

# 20YEARS

OF SUPPORTING YOUNG ADULTS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER

#### YSC ANNUAL REPORT 2018



I remember walking into my oncologist's office and realizing that I was the youngest patient in the waiting room."

Jane M. Diagnosed at 35

Photo: David Rodriguez

#### YOUNG SURVIVAL COALITION (YSC)

STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY, ADDRESSES THE UNIQUE NEEDS, AMPLIFIES THE VOICE AND IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF YOUNG ADULTS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER, LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.



Photo: Ryan Stephens

IN 1998 a group of young women, all diagnosed with breast cancer before age 40, gathered in New York City and had the first YSC meeting. They all personally experienced that young adults were missing from the research, community and conversations about breast cancer. Twenty years later, these needs still define YSC's work.

YSC celebrated its 20th year in 2018 by hosting 10 community events across the country, including our largest flagship event in New York City, where it all began. Throughout the year, your support helped YSC

provide survivors, co-survivors and healthcare providers with free educational resources and community support networks. Thank you to all of our donors, fundraisers, volunteers and constituents for continuing to believe in YSC and our amazing community. Your dedication helps YSC ensure no young adult faces breast cancer alone.

**Smiles** 

Jennifer Merschdorf, CEO • Diagnosed at 36

## 250,000

YOUNG ADULTS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER IN THE U.S. TODAY

### MORE THAN 13,000 DIAGNOSED BEFORE AGE 41 EACH YEAR







These totals are for January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

# PROJECTS YOU'VE HELPED SUPPORT:

**102** STATE LEADERS VOLUNTEERING ACROSS THE U.S.

**174** F2F SUPPORT GROUPS IN 46 STATES

1,929 NAVIGATORS DISTRIBUTED THAT GUIDE YOUNG ADULTS AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR DISEASE

**38** RISE ADVOCATES ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE BREAST CANCER SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND POLICY LANDSCAPES.

**729** ATTENDEES TO YSC CONFERENCES

Photo: David Rodriguez

## YSC IMPACT

■ When I was going through chemotherapy, I met a young survivor with the same diagnosis as me who had completed her treatments a year prior. Meeting someone who had gone through the same experiences, who was now fully living life, gave me hope and changed my outlook on my diagnosis. I volunteer for YSC to help young survivors connect with each other and help provide a forum for hope and support."

Joanne H. Diagnosed at 33









Group of survivors attending the event in Phoenix, AZ.

# 20 YEARS. 10 CITIES. 650 LIVES CHANGED.

YSC celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2018 with community events in 10 cities across the U.S. For 20 years, YSC has made friendships that feel more like family. We've formed long partnerships with our community who dedicate themselves to our cause. These relationships run deep and last lifetimes. In 2018, we celebrated the people who help make our mission possible.

Game Changer Nikki T. with YSC co-founder Roberta Levy-Schwartz at the Houston, TX, event.



Survivors Amanda N. and Dulce S. (State Leader) at the San Diego, CA, event.



Survivor Joanne H. receiving her Game Changer award at the Seattle, WA, event.



Survivors and co-survivors at the event in Atlanta, GA.

#### GAME CHANGERS

YSC selected 32 Game Changers from 238 nominations. The Game Changer awards recognized outstanding dedication to young adults affected by breast cancer. For a full list, visit

bit.ly/GameChangersYSC



■ Congratulations on twenty years of making sure no young adult faces breast cancer alone. YSC helped Erin and me tremendously; we will always be grateful that you were there when we needed you."

Pablo Colón, Co-Survivor,
board member and
YSC Game Changer
with his wife, Erin,
at the event in New York.



Photo: David Rodriguez

 I left my first year attending the YSC Summit feeling connected, supported, and inspired. It's hard to describe the powerful feeling of being surrounded by 600 other young adults that really and truly get it."

Miranda M. \* Survivor

### Summit 2018 YSC SUMMIT IN ORLANDO, FL

The YSC Summit brought together more than 600 survivors, co-survivors, healthcare providers and supporters in Orlando, FL. You helped YSC feature 3 days of current, evidence-based information to assist young adults in making decisions about their healthcare. Many Summit attendees had never been in a room with another young adult diagnosed with breast cancer.

505 29 EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS SURVIVORS, CO-SURVIVORS & HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS 20 EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS SESSIONS 20 EXPERTS FROM RESEARCH, MEDICAL AND WELLNESS COMMUNITIES

# YSC CONFERENCES

SURVIVORS, CO-SURVIVORS & HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

EXPERTS RESEARCH, AND WELL COMMUN

#### 2018 SYMPOSIUM IN PITTSBURGH, PA

YSC's regional Symposium is a 1-day conference that travels to a new region each year to increase access to information that young adults affected by breast cancer need.



**TOTAL** 

**149** SURVIVOR RIDERS

**295** CO-SURVIVOR RIDERS

**21** BIKES DONATED TO SURVIVORS

**300,000** MILES RIDDEN

**\$1,631,435** RAISED FOR YSC

And I feel so blessed to be able to ride in the Tour de Pink and give back to a great organization that has given hope to me when I needed it."

> Amanda C. Survivor Rider & Bike Recipient

# WITH YOUR HELP, YSC RAISED \$4,158,035

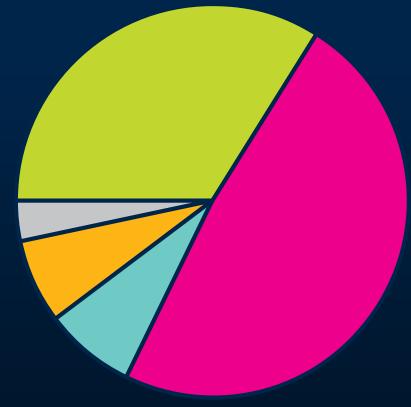
**IN FISCAL YEAR 2018** 

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS \$1,868,983
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$1,437,696
FOUNDATION GRANTS \$343,773
GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$363,133
OTHER \$144,450

Fiscal Year 2018 is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

I am so proud to have the opportunity to be a part of such a great organization. YSC has provided me with many great resources and given me the ability to share those with other young women."

Vanessa S. Diagnosed at 32





The 10th annual Congressional Women's Softball Game brought together congressional representatives and the press corps to raise \$295,000 for Young Survival Coalition.

# THANK YOU, DONORS

\*Supported special 20th Anniversary programming

\$100,000+

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\$50,000 - \$99,999











\$25,000 - \$49,000







































\$24,999 - \$5,000

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You make the difference!

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