

BUILDING EQUAL ACCESS TOGETHER IN CANCER (BEAT-C) NEWSLETTER



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RESEARCH TEAM SPOTLIGHT

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Ozioma Scott has recently joined the BEAT-C team as a Community Health Worker. She has a strong background in public health, and she has a passion for addressing health disparities, promoting health equity, and eliminating barriers to health care in her work.

STUDY PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

A total of **227** patients have enrolled in the study so far.

COMMUNITY EVENT SPOTLIGHT

What: Jazz in the Park Summer Series, featuring live music and local vendors!

When: July 25th, 5:30-7:30PM

Where: Marshall Heights Community Development Center, 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC 20019

Contact Sharon Wise with any questions at 202-698-4247 or 1wiseworkz@gmail.com.

Featured Cancer Survivor Story: Cheryl Shaw

Cheryl Shaw is a two-time breast cancer survivor, advocate, and BEAT-C Participant Advisory Board member. She currently serves as a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Metropolitan DC Chapter.

Q: What was your experience with cancer diagnosis and treatment?

A: My first diagnosis was DCIS at the age of 47 resulting in a lumpectomy and radiation. The second diagnosis, Stage 3, came twelve years later requiring chemotherapy, double mastectomy, and flat closure.

Q: What have you found most helpful in your survivorship journey?

A: What has been most helpful for me is staying connected to the breast cancer community through advocacy, sharing my testimony, and being there for others who may be experiencing a diagnosis.

Q: Where have you found support, motivation, and empowerment?

A: My support comes from my children and grandchildren. Through them, I find purpose and encouragement.



Q: What message would you like to share with fellow cancer survivors?

A: Reach out for support as you continue to navigate life beyond cancer. Side effects and concerns don't stop when treatment is over.