survivors and healthcare providers with free educational resources and community support networks. Thank you to all of our donors, fundraisers, volunteers and constituents for continuing to believe in YSC and our amazing community. Your dedication helps YSC ensure no young adult faces breast cancer alone.

Smiles,

Jennifer Merschdorf, CEO

YOUNG SURVIVAL COALITION (YSC)
STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY, ADDRESSES THE UNIQUE NEEDS, AMPLIFIES THE VOICE AND IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF YOUNG ADULTS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER, LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

“...I remember walking into my oncologist’s office and realizing that I was the youngest patient in the waiting room.”

Jane M. Diagnosed at 35
When I was going through chemotherapy, I met a young survivor with the same diagnosis as me who had completed her treatments a year prior. Meeting someone who had gone through the same experiences, who was now fully living life, gave me hope and changed my outlook on my diagnosis. I volunteer for YSC to help young survivors connect with each other and help provide a forum for hope and support.”

Joanne H, Diagnosed at 33
YSC celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2018 with community events in 10 cities across the U.S. For 20 years, YSC has made friendships that feel more like family. We’ve formed long partnerships with our community who dedicate themselves to our cause. These relationships run deep and last lifetimes. In 2018, we celebrated the people who help make our mission possible.

Congratulations on twenty years of making sure no young adult faces breast cancer alone. YSC helped Erin and me tremendously; we will always be grateful that you were there when we needed you.”

Pablo Colón, Co-Survivor, board member and YSC Game Changer with his wife, Erin, at the event in New York.
The YSC Summit brought together more than 600 survivors, co-survivors, healthcare providers and supporters in Orlando, FL. You helped YSC feature 3 days of current, evidence-based information to assist young adults in making decisions about their healthcare. Many Summit attendees had never been in a room with another young adult diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I left my first year attending the YSC Summit feeling connected, supported, and inspired. It’s hard to describe the powerful feeling of being surrounded by 600 other young adults that really and truly get it."

Miranda M. • Survivor

YSC CONFERENCES

2018 SYMPOSIUM IN PITTSBURGH, PA

YSC’s regional Symposium is a 1-day conference that travels to a new region each year to increase access to information that young adults affected by breast cancer need.
In 2018, 533 riders participated in 3 Tour de Pink events. YSC’s 3-day charity bike rides took place in California, New York and Florida. This supportive ride attracts a large number of survivors each year who are eager to reclaim their bodies from the effects of a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Cancer has taken so much away from me this past year, but you have given me a way to give back to myself and to start a new and healthy life! And I feel so blessed to be able to ride in the Tour de Pink and give back to a great organization that has given hope to me when I needed it.”

Amanda C.
Survivor Rider & Bike Recipient
WITH YOUR HELP, YSC RAISED $4,158,035 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS $1,868,983
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS $1,437,696
FOUNDATION GRANTS $343,773
GOVERNMENT GRANTS $363,133
OTHER $144,450

Fiscal Year 2018 is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

I am so proud to have the opportunity to be a part of such a great organization. YSC has provided me with many great resources and given me the ability to share those with other young women."

Vanessa S. Diagnosed at 32

The 10th annual Congressional Women’s Softball Game brought together congressional representatives and the press corps to raise $295,000 for Young Survival Coalition.
THANK YOU, DONORS

$100,000+
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

$50,000 - $99,999

$25,000 - $49,000

$24,999 - $5,000
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