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The Love Issue

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Community Is Love in Action

February invites us to reflect on love — the kind that shows up in action, in community, and in commitment to one another. At Tigerlily Foundation, we see love expressed through advocacy, support, education, and the courage to stand beside those navigating life-altering diagnoses.

This month, as we also honor **Black History Month**, we recognize the strength, leadership, and resilience of Black communities whose voices and lived experiences continue to shape movements for equity, access, and justice in healthcare and beyond. Black history is not only something we

commemorate — it is something we actively build upon through our work to ensure every woman is seen, heard, and supported.

Love and community are inseparable. When we uplift one another, amplify voices, and invest in equity, we move closer to the future we all deserve.

Thank you for being part of this community — rooted in compassion, strengthened by history, and driven by purpose.



Donate to Tigerlily's Mission Today

This February, we invite you to be part of love in action. Whether you've supported Tigerlily with a gift, a shared story, through volunteering, or simply by believing in our mission, thank you. Every act of support—large or small—helps us stand beside young women navigating cancer with dignity, courage, and community.

If you're able, we invite you to make a gift today and help us continue this life-changing work. Together, we build hope, create access, and — most importantly — remind every woman she is never alone.

Make a gift today and be part of our impact

Welcoming New Staff to the Tigerlily Family

Dr. Tameika Fairley

Vice President,
ANGEL CoE



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Director, SPARK CoE
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Director, Community
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Jules Annen

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Janelle Rosa, MS, PMP, ACRP-CP

Executive Support
and Chief of Staff



We're excited to share that Tigerlily Foundation has recently welcomed several new team members across key leadership and program areas. As we continue to expand our impact and deepen our commitment to advocacy, health equity, and patient-centered support, these additions strengthen our capacity to serve our community with excellence.

Each new team member brings unique expertise, fresh perspective, and a shared passion for empowering women and advancing equitable care. Their collective experience in policy, research, communications, operations, and community engagement will help us build on our momentum and continue delivering meaningful change.

We're grateful for this growing team and energized for what lies ahead.

New MY LIFE Magazine

Politics and policy don't live only in headlines—they live in our bodies, our treatment options, and our futures.

This issue of *MY LIFE Matters*, in partnership with *Elephants and Tea*, explores how advocacy, research, and policy decisions shape the cancer experience—especially for young people, those living with stage IV disease, and survivors. Through powerful stories and expert insight, we're creating space for lived experience, collective action, and a more just future in cancer care.

In this magazine we have ANGEL Advocates Erica Fae, Garrina Ross, T'Ana Johnson, Marquita Goodluck, Kiana Wooten, Tonya Hicks, Neosho C. Ponder, Tameka Johnson, Lashelle Scott, Deeva Crisp, Kathryn Jackson.

Read, share, and use your voice for impact.



Read the magazine today!

Tigerlily Foundation 2026 Bliss Collective

Bliss is more than a brunch — it's a movement. In 2026, Tigerlily Foundation's Bliss Collective: Brunch & Sip returns, bringing women together to pause, reconnect, and pour into their wellness through meaningful conversation, community, and joy.

Bliss Collective creates space for open, empowering discussions around women's health, mental wellness, self-advocacy, clinical trials, and navigating care — all within a supportive, uplifting environment designed to inspire connection and resilience.

Coming soon to New York, Miami, Atlanta, and Los Angeles.



Keep an eye out on our website for upcoming Bliss dates!

ANGEL Advocacy Program

Apply to be part of our ANGEL Program

Ready to use your voice to advocate, educate, and lead?

The Tigerlily Foundation ANGEL Advocacy Program is currently accepting applicants for our 2026 training cohorts—and with multiple start dates throughout the year, you can join when it works best for you.

- ◆ Wednesday evening sessions.
- ◆ Expert-led advocacy training.
- ◆ Learn to speak at events, educate communities, support research, and drive equity in breast cancer care.



Cohorts are running from March through December, giving you the flexibility to choose a timeline that fits your life and goals.

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ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Join Mrs. Vickie for the upcoming 2026 ANGEL Advocacy training cohorts on Wednesday evenings:

- Cohort 45: March 4th - April 1st
- Cohort 46: April 15th - May 13th
- Cohort 47: May 20th - June 17th
- Cohort 48: July 1st - July 29th
- Cohort 49: August 9th - September 12th
- Cohort 50: September 23rd - October 21st
- Cohort 51: November 4th - December 9th

Vickie R. Williams Cullins
Trainer

Email TLFANGEL@tigerlilyfoundation.org to apply!

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ADVOCACY PROGRAM

**Advocate Now to Grow,
Empower & Lead**

At Tigerlily Foundation, we offer a 6 course engaging group learning experience that help you understand breast cancer, strengthen your voice, and make a difference in achieving equity for all.

How ANGEL Advocates make an impact in their community

- Speaking at events
- Advocate/educate on breast health
- Support researchers
- Work with health professionals
- Building breast cancer engagement/ support community

Erica Fae
Award Winning Content Creator, Artist, Flutist, ANGEL Advocate
Survivor Stage IV Breast Cancer

APPLY TODAY TO BECOME A TIGERLILY ANGEL ADVOCATE
For more information, email Clara Christenson at clara@tigerlilyfoundation.org

If you've been waiting for the right moment to step into advocacy—this is it.

Apply today and become a Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate by visiting

<https://angel.tigerlilyfoundation.org/>

or email TLFANGEL@tigerlilyfoundation.org

ANGEL Advocate Spotlight: Michelle Anderson-Benjamin



We are incredibly proud to celebrate Michelle Anderson-Benjamin, our ANGEL Advocate and the powerful voice featured on the cover of CURE Today. This cover and accompanying article on [hospice and end-of-life care](#) are deeply moving, courageous, and necessary—offering honesty, compassion, and clarity around a topic so often left unspoken. Michelle, also known as The Fearless Warrior, has been living with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer since her diagnosis in 2022, following an earlier battle with triple-negative breast cancer. Through it all, she continues to lead with grace, strength, and purpose.

As the founder of The Fearless Warrior Project, a certified mental-health coach, and a death doula, Michelle empowers others—especially women of color—with education, emotional support, and advocacy tools, while creating a meaningful legacy for her children. We remain in awe of you and your beautiful family. You are truly living your legacy, and we are all blessed to witness you in action.

Congratulations, Michelle. Your voice matters. Your story matters. Your impact is immeasurable.

Cancer Support Ministry, S. Nikki Harrison Prayer Breakfast

Our ANGEL Advocate, Eunice Bowling, proudly represented the Tigerlily Foundation at the S. Nikki Harrison Prayer Breakfast at Reid Temple AME Church, hosted by the Cancer Support Ministry.

We are deeply grateful for ANGELS like Eunice who are out in the community sharing Tigerlily's mission and connecting individuals to vital resources.



50 Women. 50 States. One Mission.



[Apply Today!](#)

Together, we rally. Together, we lead change.

We're proud to officially launch the **RACE Alliance (Rally Around Community & Equity)** — a national movement driving solutions for women's health and equity in breast cancer care, diagnosis, survivorship, and quality of life.

The RACE Alliance brings together ANGEL Advocates and key community stakeholders to elevate lived experience, address inequities, and shape strategies that reflect and serve every community.

The Application Portal is now open!

We're calling on community-based leaders, patient advocates, oncologists, researchers, biopharma partners, the philanthropic community, and policy leaders to join us in leading action, recommendations, and real implementation.

HEAL Policy CoE Updates



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A Victory, Powered by You! Advocacy Secures Major Wins in the Federal Budget.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Congress passed the final pieces of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget. This action quickly ended the partial government shutdown and, more importantly, delivered monumental wins for the cancer community. This victory is a direct result of your voice, your stories, and your relentless advocacy.

Just last year, we started this process facing a proposed 40% cut to federal cancer research funding. But Tigerlily advocates, alongside our incredible partners and friends in this cause, refused to accept that future. You sent thousands of letters, made countless calls, and used your platforms to demand better. Congress heard us, and they responded.

Because of this collective effort, the final bill includes critical provisions that will save lives:

- ◆ **Increased Funding for Cancer Research:** The bill rejects proposed cuts and instead provides increased funding for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), fueling the next breakthroughs in treatment and care.
- ◆ **Protected Access to Screenings:** It secures continued funding for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, ensuring life-saving mammograms and cervical cancer screenings remain accessible to underserved communities.

- ◆ **Paved the Way for the Next Generation of Early Detection:** Opens for Medicare to cover cutting-edge Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) tests once approved by the FDA. This is a crucial step toward catching more cancers earlier, when they are most treatable (MCED Act).

- ◆ **Strengthened Support for Childhood Cancer:** Funding is reinforced for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, continuing vital research and support programs for young patients and survivors.

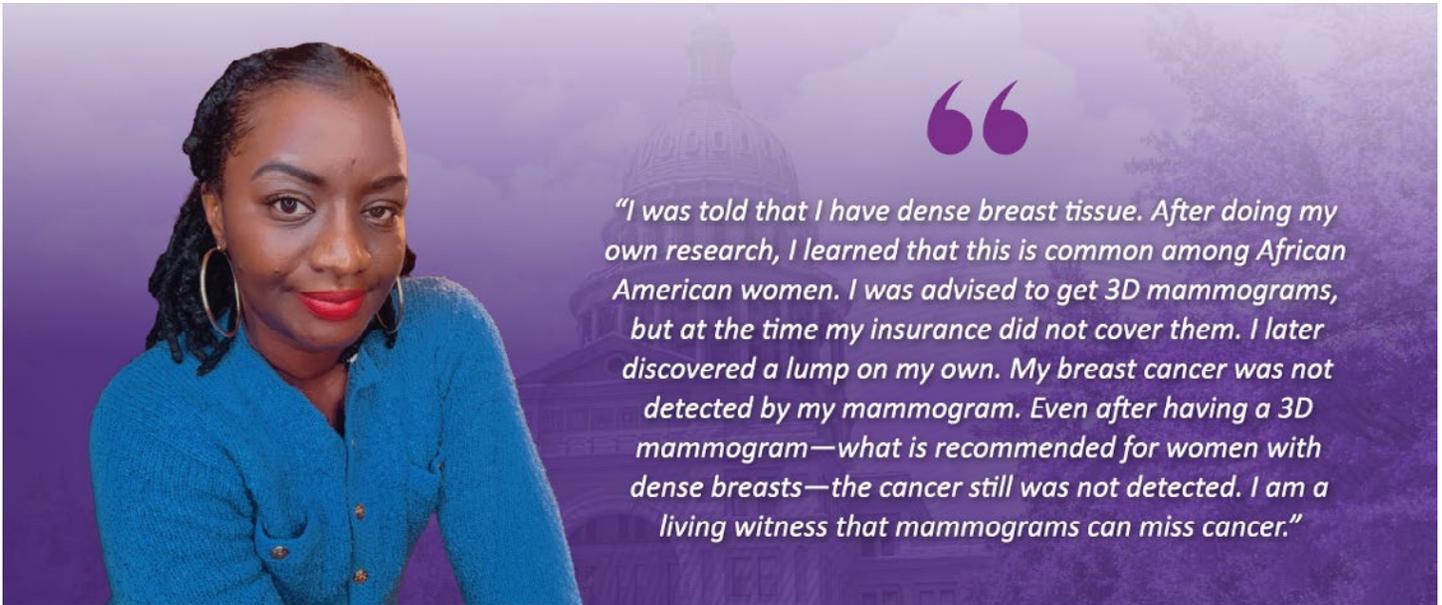
This is your win. Every message you sent, every story you shared, and every call you made helped turn the tide. Thank you to every Tigerlily advocate who raised their voice, and to our dedicated partner organizations who stood with us in this fight. Together, we have proven that advocacy is not just a gesture—it is the power behind real change.

While the work is never done, this moment is worth celebrating. It shows that when we unite, we can directly influence the policies that shape our healthcare and our futures. We will continue this fight to ensure our community can be screened earlier, access the best treatments, and not just survive, but thrive.

Advocacy works. You made it happen.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Help Ensure No Woman Has to Choose Between Her Wallet and Her Life



“I was told that I have dense breast tissue. After doing my own research, I learned that this is common among African American women. I was advised to get 3D mammograms, but at the time my insurance did not cover them. I later discovered a lump on my own. My breast cancer was not detected by my mammogram. Even after having a 3D mammogram—what is recommended for women with dense breasts—the cancer still was not detected. I am a living witness that mammograms can miss cancer.”



Tonya Hicks
Tigerlily Foundation ANGEL Advocate

Breast cancer won't wait—but right now, too many women are forced to. While screening mammograms are often covered at no cost, the follow-up diagnostic tests that actually detect cancer can come with hundreds or even thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses. This financial barrier is delaying diagnoses and costing lives, especially for Black women, Hispanic women, and those with lower incomes.

We have a chance to change that. The Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD) Act (H.R. 3037/S.1500) would require private insurance (and high-deductible plans) to cover medically necessary diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging with no out-of-pocket costs—closing a deadly gap in our healthcare system.

Send a letter to your members of Congress today. It takes just two minutes. Our portal makes it easy—you can use the pre-written message or add your own personal story.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Thirty-one states have already taken action. Now it's time for Congress to act. Add your voice today.

340B Webinar Training for Patient Advocacy Organizations and Community Leaders

Tigerlily is pleased to be partnering with Colors of Gastrointestinal Illnesses (COGI) to present

340B: The Biggest Little-Known Program

A Practical Advocacy Webinar for Patient Advocacy Groups & Leaders

The 340B program is the largest federal program outside Medicare Part D, but most patients have never heard of it even though it is supposed to benefit them. But what does it *actually* mean for the patients you serve? Designed to help safety-net providers stretch resources for vulnerable populations, the program is now a complex, \$64 billion force in the healthcare system. Widespread misuse of the program is driving up costs, limiting patient access, and failing to deliver promised benefits to those in need.

Where does the truth lie? And more importantly, what can your advocacy organization do about it?

This free, 60-minute webinar is designed specifically for patient advocacy groups and leaders who want to understand 340B and turn that knowledge into effective action—even without a dedicated policy team.

You Will Learn:

- ◆ **340B Basics:** A clear, jargon-free explanation of how the 340B program is supposed to work.
- ◆ **The Reality:** Evidence of current misuse and loopholes, explained through a patient-centered lens.
- ◆ **The Patient Impact:** How program misuse can lead to higher drug costs, fewer choices, and reduced access to care for the very patients the program was meant to help.
- ◆ **The Path to Reform:** A breakdown of the key policy solutions being debated.



And You Will Receive:

- ◆ **A Ready-to-Use Advocacy Toolkit:** We provide the resources so you can focus on your mission.
 - ◆ Template emails/letters to Congress.
 - ◆ Pre-drafted social media posts and graphics.
 - ◆ Talking points for engaging with lawmakers and the media.
 - ◆ A simple guide to identifying and telling powerful patient stories tied to 340B.

Who Should Attend:

Leaders and staff of patient advocacy organizations, especially those new to 340B policy or looking for efficient, impactful ways to engage on this critical issue. No prior policy experience is needed.

Speakers:

- ◆ **Maimah Karmo**, CEO & Founder, Tigerlily Foundation
- ◆ **Melodie C. Narain**, President & Founder, Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses (COGI)

[Register now!](#)

Can't attend live? Be sure to register to receive the recording and toolkit.

Partner Corner

Tigerlily Foundation is proud to partner with CURE for the 2026 Educated Patient® Breast Cancer Summit!

Taking place Saturday, March 7, 2026, in Miami Beach, FL, this inspiring event is hosted in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Miami Breast Cancer Conference® and brings together patients, caregivers, clinicians, and advocates to share the latest advancements in breast cancer care.



Event Details

- ◆ Fontainebleau Miami Beach | Virtual option available
- ◆ Limited transportation is available for in-person attendees within 25 miles of the event location. Please select **“Yes”** during registration if transportation is needed.

[Learn more and register here!](#)



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