



Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio
2018-2019 Community Grant Recipients – Program Abstracts

Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education
Project Hoffnung (HOPE): The Amish and Mennonite Breast Health Project
Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Ohio contains the world's largest Amish settlement, and several dozen smaller settlements are scattered throughout Ohio in mostly rural, underserved communities where access to cancer screening is limited or unavailable. Our Komen-funded research has indicated that breast cancer mortality rates are disproportionately higher among Amish women.

Project Hoffnung (or "Hope") was established in 1997 to address health disparities in Amish & Mennonite communities. By establishing community-led screening and education programs in Northeast Ohio, we hope to reach 275 women living in some of the most resource-starved settlements using a community health worker Pathways model for breast health. The proposed program aims to use the foundation of trust we currently have established almost 20 years and to combine a sound evaluation plan with strong community partnerships. In short, our mission is to prevent the unnecessary death from breast cancer of Amish and Mennonite women.

The MetroHealth Foundation
BRinging Education, Advocacy and Support Together (BREAST)
Amount Awarded: \$55,000

MHS improves breast health of uninsured/underinsured (equal or lower than 250% FPL) women in Cuyahoga County through its Bringing Education, Advocacy & Support Together (BREAST)/Amigas Program. The program improves access & reduces barriers to care by providing free culturally-sensitive services, clinical breast exams (CBEs), mammograms & patient navigation. Since 2005, the program has screened over 7400 women, educated 45,700 & held 48 free breast screening events. In addition, 2 bilingual patient navigators have arranged follow-up services including primary care, transportation, interpretation services, financial assistance & other resources to over 3600 patients. This grant cycle the program will serve 2960 patients: 220 CBEs, 300 mammograms, patient navigation services for 440 patients & outreach/education to 2000 people. Evaluation methods: Needs assessments, pathways, satisfaction surveys, pre/post tests, referrals, screening behavior, cancers diagnosed & stages.