



Maimah Karmo Bio

Maimah Karmo is the Founder and Executive Director of the Tigerlily Foundation, which she founded after being diagnosed with breast cancer. While going through chemotherapy, Maimah made a promise to God and her daughter that she would change the landscape of young women and breast cancer and that she would spend her life working to effect this change. That promise is Tigerlily Foundation. Tigerlily Foundation's mission is to educate, empower, advocate for, and provide hands-on support to young women affected by breast cancer.

Breast cancer changed the way Maimah saw life and the way she lives. After being diagnosed, and facing her own mortality at 32-years old, she realized she had to create the life she desired and not wait for life to happen to her. She also realized that a challenge could be a gift.

Through her advocacy, Maimah has been able to touch women and men around the world. She speaks nationwide, and has been featured in various magazines, including *Essence*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Cure Magazine*, *Women and Cancer*, *Washington's Finest* and in numerous web-based and regional print publications. She has also been featured on *Fox 5*, *WJLA 7*, *News Channel 8*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, and many local and national radio shows, including on XM and Sirius stations.

Maimah is a member of several national cancer advocacy organizations. She serves on the *Young Survival Coalition's* Diversity Outreach Committee and a speaker for *The Breast Cancer Network of Strength*. She is a member of the Intercultural Cancer Consortium and the D.C. Cancer Consortium. She supports the *African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA)*, and is on the *Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) Young Adult Alliance (YAA)*. Maimah is a breast cancer grant reviewer, and a supporter of many local and national women's health initiatives specific to breast cancer. One of Maimah's proudest advocacy moments to date is her work on behalf of the Breast Cancer **Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young (EARLY) Act**, along with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's Office. This legislation would provide nationwide awareness, education and funding specifically targeting young women and breast cancer.

She is also writing a **best-seller** about how her breast cancer diagnosis transformed her life. Maimah is a dedicated breast cancer and women's activist. She has dedicated to helping women around the world. Maimah believes in living an extraordinary life every day; that is the birthright of every woman.

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