June brings not only warmer weather but also two important milestones: National Cancer Survivors Month and Juneteenth, a celebration of freedom and resilience. As patient advocates, this confluence holds particular significance. While we honor the strength of all cancer survivors, we must acknowledge the stark disparities in access to quality healthcare that disproportionately impact marginalized communities. This June let’s recommit ourselves to dismantling these barriers and ensuring all individuals, regardless of race, background, or zip code, have the opportunity to fight cancer and thrive beyond diagnosis.

Honoring the life and legacy of Eboney Thompson

We honor the life and legacy of **Eboney “Mz. Hustle’N’Heelz” Thompson**. Eboney - a mother to four beautiful children, a published author, motivational speaker, life coach, lover of stilettos and breast cancer advocate. Eboney lived her life by faith. A stage IV metastatic breast cancer diagnosis in December 2018 didn’t slow her down, it fueled her. She became a certified patient navigator to help other cancer patients. As a life coach, she motivated those with cancer, diabetes, HIV and much more and was also apart of Tigerlily’s ANGEL Advocacy Program. We will miss Eboney’s bright smile and radiant personality. We will continue to advocate in her honor. Rest in peace, Eboney.
We’re Coming to Houston! Join SurviveHER and Tigerlily Foundation for Thriving Beyond Pink: A Celebration of Survivorship

THRIVING BEYOND PINK: A CELEBRATION OF SURVIVORSHIP
NATIONAL BLACK FAMILY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Saturday, June 15, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Brentwood Baptist Church
Lifelong Learning Center Ballroom
13033 Landmark, Houston, TX 77045

Thriving Beyond Pink: A Celebration of Survivorship is an inspiring event for cancer survivors, presented by SurviveHER and the Tigerlily Foundation. Join us for a day of information, empowerment, and community at Brentwood Baptist Church: Lifelong Learning Center Ballroom in Houston, Texas.

Here’s what you can look forward to:

• **Empowering Panels:** Gain valuable knowledge from “Survivors Toolkit” and “Raising Your Voice as an Advocate in Survivorship.”
• **Expert Q&A:** Get your questions answered by MD Anderson Cancer Center providers during the “Ask the Doctor” open forum.
• **Delicious Food:** Enjoy a complimentary lunch and snacks.
• **Fun Giveaways:** Enter to win exciting door prizes!

Don’t miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and be inspired! Space is limited!

Register Today!
Empower Ball: A Night of Hope and Celebration

Save the Date for the Tigerlily Foundation’s annual EmPOWER Ball on October 19th! Join us for an unforgettable evening honoring patients, providers, and supporters who fight tirelessly against cancer.

This black-tie optional event features:
• **A Celebration of Courage:** We honor those who inspire us with stories of hope and resilience.
• **Glamorous Atmosphere:** Walk the pink carpet, enjoy a delicious dinner, and dance the night away.
• **Critical Fundraising:** Your participation directly supports young women before, during, and after their cancer journey.
• **Making a Difference:** Funds raised empower the Tigerlily Foundation to educate, advocate, and provide vital resources for those impacted by cancer.

Get Involved!
• **Sponsor the Event:** Make a significant impact and gain valuable exposure.
  • **Volunteer Your Time:** Contribute to a meaningful cause.
• **Donate to the Silent Auction:** Help us raise even more funds.
• **Partner with Us:** Let’s join forces to make a difference.

*Contact [christin@tigerlilyfoundation.org](mailto:christin@tigerlilyfoundation.org) for more information.*

Don’t miss this inspiring evening! Tickets coming soon!
Tigerlily’s Second Annual BEACON Symposium: Leading Transformative Healthcare with Patients is coming October 19th!

Be the Beacon of Change in Healthcare!

Join Tigerlily’s 2nd Annual BEACON Symposium - Oct 19th

The BEACON Symposium is your chance to reimagine patient-centered care. This FREE event in Washington D.C. brings together patient advocates, health systems, providers and scientific minds to co-create real-world solutions for a more equitable healthcare system.

What to Expect:
• Collaborative Discussions: Engage in panels and discussions lead by the patient voice and experience to focus on achieving healthcare equity for all.
• Building Bridges: Network with like-minded individuals passionate about improving healthcare.
• Fueling Innovation: Explore the intersection of patient advocacy, healthcare systems, and scientific advancements.
• Lunch Provided: Focus on the conversation, we’ve got you covered.

Registration opens later in June! Keep an eye on the BEACON page on our website: https://beacon.tigerlilyfoundation.org

Together, we can be the beacon of hope and light for a brighter healthcare future!

See the 2023 BEACON Symposium Impact Report here
29 years old.

That’s how old Jazmine was when she was doing her self-breast exam and came across a tiny, hard, lump in her breast, leading to a triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) diagnosis.

She had daily routines and felt in control of her life. But everything shifted after receiving her diagnosis. And Jazmine transformed not only into a patient but also a fierce advocate.

In this special episode of BREATHE Tv, we dive into exactly how Jazmine went from receiving a TNBC diagnosis to becoming a Hometown Hero for the TNBC community.

This conversation was made possible in partnership with Merck, on their Uncovering TNBC campaign that highlights the importance of women understanding TNBC.

Host: Maimah Karmo | 17-Year TNBC Breast Cancer Survivor
Guest: Jazmine Lampkin | Uncovering TNBC Hometown Hero | Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate

In partnership with MERCK

Watch Jazmine’s episode here!
Welcome to part one of this two-part educational series on the importance of mental health throughout your cancer journey. You will be inspired by Michelle Anderson-Benjamin who is the founder of the Fearless Warrior Project and a Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate. Michelle holds a master’s degree and works as a health care professional with certifications as a mental health coach, life coach, grief coach and is a certified death doula.

In this series we dive into some difficult topics surrounding mental health and the challenges that surface when navigating cancer. For Michelle life changed when cures were removed from the treatment plan and quality of life became the focus. Michelle is currently enrolled in a clinical trial for Stage IV, triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).

Michelle discusses how she maintains a positive mindset and is walking in her purpose. Listen as she provides you with guidance, inspiration and support. You can grow personally when living with cancer, you can be afraid and become fearless. Become empowered, take notes and look at how you can prioritize your mental health, it starts with one foot in front of the other, your path awaits.
Welcome to Our Newest ANGEL Advocates!

Cohort 27, trained by Andrea Hans, graduated May 2nd! Adaurennaya Onyewuenyi - Philadelphia, PA
Nakedra Delly – Lexington, SC Myra Camino – Pembroke Pines, FL

Welcome to this newest group of ANGEL Advocates! Interested in becoming an ANGEL Advocate? Know somebody who would make a great addition to our ANGEL family? Fill out an application here: Form We have a new training cohort beginning Monday July 8th 5:45-7:15PM EST and running every Monday through August 5th.

Email amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org to register!

Advanced ANGEL Trainings for May

Register for our advanced ANGEL training sessions in May! We’re offering Module 13: Using Social Media in Your Advocacy. If you’d like to register, email amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org. Wednesday, June 12th, 6:30-8PM EST with Trainer Vicki Williams Thursday, June 20th, 8-9:30PM EST with Trainer Maricia Cole.
Updated Pure Cat Monthly Schedule!

Pure Cat Monthly Schedule  Virtual Offerings (EST)

- Mondays 4:00 pm Yoga with Valencia
- Tuesdays 5:30 pm Pilates with Shannon
- Tuesdays, bi-weekly, 6:00 pm Atlas of the Heart workshop with Natalie
- 3rd Tuesdays 6:45-7:30 PM Monthly Mindfulness Meetup with Shannon
- Wednesdays 9:00 am Zumba with Joyce
- Thursday 5:30 pm Simply M the Movement with Ketty
- 1st Fridays and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00 pm Community Sound Bath with Michaela Bekenn
- 1st Saturdays 9:30 pm Dance Party with DJ Dimepiece
- Ina® The Intelligent Nutrition Assistant from Savor Health® Available 24/7

Tigerlily's Pure Cat program has something for everyone! Pure Cat classes are offered free to the public via Zoom through the Hey Marvelous platform. This allows participants to access classes live or via the recorded media library after a class is completed. To get started simply make a free account through Hey Marvelous and register for the classes you want to participate in.

Click here to sign up!
Tigerlily in the Community
Tigerlily at ASCO 2024

Tigerlily Foundation was grateful to be included as one of the ASCO-sponsored patient advocacy organizations attending this year’s #ASCO24 conference in Chicago. The team attended meetings and events with industry partners and like-minded advocacy organizations, and learned about the latest advancements in science. We are looking forward to future collaborations and manifesting empowerment for all women touched by cancer.
The Tigerlily Foundation has been out in the community sharing current research projects with top leaders and public health professionals. TLF team members attended the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2024 Annual Meeting and met with key leaders influencing the way patient-advocates are engaged in the cancer continuum of care.

**Learning from Black patients with TNBC to implement equitable cancer care**

Congratulations to TLF’s poster co-authors on your first abstract ([#e13141](#e13141)) selection at ASCO: Virginia Leach, Maimah Karmo, Lizzie Wittig, Shanda Cooper Goff, Krista Peoples. Their work highlighted the varying experiences of Black women TNBC patients. From their novel survey, co-authors found prospective implementation science is needed to ensure equitable care standards are sustainably provided to Black women. It is imperative to understand the cancer care continuum from the perspective of the patients from what they think of the care received and care they would have liked to receive. TLF successfully reached Black TNBC patients to share their authentic experiences and provided a framework for other research institutions and patient advocacy groups to do the same. Tigerlily Foundation thanks their partners at Gilead Sciences (Oncology) for their support in research and patient advocacy efforts.

**Information and support needs of young Black women with early breast cancer to enable self-management and informed decisions during breast cancer treatment.**

Congratulations to co-authors on your second abstract ([#e12587](#e12587)) selection at ASCO: Christine B. Weldon, Sue Steele, Virginia Leach, Arliene Ravelo, Julia R. Trosman representing Center for Business Models in Healthcare, Tigerlily Foundation, and Genentech Inc.

From this collaborative project, co-authors interviewed young Black women with breast cancer to explore information needs related to their self-management interests and obtain feedback on the independent use of self-management tools developed within the 4R Oncology model. The 4R (Right Info/Care/Patient/Time) Oncology model is an approach to facilitate patient self-management using a Care Sequence plan- a care checklist with a visual depiction of timing and sequence of care, and a side-effect self-care tool. Research team members found that in interviews with young Black women with breast cancer, more information is needed on preferences for tools to support self-management during treatment. These indicate considerable improvements are needed in this area. Using the input from the interviews, co-authors are enhancing the 4R Oncology tools to better support the needs of Black patients with breast cancer.
Patients Drive Authentic Trusted Solutions for Inclusive Clinical Trials

The Tigerlily Foundation is excited to share one of our latest published articles with you. This paper was co-authored by Maimah Karmo, Katherine Cornish, Virginia Leach, and Jeanne Regnante. In this paper, co-authors intended to discuss recent shifts in cancer clinical trials to increase equitable participation across all patient populations. Current trends highlight innovative ways to build accessible clinical trials with diverse patient populations in mind. Patient-driven technology in the form of digital health platforms was created to address the gap in financial and non-financial barriers to clinical trial participation. Recent research sheds light on ways to make clinical trials more accessible to patients. This review will showcase how clinical trial site leaders, coordinators, and sponsors can meet the needs of patients to ensure they can participate in future clinical trials by engaging with community leaders and patient organizations.

TLF is greatly appreciative to Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY, USA who is the Section Editor for Breast Cancer Disparities within the Current Breast Cancer Reports Journal for the invitation to publish our findings! We look forward to future collaborations.
Tigerlily in the Media

Equitable inclusion of diverse populations in oncology clinical trials: deterrents and drivers

Highlights

• Some races, ethnicities, geographies, genders, ages, abilities, and economic classes are underrepresented in cancer trials.

• There is strong scientific and ethical rationale for inclusiveness, equity, and diversity in cancer trial populations.

• Stakeholders including regulators, sponsors, CROs, patient groups, and oncology journals are advocating for such diversity.

• Cancer trials should answer scientific questions of relevance to the diverse participating subgroups.

Diving deep into the world of Oncology Clinical Trials, our CEO & Founder Maimah Karmo co-authored an enlightening piece on Equitable inclusion of diverse populations in oncology clinical trials with Science Direct LTD and ESMO – European Society for Medical Oncology. Let’s unfold the layers of this less-talked-about issue by understanding the deterrents, drivers, and the journey towards more inclusive trials. A must-read!

Full article here!
Partner Corner

Surviving and Thriving: Opportunities to Give Back and Get Back with University of Illinois Cancer Center

Join us to celebrate survivors and their families during National Cancer Survivorship Month.

Connect and celebrate with other survivors and their families. Enjoy FREE food, raffles, & more! Share your stories! Get connected with opportunities to give back to other survivors, your communities, and more!

Survivors will have opportunities to learn about different ways to get involved.

Saturday, June 15
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mile Square Health Center
1220 S Wood St.
Chicago, IL 60608

TO REGISTER CALL: (773) 357-5217
or scan the QR code and register online
Researchers at Brown University have a new study to understand the fertility experiences of women diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years. Do you fit the participant criteria? Are you willing to complete a survey that will take 10-15 minutes complete? Click the survey link here! Your insight is greatly appreciated! For more information pertaining to the study, email cusacs@brown.edu.
National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week!

It’s time for the FDA’s 4th Annual National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week, June 13-19, 2024! The FDA encourages you to begin planning how your family, advocacy organization, cancer care colleagues and institutions will participate in both the dedicated “Conversation on Cancer” public panel discussion and the weeklong social media campaign using #BlackFamCan. Save the Date: June 13, 2024, Conversations on Cancer public panel discussion.

Registration is free and now open.

Celebrating over 55 years of advocacy and honoring philanthropy dedicated to transforming African American families, one child at a time.

Legacy in Bloom, Jack and Jill of America Foundation’s inaugural spring soiree and awards dinner, will celebrate over 55 years of advocacy and honor philanthropy dedicated to transforming African American families, one child at a time.

The celebration will occur Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the newly renovated National Museum of Women in the Arts. The evening will include a cocktail reception, full-course dinner, live entertainment, and the announcement of their Legacy in Bloom Awardees.

Purchase tickets here