



Saint Agatha  
FOUNDATION



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### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Now the most common cancer worldwide, experts expect 300,000+ new cases this year in the US alone. While the numbers are staggering, we take heart knowing that education and awareness has led to earlier detection for so many. Early detection is associated with better outcomes and underscores the critical importance of screening. We implore you and your loved ones to remain vigilant about performing and scheduling self-exams, clinical exams and mammograms. They can, quite literally, save a life.

During this Breast Cancer Awareness Month *and every day*, Saint Agatha Foundation stands with the patients, families, support teams and health care providers who battle this disease.

**—Kathy Mezzalingua**

### **OUR IMPACT**

**We are proudly expanding our reach!**

To help even more patients in treatment, we recently granted funds to Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, making it our first grantee in St. Lawrence County. The grant will support breast cancer patients in need by providing financial assistance to those who are not covered by insurance or who are under-insured and those who are having difficulties with the costs associated with their treatment.





## OUR PARTNERS

Many of our community partners are holding **Breast Cancer Awareness events!** Whether you walk, run, fundraise or donate, we encourage you to support these organizations and their important work.

Saint Agatha Foundation is a proud sponsor of the following events:

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Syracuse

Sunday, October 16th at 10am  
Clinton Square in Syracuse

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Utica

Sunday, October 23rd at 10am  
Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica

### E-Race Cancer Half-Marathon, 10K or 5K

Sunday, October 23rd at 8am  
Stones Marina Kayak Club in Bridgeport



## COMING UP

Saint Agatha Foundation is holding a **Community Partner Meeting** for our grantee organizations on October 13th in Syracuse. We hope to see our wonderful partners and share important information at the meeting.

To register or receive more information, please email [saintagathafoundation@nptrust.org](mailto:saintagathafoundation@nptrust.org).



## GET INVOLVED

**We need volunteers!** Saint Agatha Foundation is participating in several local events in Central New York. If you would like to assist at our information tables, please email or call us at 888-878-7900.

If you would like to donate to **Saint Agatha Foundation**, please do so here. Your support will provide comfort, care and financial support to women with breast cancer in Central NY.

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