



Breast Cancer Task Force

of the Greater Miami Valley

A Collaborative Effort of
Health Agencies in the
Greater Dayton Area

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Mission statement: To empower our community through education, support and advocacy regarding prevention, early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

2011 Year End Summary

Accomplishments

- Streamlined the BCTF:
 - Officially set the beginning and ending times of meetings to 8:30 – 9:30 with attention to keeping meetings to one hour
 - Created committee descriptions, responsibilities, activities/events, and timelines to make transitions from one committee chair to the next more seamless
 - Updated the budget of annual expenses for all committees
 - Collected all policies and procedures and compiled them into one document that will be kept with the Bylaws.
 - Created a method for archiving the history and records of the BCTF with a new Historian who will keep all information stored on our website. All past chairs will serve on the Archives Committee to help keep it up-to-date and accurate.
- Created a New Financial Resources Brochure – 1,000 printed and posted on website for downloading
- Prepared for retirement and departure of Medical Advisor Dr. Termuhlen
- Sent out letters and accepted applications for a new Medical Advisor. Accepted two new Co-Medical Advisors: Louis Keiler III, MD, and Melissa Roelle, MD
- Posted news releases about our new medical advisors, Paint the Square Pink, Breast Cancer Video Contest, and more
- Established a new independent BCTF address: PO Box 0233, Dayton, OH 45409-0233
- Established a new independent BCTF Phone Number: (937) 232-2627
- Held our 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Video Contest and Awards Ceremony—six schools participated and 14 students/teams won a over \$10,000 in scholarships and awards at the awards ceremony held at Oakwood High School.
- Created and held our 1st Annual Breast Cancer Video Poster Contest with \$100 prize

- Currently conducting our 4th Annual Breast Cancer Video Contest, which is underway with 10 schools entering 53 videos this year!! Our awards ceremony will be held at the Greene's Rave Cinemas on March 4th.
- Received donation of \$1,011.50 from Crop for the Cure held over the weekend of October 14-16, organized by Debbie Heller of Your Scrapping Café.
- Hosted our 6th Annual Paint the Square Pink.
- Held two elections: an interim election in October to replace our Vice-Chair and annual elections in November to vote for new officers for 2012.

Speakers

- **February**
Donna Walls spoke about environmental hazards and their relationship to breast cancer. AND, she must have liked us because she joined the BCTF!!! ;)
- **April**
Rhonda Rhea Byrd, survivor and author of Beyond the Pink Ribbon, shared her remarkable journey from Stage II to Stage IV breast cancer and her trips to Aruba for naturopathic care.
- **June**
Andrea Hoff of Montgomery County Family and Children First Council presented "No Wrong Door," a service system that welcomes people in need and assists them with connecting to the desired services needed.

Challenges

- Must recruit more members and we really need to find survivors to serve on the BCTF and add their experiences to our group's perspective.
- Get more schools involved with the Breast Cancer Video Contest
- Find sponsors for the Breast Cancer Video Contest
- Get more people and businesses to attend/participate in Paint the Square Pink
- Promote our BCTF in the Miami Valley, encouraging newspapers and TV stations to contact us when breast cancer awareness issues/programs/policies/etc., make the news