



The POWER Issue

JUNE 2026



June is National Cancer Survivors Month

Throughout June, we celebrate the strength, resilience, and courage of cancer survivors everywhere.

At Tigerlily Foundation, we are honored to stand alongside survivors whose stories, advocacy, and lived experiences continue to inspire hope, advance change, and strengthen communities. Their voices help shape a future where more individuals have access to the care, support, and resources they need to thrive.

This month, we invite you to join us in honoring every survivor, every journey, and every milestone while celebrating the power of community, advocacy, and hope.

Together, we continue to uplift, empower, and support those impacted by cancer—this month and every month.



Bliss Collective: Brunch & Sip Returns to New York!



Join Tigerlily Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb for the **Bliss Collective: Brunch & Sip**, an inspiring event bringing together patients, survivors, caregivers, advocates, healthcare professionals, and community leaders for meaningful conversations about cancer care, survivorship, wellness, and clinical trials.

This flagship New York City event features conversations on multiple cancer experiences, including breast cancer, lung cancer, multiple myeloma, pan-tumor and broader topics across the cancer journey. Through expert perspectives, patient stories, and interactive discussions, attendees will gain practical knowledge and resources to help guide care and treatment decisions.

Whether you're navigating cancer yourself, supporting a loved one, or looking to learn more, this event is for you.

[REGISTER FOR FREE AND JOIN US IN NEW YORK!](#)

Highlights from our past Bliss events!



Tigerlily's 12th Annual Young Women's Health Day on the Hill



We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our **12th Annual Young Women's Health Day on the Hill (YWHD)**! This year, we witnessed the power of advocacy in action as 19 remarkable ANGEL Advocate Leads traveled to Washington, D.C., from areas across the U.S. facing the highest disparities in breast cancer mortality for Black women.

12TH ANNUAL YOUNG WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY ON THE HILL

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Our ANGEL Advocates and Tigerlily Staff participated in an astounding **63 congressional meetings**. The momentum continued at our policy briefing luncheon, which was filled to capacity. We were honored to host a compelling panel on the **Clinical Trial Modernization Act (CTMA)**, featuring Nishith Pandya (Director, Federal Advocacy, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network) and Camille Lewis (Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate Breast, Health Justice Advocate and Breast Cancer Survivor). We also held a critical discussion on Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, and the Safe Step Act with Paris Smith (Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate, Breast Cancer Survivor and Multiple Sclerosis Patient) and Jennifer Dexter (Vice President, Policy, National Health Council). We are especially grateful to **Rep. Lucy McBath (GA-06)** for her special remarks.



What is the Clinical Trial Modernization Act? This crucial bipartisan bill aims to make clinical trials more accessible and inclusive by removing financial and logistical barriers for participants, including covering travel and meal expenses, and supporting community outreach to ensure trials better reflect the diverse populations they serve. Its passage is essential for ensuring clinical trial access and diversity. The feedback from our post-event survey was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees reported a significantly better understanding of the CTMA and the Safe Step Act, with a strong interest in advocacy and a high likelihood of taking new actions to support these causes. Many found the patient stories and guidance on engaging Congress to be the most valuable parts of the day.

Continue the Momentum! The energy from YWHD doesn't have to stop. We invite you to keep the conversation going and drive change by:

1. **Sharing Your Story:** Tell us why supporting the CTMA matters to you. Your voice is a powerful tool for change. [Share Your Story](#)
2. **Taking Action:** Send a letter to your representatives urging them to support the Clinical Trial Modernization Act and Safe Step Act. Every message counts:
 - [Clinical Trial Modernization Act Letter.](#)
 - [Safe Step Act Letter.](#)

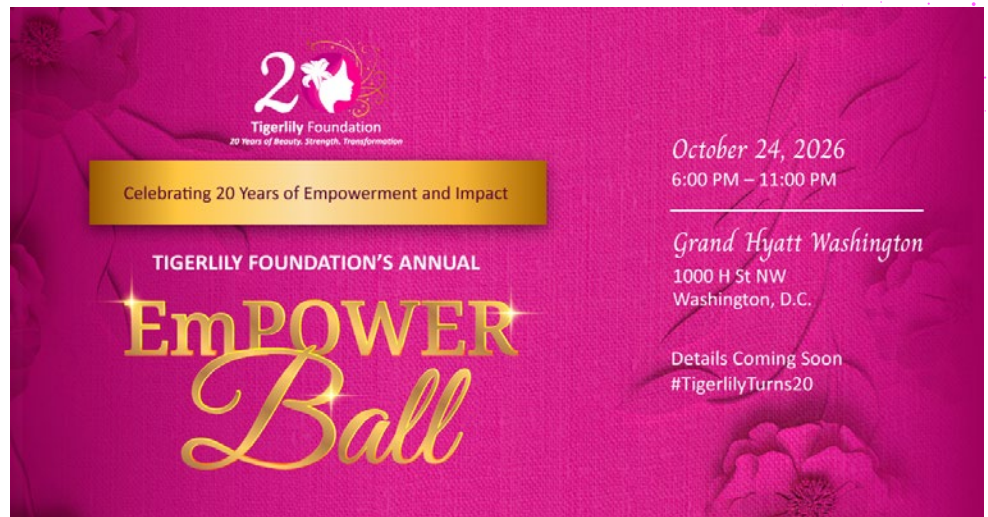
Thank you to everyone who participated, shared their stories, and advocated for a healthier, more equitable future. Together, we are making a difference.



The EmPOWER Ball Returns!

As Tigerlily Foundation celebrates 20 years of impact, advocacy, and empowerment, we're excited to announce the return of the EmPOWER Ball.

Join us as we celebrate two decades of transforming lives, advancing health equity, and creating a future where every woman has the opportunity to thrive.



KEEP AN EYE ON OUR EVENTS PAGE

Introducing Tigerlily's Peer Navigation Program: EMPOWERHER



At Tigerlily Foundation, we believe no one should have to navigate cancer alone. That's why we're proud to share our Peer Navigation Program — a heart-centered support system designed to walk alongside patients, caregivers, and families with empathy, cultural humility, and lived experience.

Our trained Peer Navigators provide one-on-one support, helping individuals make sense of their diagnosis, access resources, navigate care, and feel truly seen and heard. Whether someone is newly diagnosed, in treatment, transitioning to survivorship, or facing barriers to care, our navigators meet people where they are — offering guidance, gentle check-ins, and compassionate support at no cost.

This program is about more than navigating systems — it's about community, connection, and ensuring every person has someone walking beside them on their journey.

LEARN MORE HERE

New MY LIFE, My Legacy Story: Meet Dee



Diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2013 and facing a recurrence in 2017, Dee is now NED (No Evidence of Disease) and using her voice to create change for others.

For years, Dee's concerns were dismissed, despite repeatedly reporting symptoms that something wasn't right. Living with endometriosis and ovarian cysts, her symptoms were often attributed to other conditions rather than being fully investigated. She ultimately learned she had cancer while being wheeled into the operating room — a frightening and life-changing moment.

Today, Dee advocates for greater awareness, better treatment options, and stronger support for women impacted by bladder cancer. Through her story, she is helping raise awareness that bladder cancer can affect young women and that women's experiences deserve to be heard.

"Women's bodies are different — and women deserve research, care, and support that reflect those differences."

[WATCH DEE'S STORY TODAY](#)

This is Dee's legacy. What's yours?
[#MYLIFEIsMyLegacy](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT BLADDER CANCER](#)

In partnership with:



ANGEL Advocacy Program

Use Your Voice. Create Change.



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



Work with health professionals



Advocate/educate on breast health



Building breast cancer engagement/support community



Support researchers



Erica Fae

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

APPLY TODAY TO BECOME A TIGERLILY ANGEL ADVOCATE

For more information, email Clara Christenson at clara@tigerlilyfoundation.org

The Tigerlily Foundation **ANGEL Advocacy Program** empowers patients, survivors, caregivers, and allies to become informed advocates, leaders, and changemakers.

Through comprehensive training, you'll gain the tools to educate communities, engage in advocacy efforts, support research and clinical trial awareness, and help improve outcomes for those impacted by breast cancer.

Flexible training cohorts are available throughout the year, making it easy to get involved when the time is right for you.

Your voice matters. Your story matters. Your advocacy can make a difference.

APPLY TODAY TO BE AN ANGEL

Tigerlily's Monthly ANGEL EmPOWER Chat

★ STRONGER TOGETHER. EMPOWERED ALWAYS.

ANGEL EMPOWER Chat

A monthly space to be heard, uplifted, and connected with women who get it. Let's talk cancer, healing, self-care, advocacy, survivorship, and everything in between.

NEW DAY. SAME MISSION.
MONTHLY ON THURSDAYS
(EVERY THIRD THURSDAY)
7:00 – 8:00 PM EST

♥ **COME AS YOU ARE.**
LEAVE EMPOWERED.
You belong here. ♥♥

ALL ANGELS WELCOME!
Survivors • Thrivers
Supporters • Advocates
• Allies

- ✓ Engaging Topics
- ✓ Special Guests
- ✓ Resources & Support
- ✓ A Safe, Judgment-Free Space
- ✓ YOU!

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Be Empowered. Be Heard. Be an ANGEL.

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The ANGEL EmpowerChat Returns!

ANGEL Empower Chat — a monthly space for survivors, thrivers, allies, supporters, and advocates to come together in community, conversation, and connection.

This is your space to be heard, uplifted, empowered, and reminded that your voice matters. From healing and self-care to advocacy and survivorship, we're creating meaningful conversations with women who truly get it.

📅 Every Third Thursday
🕒 7:00–8:00 PM EST

Come as you are. Leave empowered. You belong here.

REGISTER TODAY!

ANGEL Advocate Spotlight: LaShelle Scott at AACR Annual Meeting



Congratulations to Tigerlily ANGEL Advocate **LaShelle Scott**, who was selected as one of just 40 patient advocates from more than 450 applicants worldwide to participate in the prestigious American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting in San Diego, California on April 17- 22, 2026.

As part of the program, LaShelle authored an abstract, presented a research poster, participated in scientific sessions, and collaborated with fellow advocates and mentors before delivering a group presentation to the full cohort. The experience provided a unique opportunity to bring the patient perspective into cancer research discussions and strengthen connections between advocates and the scientific community.



We are proud to celebrate LaShelle’s achievement and her continued commitment to ensuring patient voices help shape the future of cancer research, treatment, and care.

ANGEL Advocate Spotlight: Frances Malinis



ANGEL Advocate and Metastatic Breast Cancer Thriver Frances Malinis represented Tigerlily Foundation as a panelist at the Women in Government National Legislative Conference in Salt Lake City on June 02 – 05, 2026.

Frances joined fellow panelists Rep. Megan L. Srinivas, MD MPH, Hilary Gee Goeckner, MSW, and Malathi Reddy for this important panel discussion.

During the session, *“Modernizing Clinical Trials: Expanding Access & Participation,”* Frances shared the patient perspective, emphasizing that access to innovation should not depend on zip code, income, or circumstance.

One of her favorite takeaways from the discussion was: *“Instead of bringing the patient to the research, we should be bringing the research to the patient.”* Frances highlighted the barriers many patients face — including travel, cost, and time away from work—and advocated for the Clinical Trial Modernization Act to help make research more accessible.

She also shared, *“If we can use technology for matchmaking for love, we should be using it for matchmaking for life,”* underscoring the need for better healthcare interoperability and easier access to clinical trials, specialists, and treatment options.

In addition, Frances raised awareness about the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act and the importance of reducing delays in access to disability benefits and Medicare coverage for eligible patients.

Tigerlily Foundation is grateful to Women in Government for creating space for patient voices. Advocacy matters because patients matter.

[Join Frances in advocating for the MBC Access to Care Act by sending a letter to your representative today.](#)

Community & Partner Activations

Tigerlily Unstoppable Tour:
Bilingual Rock Your Ribbon Cancer Survivorship Summit
June 13, 2026



The Unstoppable Tour Bilingual Rock Your Ribbon Cancer Survivorship Summit showcased the power of survivors turning adversity into purpose. Our Florida ANGELs proudly represented Tigerlily Foundation by serving on the panel and tabling throughout the event, using their lived experiences to educate, advocate, and connect with their community. **We extend our gratitude to our community partner, 305 Pink Pack, and our sponsor, Novartis,** for helping create a space rooted in diversity, equity, and empowerment where survivors become leaders and their voices drive meaningful change.

Hoops for Hope Basketball Game June 13, 2026



Hoops for Hope was a powerful reminder that lasting change happens when we invest in grassroots organizations and the leaders already transforming their communities. **We are grateful to our incredible community partner, Pearls Girlz, for their commitment to uplifting and empowering local families, and to our sponsor, Pfizer, whose support helped make this impact possible.** By investing in our ANGEL advocates and community-based partnerships, we continue to expand access to education, resources, and hope while empowering communities to lead their own change.



Tigerlily Foundation's EmPOWERed Sister Circle June 15, 2026



Sponsored by Pfizer, our EmPOWERed Sister Circle created an intimate healing space where survivors and caregivers gathered in community to practice mindfulness, deep breathing, self-affirmation, storytelling, resource sharing, and mutual emotional support.

Together, we explored the continuum of the cancer experience, before diagnosis, during treatment, and throughout survivorship, emphasizing that the goal is not simply to survive, but to thrive by living each day with intentionality, presence, and hope. The conversation also highlighted the critical importance of clinical trials and research, acknowledging that far too many women, particularly women of color, are never offered clinical trials as a first-line treatment option or fully informed about the potential benefits of participating in research. Above all, the circle reinforced a powerful truth: while scientific and clinical expertise is invaluable, every woman is the foremost expert on her own body. Self-advocacy is an essential act of empowerment because, at the end of the day, only one person lives in that body, and she is one in a million.

Spotlight on Susan Jenkins, PhD, Senior Advisor, POWER Center of Excellence



At Tigerlily Foundation, advancing health equity means ensuring that every patient is represented, every voice is heard, and every community has access to information that empowers informed decision-making.

That mission comes to life through the work of **Susan Jenkins, PhD, Senior Advisor for Tigerlily Foundation's POWER Center of Excellence**. A breast cancer survivor with more than 25 years of experience in research and data analysis, Susan brings both professional expertise and the perspective of lived experience as a Black woman navigating cancer.

Diagnosed in her 30s, Susan quickly recognized that much of the available research and support did not reflect the realities of younger women facing breast cancer. As she navigated treatment, she searched for information that could help guide important decisions, but often found gaps in the data and resources available to patients like her.

Today, Susan helps POWER advance patient-centered research that ensures lived experiences are incorporated into the evidence used to inform care. She believes that meaningful progress happens when research moves beyond data alone and integrates the realities patients face every day.

"If research isn't asking the questions that matter to us, or capturing what we actually go through day to day, then it's incomplete. And incomplete data leads to incomplete care."

Susan advocates for a future where patients are not simply participants in research, but active partners in driving discovery and advancing solutions that better serve their communities.

"Reimagining this future is about making sure the next person doesn't have to navigate those same gaps I faced and that they can move through their cancer journey with more information, more support, and more dignity."

Her message to patients, survivors, caregivers, researchers, and advocates is simple:

"Don't give up. We are valuable, our experiences and knowledge are valuable, and our voices deserve to be heard."

Susan often reflects on a lesson her mother taught her and her siblings: everyone has a responsibility to make the world better, but each person contributes in their own way. Whether through research, storytelling, advocacy, caregiving, or community leadership, she believes lasting progress happens when people use their unique talents to create positive change. Through her work with Tigerlily Foundation, Susan continues to do exactly that.

Help Improve Equitable Breast Cancer Care



Your Voice Matters in Early Breast Cancer Care

Have you been diagnosed with **early-stage breast cancer** in the last few years?

We're inviting patients to share their experiences to help improve education, resources, and equitable care for others navigating early breast cancer.



Takes less than
15 minutes



Participate
virtually



Your insights will help
share future patient
and provider education



Want to make a difference?
Take the survey if you're interested!

Scan the QR code
to take the survey!

Or visit the link:
https://tigerlily.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24XlfJwall5ieFg



Your experience.
Your voice.
Stronger care for all ♥

For more information:
Power@tigerlilyfoundation.org

Women of color and patients with other health conditions often face barriers to receiving guideline-recommended breast cancer care.

If you've been diagnosed with **early-stage breast cancer**, your experience can help inform better, more inclusive education and resources.

🕒 Takes less than **15 minutes**

💻 Participate virtually

Your insights will help shape future patient and provider education

TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY

Share a Resource: Help a Patient

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

INTRODUCING INA[®] THE INTELLIGENT NUTRITION ASSISTANT FROM SAVOR HEALTH[®]

- Personalized 24/7 Nutrition Guidance at Your Fingertips
- The Knowledge of Experienced Cancer Professionals
- Safe, Secure and Free



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.

SIGN UP TODAY!



Partner Corner

Skincare During Cancer Treatment Master Class

The graphic features a central photograph of an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, smiling gently as she applies a small amount of white cream to her right cheek with her index finger. The background is a soft, light grey. Text is overlaid on the image: 'Lipstick Angels' in a brown, sans-serif font at the top; 'SKINCARE DURING CANCER TREATMENT' in bold black, all-caps sans-serif font below it; a teal circular badge on the right with 'FREE GIVE AWAY!' in white; the Tower Cancer Research Foundation logo and 'Lipstick Angels' text on the left; and a red banner at the bottom with 'COMPLIMENTARY VIRTUAL MASTER CLASS' in white, and 'JUNE 30, 2026 • 2 PM - 3 PM PST' in black below it.

Lipstick Angels

SKINCARE DURING CANCER TREATMENT

FREE GIVE AWAY!

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 Tower Cancer Research Foundation

Lipstick Angels

COMPLIMENTARY VIRTUAL MASTER CLASS

JUNE 30, 2026 • 2 PM - 3 PM PST

Healthy skin can help support confidence and comfort throughout the cancer journey.

Join our partners at Lipstick Angels for a special educational session focused on **skincare during cancer treatment**, where attendees will learn practical tips for caring for skin affected by treatment, navigating common concerns, and building a gentle skincare routine that supports overall well-being. Programs like these help empower patients with knowledge and resources to feel their best during and after treatment.

Whether you're currently in treatment, a survivor, or supporting a loved one, this session offers valuable insights and expert guidance.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

First Descents New Core Program Alert:

Whitewater Kayaking in Tarkio, Montana



First Descents has added a new Core Program to their 2026 lineup — Whitewater Kayaking on the Clark Fork River in Tarkio, Montana.

Set at a beloved legacy site, this experience offers a unique opportunity for connection, adventure, and community both on and off the water. The Clark Fork is an ideal river for beginners and those looking to build confidence, with participants staying at the scenic “Wolf Den” river camp.

Program Dates:

July 12–17 (Caregivers)

July 19–24, July 26–31, August 2–7 (Oncology)

All Core Programs are free, one-time experiences that include lodging, gear, expert instruction, chef-prepared meals, and connection with the First Descents community.

Spots are limited — learn more and apply through the First Descents portal.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

Triage Cancer:

Beyond Diagnosis: Empowering Parents Navigating Metastatic Cancer

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A free program for parents with metastatic cancer and the health care professionals who support them.

This program includes:

- A 4-part educational webinar series
- Educational materials and resources
- Legal & Financial Navigation Program
- Family Resource Navigation Program



Sign Up: TriageCancer.org/Parents

**TRIAGE
CANCER**

**Bright Spot
Network**
Helping families through cancer.

Parents navigating metastatic cancer are often balancing far more than medical care. Between appointments, insurance issues, employment concerns, household responsibilities, and caring for children, the challenges can quickly become overwhelming.

To help support families through these challenges, Triage Cancer and Bright Spot Network are partnering to provide free education, practical tools, and individualized support for parents navigating metastatic cancer.

This free program includes:

- A 4-part educational webinar series
- Practical resources and educational materials
- Legal & Financial Navigation support
- Family Resource Navigation support

The program is designed to help families feel more informed, prepared, and connected throughout the cancer experience.

LEARN MORE HERE



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