

THE RESILIENCE ISSUE

JUNE 2025



**Tigerlily
Foundation**

Beauty • Strength • Transformation

June is Cancer Survivors Month – a time to honor resilience, courage and the power of survivorship.

At Tigerlily Foundation, we're showing up all month long by spotlighting **ANGEL Advocates**, driving **policy change**, hosting **community conversations**, and celebrating our newest **ANGEL graduates**.

This Juneteenth, we honor the legacy of freedom, resilience, and our ongoing commitment to freedom and equity.



On June 19, 1865—two years after the Emancipation Proclamation—enslaved people in Texas finally learned they were free. Juneteenth reminds us that justice delayed is not justice denied, and that the path to liberation is ongoing.

At Tigerlily Foundation, the spirit of Juneteenth deeply aligns with our heart-centered approach to serving our constituents. Just as Juneteenth celebrates liberation and the recognition of fundamental human dignity, our work embodies the belief that every person deserves equitable access to healthcare, education, and support—regardless of race, background, or circumstance.

The journey toward freedom that Juneteenth represents mirrors the journey many of our patients face: one that requires persistence, hope, and community support in the face of systemic challenges. The resilience demonstrated by those who waited years for their promised freedom resonates with the courage we witness daily in the breast cancer patients we serve, particularly those from marginalized communities who continue to face disparities in care.

Because survivorship, like freedom, must be accessible to all.

We can't wait to see you in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles!

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Rising Strength. Inspiring Hope.

SMITH CENTER FOR HEALING AND THE ARTS
community. creativity. cancer support.

Your Choice: Community Dialogues about Clinical Trials

Enjoy a Complimentary Qigong and Sound Bath Experience with Light Refreshments – because wellness is better when we walk it together.

Saturday, July 12, 2025
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Smith Center for Healing and the Arts
1632 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Empowerment | Education | Sisterhood

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Join **Tigerlily Foundation** and the **Smith Center for Healing and the Arts** for a community-centered event focused on **clinical trials, empowerment, and wellness**. This gathering offers space to learn, connect, and take action—featuring a healing Qigong and Sound Bath experience and light refreshments!

July 12, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST

Location: Smith Center for Healing and the Arts | 1632 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Register for our DC event!

Both events will include an Empowerment Panel: The Power of Choice. Learn about clinical trials, biomarker testing and more, in a supportive space, hear from patient advocates and health experts, so you can choose what's best for you.

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Your Choice: Community Dialogues about Clinical Trials

Join us for a lunch & learn event!
Enjoy complimentary light refreshments, yoga, eyebrow bar and soaking bath salt stations!

July 12, 2025, 12 PM - 2:30 PM PT

Cancer Support Community
Los Angeles
1990 S. Bundy Drive, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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Wellness and advocacy intersect in Los Angeles
Tigerlily Foundation, Cancer Support Community LA, and Tower Cancer Research Foundation invite you to **Your Choice: Community Dialogues About Clinical Trials** — a free Lunch & Learn filled with self-care, sisterhood, and powerful conversations around clinical trials and equity.

July 12 | 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM PT

Location: Cancer Support Community LA | 1990 South Bundy Drive #100 Los Angeles, CA 90025 United States

Register for our LA event!

Registrants for both events will be placed in a raffle to win a hope box!

Join Us for a Powerful Pull Up A Seat Conversation

Friday, July 25th | 12:00–1:30 PM ET



Pull Up A Seat

Navigating Policy Shifts and Staying True to Your Mission

Moderator



Daria Ross

TLF ANGEL Advocate, Patient & Community Impact Advocate



Lizzie Wittig

Director, HEAL Policy Center of Excellence & National Programs, Tigerlily Foundation



Keisha Stepney

TLF ANGEL Advocate



Lashelle Scott

TLF ANGEL Advocate



Erin Price
LICSW, OSW-C

Young Adult & Psychosocial Support Programs Director
Smith Center for Healing and the Arts

Panelists

Friday, July 25, 2025 | 12 PM - 1:30 PM ET



How do we stay grounded and mission-focused as healthcare policies shift? Join moderator ANGEL Advocate, **Daria Ross** and a panel of advocates, nonprofit leaders, and mental health experts as we explore practical ways to adapt, protect our well-being, and lead with purpose.

- Learn how policy changes affect your community
- Get tools to support your mental wellness
- Stay rooted in advocacy that drives impact

Register now and be part of this empowering dialogue!

Congratulations to our ANGEL Advocacy Program Cohort 37 Graduates!



You've completed this journey with heart, courage, and commitment—and we're so proud to welcome you into the ANGEL Advocate family. Your voices, your stories, and your passion will continue to inspire change and uplift communities everywhere.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible trainer, **Mrs. Vickie R. Williams Cullins**, for her guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support. Your leadership continues to light the path for so many.

Become an ANGEL Advocate Today!

**Join Mrs. Vickie
for the upcoming training cohorts
on Wednesday evenings:**

June 11 – July 9
July 23 – August 20
September 3 – October 1
October 15 – November 12
November 19 - December 17

**Vickie R.
Williams
Cullins**
Trainer

Email: clara@tigerlilyfoundation.org to register

Ready to turn your passion into purpose? Join Mrs. Vickie R. Williams Cullins and become an ANGEL Advocate!

Join our community of ANGELs for support, education, and inspiration. Whether you're a patient, caregiver, or ally, Tigerlily's free ANGEL Advocacy Program will equip you with the tools to make informed decisions, advocate for yourself and others, and build lasting connections.

Our next training starts on June 11th, with new cohorts offered throughout the year—so you can choose a session that fits your schedule.

Wednesday evenings | Email clara@tigerlilyfoundation.org to register!

Click here to learn more!



ANGELs In Action!

LaTia Maxwell at Pink Pajamas and Prosecco' | Riverdale, IL



Latia Maxwell, ANGEL Advocate, raised a glass (of Prosecco, of course!) for breast cancer awareness at the Queen of Sheba Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star's 'Pink Pajamas and Prosecco' event in Riverdale, IL in May. She shared her personal advocacy journey and inspired others to do the same.

"Pink Pajamas and Prosecco created a space for sisterhood, healing, and hope. Sharing my story reminded me that our voices have power and together we are stronger than cancer." LaTia Maxwell, ANGEL Advocate.

Neosho Ponder at Empowering Through Awareness | Alexandria, VA



Neosho Ponder, ANGEL Advocate, recently participated in the Empowering Through Awareness event hosted by the Donna M. Saunders Foundation in Alexandria, VA. On April 26, Neosho supported the Tigerlily resource table and shared her passion for breast health advocacy as a panel speaker. The event was a wonderful celebration of community and advocacy, featuring a day of family-friendly activities and meaningful conversations.

Michigan ANGELs in Action!



ANGEL Advocates **Daria Ross, Garrina Ross** and **Rosilyn Gborigen** met with Michigan policymakers and the Michigan Black Caucus to discuss the 340B program and its impact on patients. Daria, Garrina and Rosilyn shared their personal stories and advocated for transparency, reporting and accountability for the 340B funds in Michigan before any program expansion is passed.

ANGEL Lashelle Scott has been featured by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.



In this powerful video, Lashelle shares how being part of a clinical trial gave her hope — and why representation is not just important, but essential.

Watch Lashelle's story and learn how your voice, your experience, and your participation can help shape the future of cancer care.

[Watch Lashelle's Video Here!](#)

HEAL Policy Center of Excellence Updates YWHD Webinar!

Tigerlily Foundation | **HEAL POLICY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE** | **#CuresCantWait**

2025 VIRTUAL YOUNG WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY ON THE HILL
JULY 9, 2025 | 12:00 PM ET

FEATURING SPEAKERS

- ANGELIQUE RICHARDSON
MD, PhD, Medical Oncologist & Associate Professor of Medicine, UC San Diego Health
- SANDRA DUNN
PhD, Founder & CEO, Phoenix Molecular Designs
- TIANA RUSSELL
MSc, Therapist & TIGERLILY ANGEL Advocate
- T'ANA JOHNSON
PhD, MSc, Therapist and TIGERLILY ANGEL Advocate

END THE PILL PENALTY | UNLOCK RARE CURES
@TIGERLILYCARES @YWHD #HEALPolicy4Change

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Join us for our 2025 YWHD Webinar Series on **July 9th, 12:00—1:00 PM EDT** to learn about the #EPICAct, #ORPHANCuresAct, updates from our Virtual YWHD meetings and how YOU can make an impact in ending the pill penalty and unlocking rare cures.

[Click here to register!](#)

New Blog! A Broken Federal Program Raises Healthcare Costs.

Tigerlily Foundation | **HEAL POLICY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE** | **COALITION OF HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY PRACTICES**

Broken Federal Program Raises Healthcare Costs.

Illinois Patients Deserve Transparency.

Maimah Karmo
Founder & CEO, Tigerlily Foundation

Gary E. Kay, M.D.
Board-Certified Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine

LaTia Maxwell
Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate

Patient Perspective

Check out our latest blog on the 340B program, featuring Tigerlily's Founder & CEO, Maimah Karmo, Gary E. Kay, M.D., board-certified oncologist and internist, Northwest Oncology & Hematology and Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate, LaTia Maxwell.

[Read the Blog HERE](#)

Join Tigerlily to Tell Congress Cancer Research Funding is Important!

Tell Congress to Protect Cancer Research



37% CUT TO CANCER RESEARCH??? NOT ON OUR WATCH.

The White House’s most recent budget proposal slashes cancer research funding by 37%. Let’s be clear: This will cost lives.

For young women—especially Black and Brown women already facing later diagnoses and worse outcomes—these cuts could mean:

- Fewer breakthroughs for aggressive cancers (like triple-negative breast cancer).
- Less access to early detection programs that save lives.
- More suffering while treatments sit just out of reach.

Please send a letter [HERE](#) to let your representatives in Congress know this is unacceptable.

Share our social media toolkit with your networks!

SAVING AMERICA'S SAFETY-NET:

How 340B Went Off Course and Why Reform Can't Wait

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

2 PM ET



Meet the panelists!

- Howard Mosby, Moderator**
CPA, Board Member, HEAL Collaborative
- Jeff Last**
Legislative Lead on 340B, Office of U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- Antonio Ciaccia**
President, 46brooklyn Research
- Thomas Johnson**
Executive Director, ASAP 340B
- Ted Okon**
Executive Director, Community Oncology Alliance
- Lizzie Wittig**
Director, HEAL Policy Center of Excellence & National Programs, Tigerlily Foundation

In case you missed it!

The 340B program is the second-largest government healthcare initiative—yet most people have never heard of it. Despite its size, it’s quietly contributing to major issues for patients.

Catch up on our recent HEAL Collaborative webinar: *Saving America’s Safety-Net: How 340B Went Off Course and Why Reform Can’t Wait* to learn what the 340B program is, how it went wrong, and why reform is urgent.

Catch the recording here!

The Negative Impact of the 340B Program to Patients

Have you heard about the 340B program? It's the "little" known program causing big problems for patients. Even though this program is the second-largest government healthcare program (second only to Medicare Part D), most people have never heard of it.

The 340B program, created in 1992, is meant to help hospitals and clinics serving low-income, uninsured, and underinsured patients access life-saving medications at discounted prices. These savings are meant to go directly to patients—lowering drug costs, funding critical services, and expanding access to cancer care, mental health support, and chronic disease management.

But right now, **corporate greed is hijacking the system.** Some hospitals and for-profit entities are exploiting 340B discounts to boost revenue—**not patient care.** This means:

- 🏠 Patients pay more while hospitals pocket savings.
- 🏢 No transparency on how discounts are used.
- 👤 Underserved communities left behind as providers chase profits.

Tigerlily, along with our ANGEL Advocates, are calling for accountability. 340B savings must go where they belong—to the patients who need them most.

Hear from ANGEL Advocates what the patient impact of the misuse and abuse of 340B :

Quote 1: "There's got to be a way for 340B to be more transparent. Hopefully we're working towards that happening but it should happen sooner than later because a lot of people are suffering while waiting for the fix."
Garrina Ross, ANGEL Advocate, Michigan

Quote 2: "Cancer is expensive. Financial strain can make patients face impossible decisions. I've seen patients skip treatments they can't afford, and I've struggled to pay for my own care while working. The 340B program was meant to help patients like me, but too often, those savings don't reach the people who need them most."
Garrina Ross, ANGEL Advocate, Michigan

Quote 3: "No one should face bankruptcy just to stay alive—especially when hospitals are supposed to use 340B savings to support vulnerable patients. Transparency for the 340B program would ensure these misuses don't continue."
LaTia Maxwell, ANGEL Advocate, Illinois

Quote 4: "We must urgently demand 340B transparency and reform to ensure these vital savings reach the people who need them most—because no one should have to choose between surviving cancer and losing everything they have to pay for it."
Daria Ross, ANGEL Advocate, Michigan

Quote 5: "Transparency in 340B isn't just policy—it's a lifeline for patients who deserve to benefit, not just hospitals who profit."
Deeva Crisp, ANGEL Advocate, Illinois

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Donate today!



As we move into summer, we're reflecting on the incredible progress this community continues to drive on Capitol Hill and in statehouses across the country. Thanks to your tireless advocacy, we've celebrated **several federal wins this month:**

- **The ORPHAN Cures Act** was included in the Budget Reconciliation Package
- **The EPIC Act** was reintroduced with bicameral and bipartisan support
- **The Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act** was reintroduced in both the House and Senate
- **The SCREENS for Cancer Act** returned in the Senate
- **The Clinical Trial Modernization Act** was reintroduced in the House
- At the state level, **more than 60 ANGEL Advocates have taken action**—showing up, speaking out, and leading on key issues like PDABs, Biomarker Testing, and 340B legislation.

Together, we've sent nearly **3,000 letters** to lawmakers (as of May 24), each one a step toward a more just and equitable healthcare system. This movement is working—because you are. Your voice, your power, and your commitment to health equity is changing the landscape for people across the country. Let's keep the momentum going. Donate today to support our mission and fuel the next wave of advocacy, awareness, and action.

[Donate to our mission today!](#)



Help Improve Cancer Care in Florida

We're looking for patients with metastatic breast cancer to share their treatment experiences.

Terlisa Sheppard

ANGEL Advocate | 23 Year Florida MBC Thriver

Who Can Participate?

- ✔ Adults 18 years or older.
- ✔ Diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer (mBC) within the last 12 months.
- ✔ English or Spanish language proficiency.
- ✔ Reside in Florida

Why Participate?

- ✔ Share your experience to help improve cancer care for others.
- ✔ Your input will help shape future support strategies for patients.
- ✔ Participants will be compensated for their time and efforts.



Interested? Please [click the link](#) or scan the QR Code with your phone to access a brief survey. A research team member from Tigerlily will be in touch to let you know if you are eligible. If you have questions please email our study coordinator krista@tigerlilyfoundation.org.



Tigerlily Foundation at ASCO 2025



Tigerlily Foundation was proud to participate once again in the **American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)** annual meeting. Over the course of three inspiring days, we exhibited alongside other leading advocacy organizations, connected in the advocacy lounge, and took part in powerful events and activations.

What stands out the most from ASCO are the **incredible connections**—with patients, advocates, physicians, researchers, and industry professionals. Together, we form a vibrant and united **cancer community**. We believe that **learning together leads to better care, stronger support, and improved outcomes for all patients**.

Let's continue this mission—**together**.

Tigerlily's Board of Directors!



We're honored to celebrate the Tigerlily Foundation Board of Directors for their unwavering support, leadership, and dedication.

Together, we are advancing **equity, education, advocacy, and empowerment** —ensuring no one faces cancer alone.

Thank you for helping us create a world where every person, regardless of background, has access to compassionate, inclusive care.

Partner corner

Ongoing Support with Ina®: 24/7 Nutrition & Symptom Guidance by Text The Intelligent Nutrition Assistant from Savor Health®

Through our partnership with Savor Health, Tigerlily Foundation offers access to Ina®, a text-based tool that delivers personalized, evidence-based nutrition and symptom management support for cancer patients — anytime you need it.

Here's what Ina® can help you with:

- 24/7 answers to nutrition and symptom questions via SMS text
- Tailored tips, recipes, and expert guidance — no appointments needed
- Advice from oncology-credentialed dietitians, nurses, and doctors
- Free, secure, and private access whenever you need support Feeling strong throughout your cancer journey starts with informed, timely support — and Ina® is always just a text away.

[Try Ina Today!](#)

Our partners at Cure® are hosting a virtual Metastatic Breast Cancer Summit on June 28th.

The banner features the Cure logo on the left, which includes the text 'cure® METASTATIC BREAST CANCER SUMMIT EDUCATED PATIENT®'. Below the logo, it states 'Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 11 AM ET | 8 AM PT' and a 'Learn More' button. On the right, there is a circular portrait of Igor Makhlin, M.D., with the text 'SUMMIT CHAIR Igor Makhlin, M.D. Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania' below it.

Learn the latest in metastatic breast cancer care on June 28 at the Virtual Educated Patient® Metastatic Breast Cancer Summit at 11:00 AM ET!

Organized by CURE, this event connects the breast cancer community with expert insights and information on new research, treatment advancements, and evolving standards of care.

Register now and ask your questions live!

ShareForCures Alliance!

Exciting News! Tigerlily has joined the ShareForCures Alliance, supporting a fully inclusive breast cancer registry for those who have, or had breast cancer.

This registry aims to accelerate the search for cures for breast cancer by enhancing diversity and representation in research. By participating in the ShareForCures Alliance, we are striving to increase awareness and enrollment for the ShareForCures registry, ensuring that everyone is represented in breast cancer research and the search to find cures.

The banner features a grid of diverse women's portraits. In the center, there are logos for 'ShareForCures® Powered by Susan G. Komen' and 'Tigerlily Foundation Beauty. Strength. Transformation.' Below the portraits, the text reads 'You can help discover cures to breast cancer, faster.'

Join us in supporting this vital cause.



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