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MESSAGE FROM THE MWCABC PRESIDENT

On behalf of the entire MWCABC Board, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our warrior recipients and to the generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers. We are continually energized by your trust, compassion, and commitment to our mission. Because of all of you, 2025 marks another extraordinary year of advancing awareness, accelerating research, and supporting those who need us most.

A special note of gratitude goes to those who give their time so selflessly. Our dedicated Board of Directors, Event Chairs, Committee Members, Advisory Board, Care Coaches, Junior Coalition members and their Advisors—and the countless additional volunteers, both seen and unseen—are the heartbeat of this organization. The Coalition simply couldn't operate without your unwavering energy.

As we head into our 29th year, the MWCABC has invested over \$5 million in groundbreaking breast cancer research. Our hardworking Research Committee has once again selected deserving researchers who strive for better prevention, treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

For over two decades, the Outreach committee has provided individualized support services, vital financial resources, helpful programming, and education for those navigating breast cancer and related diagnoses. The Coalition is sometimes the first call a woman makes after getting "that" diagnosis and we do not take the honor lightly. We are continuously inspired by the resilience and gratitude of our recipient community!

We also applaud the Junior Coalition and their Advisors, who once again expanded awareness among teens, raised funds, and provided much-needed support to patients. These young leaders inspire optimism for the future and embody the spirit of service.

To our donors and sponsors—every single contribution fuels our work. This year had the highest participation ever at our 5K Run/Walk, another sold-out Cash for a Cure Raffle, and a fabulous Ladies' Night Out "Bet on Pink" Event, where the guys also joined in on the fun at this year's a casino night party. We also had our first ever pickleball fundraiser that was a blast!

I especially want to thank the many individuals and organizations that set up and ran their own fundraisers to benefit the MWCABC. This year was a record year for these third-party events—from sports teams to ladies' golf groups to triathlon runners, and even a back yard BBQ! We are always humbled when you choose us. Your efforts and ingenuity not only benefit the Coalition financially but allows us more time to focus our critical work.

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Whether you registered, attended, volunteered, or contributed, please know how profoundly grateful we are.

We hope this newsletter offers a meaningful snapshot of what your generosity makes possible—and all that we can continue to achieve together.

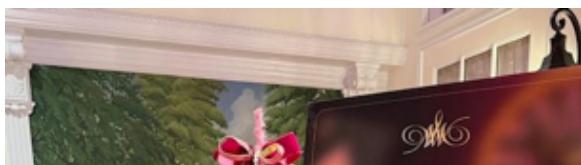
With deepest gratitude,
Beatriz Gonzalez Roth
President, Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Ladies' (& Gentleman's) Night Out - BET ON PINK Casino Night 2025



This year marked a **bold re-imagining of our traditional Ladies Night Out**, transformed into a lively co-ed “Bet on Pink” Casino Night at Leonard’s Palazzo. Expertly led by Liliane Correa and Christina Potter, the event was beautifully decorated from the entrance to every last detail, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. The chairs were supported by the dedicated women of the board, who helped ensure the evening ran seamlessly. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, Silent Auction, Drop-in-the-Box, music, and dancing. The night featured remarks from President Bea Roth, recognition of the Outreach Program by Chairs Dorothy Forte and Sabine Hairabedian, and the presentation of over \$250,000 in Research Grants by Dr. Angela Cutrone to this year’s recipients: Memorial Sloan Kettering, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research. These events, and the difference they make, would not be possible without the unwavering support of our community and local businesses. We are deeply grateful and look forward to another inspiring and successful year ahead.







Pickleball, 5K Run/Walk and CASH FOR A CURE RAFFLE

We launched 2025 with a **brand-new Pickleball Fundraiser** at Sportime Port Washington, led by Jayshree Virmani. 45 enthusiastic players enjoyed friendly competition, baked goods from our Junior Coalition, and helped raise over \$4,000 for our cause. October brought the excitement of our Annual 5K, and although leadership changed, the momentum did not. Under the dynamic duo of Meredith DiCocco and Ilana Maguire, **our “Glow for a Cure” run soared to a record 750 participants**, to “Light Up the Fight.” With creativity, organization, and unmatched enthusiasm, these chairs already have their sights set on reaching 1,000 participants next year.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

Plandome Ladies Golf Organization (PLGO)



The Plandome Ladies Golf Organization (PLGO) hosted a fantastic fundraising event, *Swing, Serve and Support*, which **raised an extraordinary \$45,828** - a remarkable contribution to our mission of supporting women and families affected by breast cancer. The Plandome Country Club and their amazing staff provided the beautiful venue and ensured the day ran seamlessly. A special note of appreciation goes to Becky Donahue and Lynn Minutillo, whose leadership in running the event on behalf of the PLGO were instrumental to its success.





Manhasset High School Field Hockey Team

Thank you to the Manhasset Field Hockey team who ran a fundraiser in the month of October and raised \$2,000 for the MWCABC! We are so grateful for all your efforts in supporting our cause!



Port Washington High School Field Hockey Team

Thank you to the Port Washington Field Hockey team who all came out to participate in the 5k Walk/Run and raised \$1,500 for the MWCABC! All your efforts in supporting our cause is greatly appreciated!



Port Washington Paul D. Schreiber High School Viking Football Team

The Port Washington Varsity & JV Football teams have once again donned their pink socks in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As has become a tradition at Schreiber High School, the teams set up shop in the school lobby to sell their now famous "Tackle Breast Cancer" tees. Because of their hard work, Outreach received a check for \$1298! The continued support from the Schreiber HS community is impressive and the teams' commitment to our cause is so touching! We trust all involved know the impact that their donations are making throughout the Port Washington/Manhasset community and beyond. Special thanks to our liaison, Mara Sarchese!



Manhasset Travel Baseball teams

The Manhasset 10U and 12U boys' travel baseball teams donated \$500 as well as played in the Think Pink for a Cure tournament during October 3-5 this year at Lasorda Legacy Park (Yaphank, Long Island). They

designed pink uniforms and hats for the boys to wear during the tournament and raised an additional \$300 from the uniform / hat sales to players, parents and family members for the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

Orangetheory Fitness Garden City Park, Carle Place & New Hyde Park

Owned by Marian and Baldur Dujmovits, OrangeTheory Fitness Carle Place, Garden City Park and New Hyde Park studios, sponsored a fundraising challenge to raise funds for the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer (MWCABC) Outreach Program. During the month of October, the members donated to *Torture the Staff* which required the coaches and sales associates to do certain exercises and a Dri Tri (athlon.) based on the dollar amount of the donation. Thanks to the generosity of their fit family, they raised \$4,000 to help in the fight against breast cancer, proving once again that when we come together, we can make a real impact!



Port Washington Yacht Club Fundraiser

The Port Washington Yacht Club held their annual Ladies Holiday Fundraising Event on December 4th. The MWCABC is grateful to have been chosen as the beneficiary of this special event for 2025. Over 180 ladies gathered for an evening of dinner, shopping and raffles. Thank you to Josefina Jervis and her committee for hosting this special event that **raised over \$15,000!** We appreciate the generous raffle and silent auction donations and the overwhelming support from those that attended.



Glen Cove 9 Hole Golf Fundraiser

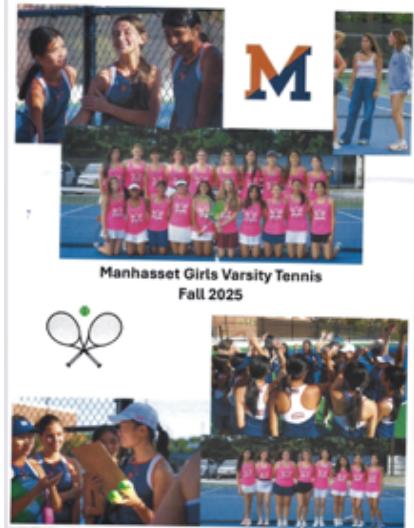


The wonderful ladies of Glen Cove 9 Hole Golf have once again made us the charity for their breast cancer fundraising event. They raised \$6,800!

North Shore Middle School



We are so grateful to North Shore Middle School teacher, Mrs. Debbie Henneberger, who once again put a pickle ball team together in support of Outreach. Realizing a donation of over \$300, with full hearts, we thank all who participated!



Manhasset Girls Varsity Tennis Team

Manhasset Girls Varsity Tennis Team raised \$3,254.20 through their annual Serve-a-Thon event, during which team members pledged contributions for each successful serve, their Snap Fundraiser, as well as through two bake sales. Additionally, the team has consistently participated in our 5k for the past three years, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to this vital cause.

THANK YOU!!

OTHER TEAM SUPPORT (no pics):

MHS Varsity / JV Girls Volleyball \$430
PINK / MHS Junior Booster Club \$4356
Middle Country Varsity Gymnastics team \$365

Champions For Charity Program



Champions For Charity - where the community got to select MWCABC as their charity of choice,
\$11,248 was raised!

Outreach Making A Difference!



Outreach's Special Gifts Team works tirelessly throughout the year purchasing, wrapping, creating cards and organizing deliveries for dozens of gifts for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and most recently Thanksgiving. These past weeks , they were back at it! As a result, 15 volunteers travelled to 11 different towns to deliver gifts and a bit of cheer and gratefulness to 24 women helped by Outreach. That's dedication! Chris (missing from photo), Alice and Diane,

Stephanie Sze is a junior at Manhasset High School. She is also a Team USA figure skater who represents the country in numerous international competitions, including the highest level World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships where her team got back to back Bronze medals in 2024 and 2025 among 20+ different countries. Earlier this year, she was selected as one of the nationwide student-athletes to receive a prestigious scholarship, the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team, recognized for outstanding academic performance, community involvement, and excellence in figure skating. She was awarded with a \$3,000 scholarship and an additional \$1,000 to a charity of her choosing. Stephanie chose to donate to MWCABC Outreach because in the Manhasset community she has witnessed how the organization provides financial and moral support for women battling breast cancer and is particularly grateful for the support given to her Mom. We congratulate you, Stephanie, for all your efforts on and off the ice!

Outreach is so lucky to have you!



As a local and women owned and operated independent pharmacy, Nature's Remedy Pharmacy on Plandome Road will go above and beyond for their patients. An Outreach Recipient, Sheryl from Great Neck, has had her prescription needs met there throughout her cancer treatments. After hearing how Outreach was assisting Sheryl, Sandra Telesmanic, pharmacist/owner, stepped up, becoming Sheryl's liaison to the MWCABC. Welcome to the team, Sandra! This is women helping women at its very best. Stop by to meet Sandra, pictured below, at 588 Plandome Rd, Manhasset.



Yet again, under the direction of Debbie Lodato, former Outreach Recipient and the owner of Studio D Dance Center in Massapequa, NY, her students raised \$1330 in donations for Pink Ribbons to hang in the studio windows during October. Debbie, who strongly believes in paying things forward, is pictured below on the right with fellow warrior, Patti Thorpe.



The Junior Coalition girls helping wrap holiday gifts for Outreach recipients!

RESEARCH





It was a busy year as always for our esteemed research committee which included ongoing committee process for Grant Selection and Grant Monitoring progress reports, attendance at various conferences and Breast Cancer symposium educational sessions to stay up to date on the latest research findings and updates on Breast Cancer as well as maintaining constant communication with research organizations.

This year we were thrilled to present grants to our 2025 research recipients:

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Camila dos Santos, PhD

Project - "Probing the Role of BPTF Inhibitors in Blocking Breast Cancer Metastatic Development"

GRANT - \$75,000

The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research at Northwell

Betsy J. Barnes, PhD

Project - "Mechanisms Contributing to Early Onset Breast Cancer - Dysregulation in the Machinery that Makes Protein"

GRANT - \$90,000

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Komal Jhaveri, MD

Project - "Enhancing Immunogenicity in ER+/HER2- Metastatic Breast Cancer"

GRANT - \$100,000

MWCABC JUNIOR COALITION

Our Manhasset High School girls who make up the MWCAC Junior Coalition have been very busy this fall season! Our first event, the 5K on October 5th, was a tremendous success. Our high school girls, grades 9 through 12, showed up ready to support the community. The Senior and Junior classes helped streamline runner registration and distribute marathon T-shirts, while the Sophomore and Freshman classes brought energy and spirit by creating posters, running the coffee station, handing out water, and cheering on all participants. Next, on October 22, we hosted "Ladies and Gents Night Out," which officially kicked off our annual Tree of Hope fundraiser. The Junior Coalition led the way, selling ornaments that represent hope, strength, and courage. The fundraiser continues through December, and we invite everyone to participate by purchasing an ornament at our next event, "Merry Little Manhasset" at Mary Jane Davies Park on November 29th from 12–3 PM and on Saturdays in December 11am to 1pm at Raindew Manhasset. We are also excited to welcome four new advisors for our Freshman class: Jennifer Amato, Melissa Cinquimani, Melissa

Napolitano, and Lisa Cypress. They have done an incredible job uniting our newest members and building a strong sense of community. Their first fundraiser, the Pink Ball, will take place on November 10th and brought together more than 150 freshman students in support of the ongoing efforts of the MWCABC. Lastly, the Junior Coalition is busy planning and extremely excited to deliver delicious holiday cookie baskets to our Manhasset and Port Washington Outreach recipients in early December. It has been an exciting beginning of the year for the Junior Coalition. We look forward to planning our new year events which will include the 10th Grade Snowball fundraiser and our spring planting for outreach recipients.

Snowball



Ladies' and Gent's Night Out



Bake Sale



Selling Ornaments and T-shirts



5K Walk/Run





REMINDER!!



THE MWCABC HAS GONE SOCIAL!!!

That's right - all our latest support programs, fundraisers and updates are regularly posted to our Instagram and Facebook pages so you never have to miss out! Scan the QR code (or click the Social Icons) below and be sure to ADD us as a FRIEND on Facebook or hit the FOLLOW button on Instagram to always be in the know!





The Executive Board of the MWCABC hopes you have a wonderful holiday season and wishes everyone a very Happy New Year filled with good health, happiness and love.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer, click [here](#). Your gifts, both large and small, will help us to continue to play a leadership role in the fight against breast cancer and related diseases and enable us to provide support services to hundreds of women and their families that need our help. Together we can make a difference!

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