

2019 IMPACT



250.000

women are diagnosed with invasive reast cancer in the U.S. every year

40,000

women die annually from breast cancer

THE NEED

MORE THAN 100.000 AROUND 40%

of women undergo some form of mastectomy each year to treat or, in some cases, prevent the risk of breast cancer

LESS THAN 23%

of women know the wide range of breast reconstruction options available to them

Increased high costs of procedures is the major restraining factor for reconstruction

WHAT WE DO

We provide resources and support systems for women who have had mastectomies as a result of breast cancer. We educate women on reconstruction options and assist them with the cost of reconstructive surgery. We accomplish this for women-in-need through advocacy, community education, and financial support.

CONNECTING WITH WOMEN IN NEED: ADVOCACY

Individual coaching, support and access to financial assistance.



inquiries from women seeking assistance

breast tissue expanders.



women received financial coaching





EDUCATION & OUTREACH



CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES:

National and local initiatives to inform women of their options.

5,000 social media viewers per month





18 "MD Source" podcasts and 11 blog posts

EVENTS





Press Event: Hosted NYC national press event, "Thriving After Breast Cancer-The Journey to Healing" featuring prominent breast cancer advocates & spokesperson Allyn Rose.



Breast Reconstruction Awareness (BRA) Day Kwanzafest African American Fair



Fundraisers: : High Tea, Giving Tuesday, CAiRS Kits

for patients, North Texas Giving Day



Conferences: American Oncology Nurse Navigator Convention, American Society of Plastic Surgeons Conference



women received the benefit of medical care by professional providers for breast reconstruction, nipple tattooing, and

76,161

in funding resulting in access to surgeries that otherwise would have cost \$625.016.

Service fees reduced or donated by professional providers.



doctors, partners & clients from 2018



financial support from 2018

CONNECTING WITH MEDICAL **PROFESSIONALS AND SPONSORS:** DEVELOPMENT

Professional and ancillary partnerships of surgeons, medical groups and service providers across the USA.



MICHAEL S. BECKENSTEIN M.D., FACS Alabama Breast Cancer Cooperative Birmingham, AL

AiRS connected applicants Elizabeth W. and Adrienne E with Dr. Beckenstein in 2019. Both women had Medicaid but were unable to locate a local qualified surgeon that would accept their method of payment Dr. Beckenstein negotiated with AiRS to accept reduced surgical fees that allowed each woman to complete their breast reconstruction.



DENTON WATUMULL, M.D., FACS Regional Plastic Surgery Center Dallas, TX

AiRS referred applicant Heather B. to Dr. Watumull for assistance in completing her breast reconstruction. Heather, an uninsured daycare worker, was unable to afford breast reconstruction. Dr. Watumull reduced his surgical fees due to his partnership with AiRS, who assumed the lower payments for Heather's surgery, treating her as she says "with great dignity as if she were a full-paying patient."



TARA DUNSMORE-WILLIAMSON Pink Ink Tattoo NC. MS. & TX

AiRS assisted applicants Sabrina M. and Norma B. in completing their breast reconstruction journeys through financing their areola tattooing, often not covered by insurance. The partnership with Pink Ink Tattoo allowed both women to complete their reconstruction without additional expenses. resulting in a realistic result that would not have been possible without AiRS assistance

AIRS IMPACT STORIES OF WOMEN WE'VE SERVED











Deisy L. 37, Denver, CO

"It was a total shock to me and my family. I was thinking that I will die asking "Why Me?". I didn't have options because I have BRCA 1 & 2. AiRS helped me a lot. They helped with my first surgery and gave me confidence to do it right."

Courtney L. 34, Columbus, GA

"The odds were against me. My only option was a double mastectomy. I felt pain, I felt confused, I felt less of a women. It was a blow because I could not afford the reconstruction surgery. But AiRS took that stress away and made it possible to put my health first."



They worked with me."

Patti M. 40, Madison, WA

"It's surreal and scarv. So much uncertainty and worrying about everything happening around me. I was ok at first, but with more surgeries I'm becoming sick of trying. AiRS helps me so so much by giving me peace of mind and paying for the deductible. Now I've got this."



Stephanie H. 57, Miami, FL

"I was devastated but have grown stronger. I didn't want to be breast-less. AiRS paid my insurance premiums for 3 months so I could continue my treatment and surgery. As long as I have life, there is hope."

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