



Make strides to end breast cancer.



YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS HARD AT WORK!

The American Cancer Society Lakeshore Division (MI, IL and IN) is currently funding 8 breast cancer grants totaling \$3,611,000!

In 2013 the American Cancer Society provided more than 380,000 FREE rides to and from treatment. (\$50 helps provide 5 rides to and from treatment for a cancer patient in IL)

\$250 Helps offer a cancer patient and her caregiver 1 week of FREE lodging at one of our Hope Lodge facilities (currently there are 31 Hope Lodge facilities nationwide).

In 2013 The American Cancer Society helped over 14,000 women through our Reach to Recovery program by connecting the women to a trained breast cancer survivor for one-on-one emotional support.

For more than 65 years, the American Cancer Society research program has been finding the answers that help us understand how to prevent, detect and treat all cancer types, including breast cancer.

Making Strides of South Suburban
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Event Details

MSABC of South Suburban 5k Walk
Sunday, October 12th
Centennial Park Soccer Field, Orland Park

Registration & Opening Ceremony:
8:00AM
Walk Begins at 9:00AM

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Congratulations to Yolanda Cannella on becoming our first 2014 PACESETTER!

And Thank You to all of our supporters!

Don't Leave Women Exposed—Join ACS CAN

Each year, ACS CAN proves again and again it *is* a public health leader in Illinois when our large network of volunteer advocates press lawmakers to protect cancer prevention funding for a vital safety net program serving Illinois' women. The Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program provides free screening options for uninsured women, and has identified cancer and pre-cancer cases in more than 2,000 women over the last five years. After facing a more than one million dollar cut last year, ACS CAN members acted swiftly to protect this lifesaving program once again.

We need to urge Congress to use the POWER of the PURSE because they hold the purse strings to cancer research funding and prevention. No other organization funds more cancer research than the federal government.

But Congress hasn't heard our message loud enough. They haven't increased cancer research funding and they haven't made prevention programs a priority. This leaves programs that help eligible women access lifesaving screenings and treatments... waiting. This puts on hold potential cancer research breakthroughs, perhaps coming too late or not at all for those fighting for their lives at this very moment. This is unacceptable. We NEED your support in becoming an ACS CAN member, please visit acsacan.org/makingstrides and designate your membership the Making Strides of South Suburban to have your voice heard!

Gina Cook's Story:

My name is Gina, and what an honor to share my story with you. My prayer is that somewhere along the line of my story, you will feel hope and strength.

They say time flies when you are having fun. I would like to say time has flown because my life has been a blast, full of laughter and health, yet looking back it is hard to believe that seven years ago, my life was drastically changed forever because of that moment where time stood still and life seemed hopeless. [Click here to read the rest.](#)



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