



## **DBCC Breast Care Assistance Fund**

The Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition's Breast Care Assistance Fund is a fund established for the sole purpose of providing immediate emergency assistance to residents of Delaware undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Residents of Delaware with a demonstrated financial need who are receiving treatment for breast cancer may be eligible to receive funds.

This fund will provide financial assistance for basic living expenses on behalf of breast cancer patients who have lost all or part of their income during active treatment. Basic living expenses considered are household bills such as rent, mortgage, utilities, phone, transportation, groceries, childcare, personal care or needs, respite care prostheses, wigs, lymphedema sleeves, and other expenses not covered by funds from the Cancer Center and other community agencies.

### **Qualification Guidelines:**

1. Applicant must reside in Delaware, regardless of where they are receiving treatment.
2. Applicant must have a diagnosis of breast cancer and must be in active treatment when funds are requested. Active treatment is defined as the period after a positive diagnosis of breast cancer has been made and during which therapies are being administered, including surgical procedures, chemotherapy and radiation. Active treatment does not include long-term hormonal therapies. Also included are patients with metastatic breast cancer.
3. OR, Applicant must be a breast cancer survivor who can show financial need for assistance in paying for subsequent mammogram screenings and/or lymphedema garments and prosthetics.
4. A confirmation of diagnosis and treatment must be provided by a member of the applicant's medical team.
5. No funds will be given directly to the patient or the patient's family. Payment will be made directly to the service provider or creditors.
6. Patient must be able to show a reduction or loss of income as a result of the breast cancer diagnosis.