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IRS Tax Exempt Status 501(c) (3)

## **JD Breast Cancer Foundation Financial Aid Policy**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Agency Overview:**

JD Breast Cancer Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization committed to helping women and families affected by breast cancer. The mission of the JD Breast Cancer Foundation is to provide essential services to young women with breast cancer by offering financial assistance, emotional support, and education to enhance survivorship.

### **Purpose of the Policy:**

A key service of JD Breast Cancer Foundation is to provide financial assistance to women who are survivors and actively in treatment. In an effort to ensure objective review and assessment of applications received to JD Breast Cancer Foundation offices, this policy will provide an outline of the women we intend to provide this service to, the types of financial assistance we will support, when we intend to provide the support, and where we intend to provide the support.

### **Women to be Served:**

All applications will be evaluated upon receipt from any woman with breast cancer on a non-discriminatory basis with no regard to age, race, ethnicity, or creed. Although JD Breast Cancer Foundation targets younger women with breast cancer, we seek to support any woman in need of financial assistance regardless.

Women must be in active treatment or completed active treatment within the last 12-months and facing financial hardship as a direct result of breast cancer treatment with no ability to financially support themselves.

Women are typically underinsured and/or un-insured and/or have faced challenges due to lack of employment, job loss during treatment or because of treatment, job loss of their spouse or partner when the spouse or partner is the financial supporter of the family, or other financial hardships unanticipated by the survivor and her family.

### **Types of Financial Assistance:**

Financial Assistance is intended to assist with meeting basic living expenses (i.e., housing, utilities, food, transportation, medical supplies) to enhance survivorship and increase quality of life. Having a debt paid, being saved from foreclosure or repossession, obtaining medications, affording groceries, accessing transportation to treatment are just some of the ways JD helps in saving a woman's life.

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JD Breast Cancer Foundation will provide financial support for the following:

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Phone Bill
- Transportation Costs (i.e., bus passes, gas cards, taxi service, insurance, car note)
- Medical Bills unpaid by Insurance Carrier/Finalization Medical Bill
- Child Care Assistance
- Vouchers for Groceries
- Medical Supplies Not Provided by Insurance or Other Community Resources
- Co-pays: Only if Co-Pay Programs Have Been Exhausted
- Act as a Referral Source to Additional Community Resources, Including Referral to a Financial Counselor (If Not Currently Working With One)

The maximum amount of financial aid assistance to be provided per survivor is: \$1,500, per application. All applicants' needs will be considered on an individual case-by-case basis, keeping in mind at all times what is most impacting the person's cancer diagnosis.

***\* The distribution of funds may be affected if an applicant has assets greater than \$10,000 in a retirement fund and/or a savings account.***

### **When Financial Support is Provided**

JD Breast Cancer Foundation will accept an application from a survivor once per year for consideration for funding. Upon receipt of an application, JD Breast Cancer Foundation staff will contact the survivors' Social Worker (if assigned to one) to attest to the needs of the survivor and conduct a thorough review of their submitted information. JD will accept applications submitted by individuals who are not linked with a social worker. In this case, JD will verify all information with applicant and request the appropriate documentation for completion of application. It is the goal of JD Breast Cancer Foundation to review applications on an ongoing basis and complete a review of the survivors' information within two weeks of receipt. The review timeline of the survivors' information can be impacted by the availability of the survivor and/or their social worker to affirm the given information.

Once the information submitted has been affirmed by JD Breast Cancer Foundation staff, a recommendation and summary will be sent out to the Special Needs Subcommittee of JD Breast Cancer Foundation's Program Development Committee for approval. In most cases, members of the Special Needs Subcommittee will return their vote within one-week of the recommendation and summary receipt.

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The entire process is typically completed within 30-days of application submission of the survivor.

**Where Financial Support is Available:**

JD Breast Cancer Foundation provides assistance to all survivors' within the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Northeast Ohio Affiliate footprint (22 counties or Northeast Ohio) with a specific target audience of women living in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lorain Counties.

**Exceptions:**

JD Breast Cancer Foundation, through the Special Needs Subcommittee, reserves the right to change or modify this policy at any time with the supporting approval of JD Breast Cancer Foundation Board of Directors.

Exceptions to the policy may apply and be considered on a case-by-case basis with the recommendation from staff, approval of the Special Needs Subcommittee, and approval of the Chairperson of the Program Development Committee.

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**Time Frame for Implementation**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Special Needs Subcommittee and Program Development Committee and should be implemented for Program Year 2010 (April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011).

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Special Needs Subcommittee Representative

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Karen Lippmann  
Program Development Committee Co-Chairperson

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Gayle Williams-Byers  
Program Development Committee Co-Chairperson

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Lisa Mallowney, Program Director  
JD Breast Cancer Foundation

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Executive Director  
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