

## Tigerlily Foundation Awards Five U.S. Community Based Organizations with grants to reach and empower young Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) women at risk of or diagnosed with breast cancer.

Aldie, VA – April 18, 2023 – Tigerlily Foundation (Tigerlily), a leading breast cancer patient advocacy organization, founded and led by a Black triple negative breast cancer survivor and advocate, launched **The National Community Alliance for Health Equity for Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) and Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC) in Young Women.**

Following a competitive application process and an independent expert National Institutes of Health (NIH) style evaluation, five U.S. based organizations were each awarded \$20,000 from Tigerlily that they are using to galvanize a variety of innovative and trusted programs to educate and empower BIPOC women living with Metastatic Breast Cancer or Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

The Program Director for this initiative, Jeanne Regnante said *“Tigerlily’s ANGEL Advocates and cancer center leaders are looking forward to working collaboratively with these five successful trusted community organization leaders as they have shown throughout the COVID 19 pandemic that they serve as a trusted and authentic source to deliver education and hope to the communities that they serve.”*

### Five organizations received a 2023 Tigerlily Foundation community grant award:

**The San José Clinic** based in Houston, Texas, mission is to provide healing through quality health care and education with respect and compassion for those with limited access to care. San José Clinic will expand the focus of its cancer outreach initiative to educate and target women at high risk of TNBC and MBC. Their Community Health Worker (CHW) will implement innovative services and programs to assess risk at the patient care level and provide education at the clinic and screenings in partnership with Texas Southern University (TSU), The Rose, and MD Anderson’s Project Valet.

**Cancer Support Community Los Angeles (CSCLA)**, has remained committed to inclusively and equitably serving individuals affected by cancer throughout Los Angeles, including those of diverse races, ethnicities, ages, sexualities, gender identities, socioeconomic levels, and immigrant statuses. CSCLA will expand their Young Adults Program in 2023 enable 275 young adults affected by cancer to receive additional psychosocial support and build an active peer community of shared experiences—essential determinants of mental and physical well-being for young adults.

**Mantua Worldwide Community** based in Philadelphia, PA was established specifically upon public health, the arts, and environmental sustainability. The focus of “It’s All About Me!” is to primarily empower Black women to begin focusing on their own healing and self-care first

through breast cancer education, screenings, and referrals. The second focus is to present participants with holistic options through the arts that would help them re-direct their energy so they can begin a journey of indulging in adequate self-care – mind, body, and spirit.

**The African Family Health Organization (AFAHO)** provides health, human, and educational services to African and Caribbean immigrants and refugees (ACIR) in the greater Philadelphia area. AFAHO will authentically develop and facilitate culturally and linguistically sensitive education workshops on breast health and breast cancer; develop an audio series rooted in the storytelling tradition of the ACIR community and engage young women and medical providers in focus group discussions on clinical trials and connect women to preventative and diagnostic breast screenings.

**The ROSE**, Houston, Texas, a breast center of excellence has established engagement activities such as education and screening events with local community partners (schools, churches, clinics and companies). The Tigerlily grant will accelerate the Empower Her® 2023 goal to serve 7,300 uninsured patients. Key partners, initiated by Rose’s community engagement navigators will engage in program promotion, education and outreach, patient recruitment, patient navigation, hosting mobile screening events, and provide patient transportation.

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*“We are so honored to be given the incredibly exciting opportunity to partner with these great community-based organization leaders, to learn from and with them to better reach and empower young BIPOC women when it comes to their health. When I founded Tigerlily, it was a labor of love building it – for many years without many resources or guidance. I made a promise to pay it forward by educating women directly and to support community-based organizations. Being able to gift these organizations with micro-grants to enable them to put in place sustainable, community-driven solutions is at the core of our commitment to uplift others by listening, learning, leveraging what we learned, and letting the community lead,”* said Tigerlily CEO and Founder, Maimah Karmo. *“We are thankful for the generous support of **SANOFI and GILEAD** as we work to grow the ecosystem of better health for young BIPOC women. We look forward to launching this program and to expanding it over time.”*

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### About Tigerlily Foundation:

Tigerlily Foundation is a national breast cancer foundation providing education, awareness, advocacy, and support to young women (ages 15-45) – before, during and after breast cancer. Tigerlily programs seek to educate, empower and advocate for women of all backgrounds. Our vision is to end disparities of age, stage and color by improving quality of life and ends isolation among breast cancer survivors. Learn more about Tigerlily Foundation at <https://www.tigerlilyfoundation.org>.