

# *THE HEALTH EQUITY ISSUE*

JULY 2024



**Tigerlily**  
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*Beauty. Strength. Transformation.*

In the fight against cancer, ensuring equitable access to quality care and empowering young adults with the knowledge they need are key. This month, our newsletter tackles both fronts through the launch of Tigerlily's Young Adult Education Program. We'll unpack the importance of early education for young adults, who are often unaware of their risk factors and the signs of breast, melanoma, and cervical cancer. Together, let's bridge the knowledge gap and create a healthcare landscape where every individual has the chance to thrive.

**Introducing our newest program: EnlightenHer Health!**

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We're on a mission to educate young women on melanoma, breast, and cervical cancer.



Tigerlily is excited to announce our latest initiative, EnlightenHer Health! This program is dedicated to educating young women about breast, melanoma, and cervical cancers. We are collaborating with influencers who are passionate about joining Tigerlily in educating their audiences about these diseases. Keep an eye out on our social media, coming soon!

**EnlightenHer Health: Empowering Wellness through Knowledge**

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## Tigerlily's Annual 2024 EmPOWER Ball – Tickets on sale!



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TIGERLILY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL  
**EmPOWER**  
*Ball*



October 19, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM



Learn more about  
the event here!

Waldorf Astoria, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Join Tigerlily Foundation in celebrating patients, caregivers, providers, and supporters as we raise funds for programs that support young women before, during, and after cancer, with the goal of ending disparities within our lifetime. This is an evening of glamour and commemoration, honoring those who demonstrate inspiration, courage, and hope, and sharing their unique stories as trailblazers and leaders in health advocacy.

**DATE & TIME:**

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**  
**6:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**Location:**

**Waldorf Astoria DC**  
Presidential Ballroom  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

[Learn more and purchase tickets here!](#)

# Tigerlily Foundation's 2nd Annual BEACON SYMPOSIUM

Transformation with Patients Leading in Healthcare

**TIGERLILY'S 2ND ANNUAL BEACON SYMPOSIUM:**

 Tigerlily Foundation  
Security. Strength. Transformation.

**TIGERLILY BEACON SYMPOSIUM**  
Leading Transformative Healthcare with Patients

**October 19, 2024**  
9:30 AM – 2 PM EST

WALDORF ASTORIA WASHINGTON DC  
FRANKLIN STUDY ROOM  
1100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**Event Agenda:**

- 09:30 AM • Guest Check-In
- 10:00 AM • Welcome & Opening Prayer
- 10:05 AM • Panel 1 & Table Discussions
- 11:05 AM • Panel 2 & Table Discussions
- 12:10 PM • Lunch
- 12:55 PM • Panel 3 & Table Discussions
- 2:00 PM • Closing

The **Tigerlily Foundation's Second Annual BEACON Symposium** is defining what nirvana looks like for patient-centric care in the real world by bringing patient advocates, health systems, providers and science together to co-create better solutions today. Together, we are the **BEACON** of hope and light that drives us forward to health equity. Lunch provided.

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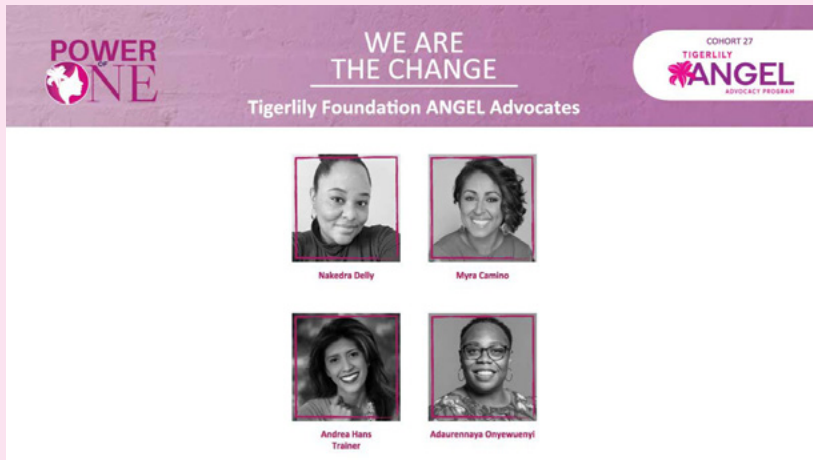
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Franklin Study Room  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue Nw  
Washington, Dc 20004

Registration coming soon!

For more information on Sponsor opportunities and benefits for EmPOWER Ball or BEACON Symposium, contact [christina@tigerlilyfoundation.org](mailto:christina@tigerlilyfoundation.org). Support our mission today and become a Sponsor!

## Welcome to our newest ANGELS

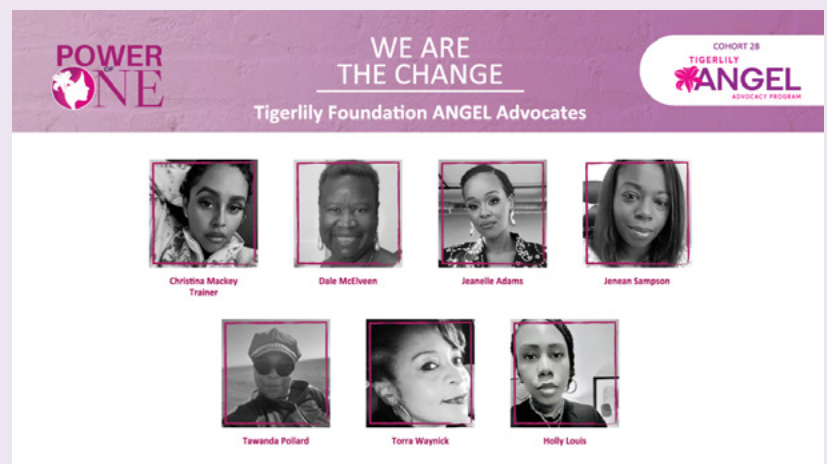
Cohort 27 was trained by Andrea Hans and completed on May 2, 2024.



Congratulations to: Adaurennaya Onyewuenyi - Philadelphia, PA  
Nakedra Delly - Lexington, SC  
Myra Camino - Pembroke Pines, FL

Cohort 28 was trained by Christina Mackey and graduated on June 1, 2024.

Congratulations to: Dale McElveen - Owings Mills, MD  
Jeanelle Adams - Newark, NJ  
Jenean Sampson - Park Forest, IL  
Tawanda Pollard - Baton Rouge, LA  
Torra Waynick - Irvington, NJ  
Holly Louis - Lynn, MA



Our next training cohort begins Thursday August 1st 7-8:30PM EST and runs every Thursday in August at that time. Andrea Hans will be the trainer. To register email [amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org](mailto:amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org).



## Advanced ANGEL Trainings on Self Care



Don't miss our Advanced ANGEL education courses for July! Each 1.5 hr. live session will cover a specific topic in depth and be led by an experienced, dynamic ANGEL trainer. These classes are perfect for ANGEL advocates wanting more in-depth training on certain topics AND individuals interested in learning more about what it means to be an ANGEL advocate. Each class includes a live Zoom session and brief coursework within our Talent LMS platform.

**You DO NOT have to be a current ANGEL Advocate to join these trainings; you just have to have started the [ANGEL registration process](#). To register, email [amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org](mailto:amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org) with your preference for date/time.**

### The schedule for July is as follows (all times are EST):

Wednesday, July 17 6:30-8PM Module 14: Self Care with Vicki Williams

Thursday, July 18 8-9:30PM Module 14: Self Care with Maricia Cole



## ANGEL Advocates in the community



Last week, our ANGEL Advocate Tameka Johnson and her daughter spent the day advocating and educating at Prince George's County District 47's 3rd Annual Health Fair in Brentwood, Maryland.

**Read about her experience:**

***"It was a great experience. I was able to serve the community with my daughter for the first time as an ANGEL Advocate. We were able to meet some of the awesome families of Brentwood and connect with Delegate Diana Fennell. Overall, it was an awesome experience being able to serve the community of Brentwood."***

## HEAL Policy COE Updates



### STATE DRUG BOARDS THREATEN TO COMPOUND PATIENT ACCESS CHALLENGES

By Maimah Karmo  
Tigerlily Foundation  
and Melissa Gong Mitchell  
Global Coalition on Aging



Be sure to check out the Summer 2024 edition of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) [‘The Legislator’ magazine](#) published June 28th, featuring an article co-authored by Maimah Karmo and Melissa Mitchell on prescription drug affordability boards (PDABs). The piece highlights the impact of PDABs and upper payment limits (UPLs) on current and future access to treatment for patients, as well as implications on healthy aging and health equity.

The piece reads, in part:

***“For patients impacted by TNBC and other complex medical conditions, unimpeded access to doctor-prescribed – not payer- or government-imposed – care is essential. Marginalized communities who disproportionately bear the burden of these diseases also stand to be disproportionately negatively impacted by state policies like PDABs.”***

Be sure to keep an eye out for our upcoming advocate webinar and training on prescription drug affordability boards (PDABs) and how we as advocates can engage in ensuring any State-level policy to reduce prescription drug prices trickles down to the patient for cost-savings as well as protect investment in innovation and new therapies! Check back on our events page on the [website](#) soon for details and registration. Webinar and training to be held in September.

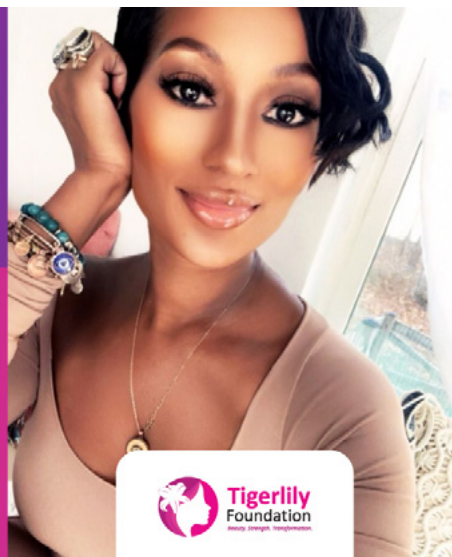
## Book Discussion with TLF Founder and CEO, Maimah Karmo



**Fearless**  
by Maimah Karmo

Book overview and Q&A session

Monday, August 5th |  
8:00PM - 9:30PM



On Monday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 8-9:30PM EST join Tigerlily Foundation founder, Maimah Karmo, for a special one evening book review and discussion of her autobiography, *Fearless: Awakening to My Life's Purpose Through Breast Cancer*. To register go to [www.purecat.tigerlilyfoundation.org](http://www.purecat.tigerlilyfoundation.org) and find that class on the calendar. If you have questions, please contact [amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org](mailto:amanda.e@tigerlilyfoundation.org).

**Book Synopsis: One woman's memoir of getting a cancer diagnosis at age thirty-two—and how rediscovering her faith in God carried her through to a second chance at life.**

A breast cancer diagnosis at age thirty-two left Maimah Karmo's world shattered. She was the survivor of civil unrest in Liberia, a college-educated corporate professional, and a dedicated mother to her daughter—breast cancer was not part of the plan. How could this happen?

With the help of family and friends, Maimah uncovered her own strength, rediscovered her faith in God, and navigated a completely foreign medical world. Through this struggle to reclaim her body and her soul, she learned what was truly important in life—and she didn't stop there. During recovery,

Maimah took a leap of faith and founded the Tigerlily Foundation, an organization that supports young women before, during, and after breast cancer. She had lived through her own journey; now she wanted to help others do the same. This inspiring account covers Maimah's journey through an exceptional childhood to her experience with cancer that would change her life forever. It is not only a story of love and determination, but also of what can happen when you are given a second chance at life. *Fearless* illustrates that even when a situation appears to be impossible, true faith—in yourself, in God, and in those you love—will lead you toward the life you always wanted, the life you have a reason to fight for.

**BREATHE Tv: Episode 11**

**Mental Health, Mindset, and intention when living with cancer.  
Guidance, Growth, & Fear While Being Fearless.**

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Welcome to part two 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 curable was 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.

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**Host: Maimah Karmo | 17 Year TNBC Breast Cancer Survivor**

**Guest: Michelle Anderson-Benjamin, MHA | Metastatic Breast Cancer Warrior and Advocate | Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate | CEO of The Fearless Warrior Project, LLC**

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[Watch the full episode here!](#)

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## SurviveHER x Tigerlily Foundation: Thriving Beyond Pink event recap!



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Tigerlily and SurviveHER hosted our empowering Living Beyond Pink event in Houston, TX! We had an eventful day full of powerful discussions, fun giveaways and empowering panels hosted by Maimah Karmo and Lyndsay Levingston, alongside Tigerlily's ANGEL Advocates!

A huge thanks to our amazing attendees and our committed ANGEL Advocates,  
along with our amazing partner at SurviveHer!

**Together, we are evolving beyond pink, creating change and impact where it matters!**



## Author Spotlight!

### Jade Curtis

Article: BlackDoctor.org

Read Jade's article here



### Chris Dauphin

Article: EmPOWERED Caregivers: Navigating the Emotional Landscape of Cancer with Strength and Purpose

This powerful article also included a caregiver sharable that is in the MY LIFE Website page under sharables where it can be [downloaded here!](#) In recent weeks Chris has attend 3 events providing insights and support to men who are caregivers to women living with cancer.

Read Chris' article here!



### Jazmine and Zach Lampkin

Article: Jazmine and Zach Lampkin

Read the Jazmine's and Zach's article here!



## Looking for a personalized approach to finding clinical trials?



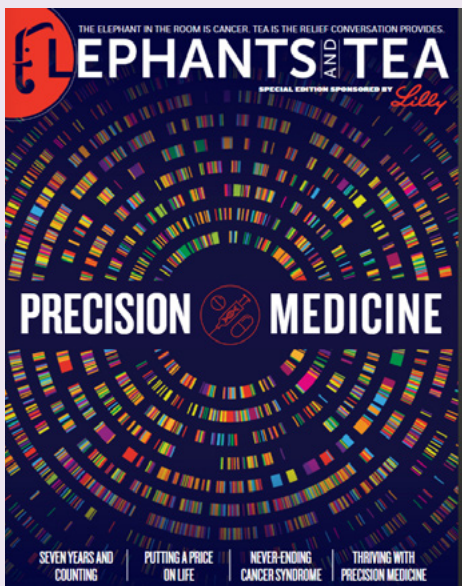
Hear what the Association of Cancer Care Centers has to say about one of Tigerlily's user-centric tools developed with the help of our trusted partner [Ancora.ai](#).

[Learn more here!](#)

[Explore your options and find your perfect match here!](#)

## Partner Corner

Presenting Elephants and Tea's latest edition: *The Precision Medicine Issue*.



Precision medicine, a groundbreaking strategy in disease management, holds particular significance in oncology.

Within this issue are firsthand accounts from remarkable individuals within our community who underwent precision medicine as part of their treatment as adolescent or young adult cancer patients.

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