



## Upcoming Events



### GLOW Holiday Festival

The Hope Chest Foundation was selected as one of the 25+ charities to participate in the GLOW Holiday Festival by receiving a percentage of the proceeds from ticket sales. Get your discounted 20% off tickets by going online and entering the code KINDNESS25. The elves have a lot up their sleeves this year, with new exhibits, a zipline, and millions of lights to make your holiday shiny & bright.

[TICKETS](#)

## Event Highlights



### Minneapolis City Council Proclamation

The Minneapolis City Council passed a resolution recognizing October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Hope Chest

# FROM THE OFFICE

### From the Board of Directors

As we head toward our 25th anniversary for the foundation, the Hope Chest Foundation Board of Directors enhanced the organization's Mission Statement and established the new Vision and Values Statements for the organization. As we continue to grow through our programming, these will be incorporated in all aspects of our business operations and community work.

[Find Mission Under Our Story](#)



### Meet our New Board Member

Erica Bergmann is a publishing and sales professional with 20 years of experience in advertising, marketing, communications, and brand development. She currently publishes Victoria Living, TONKA Living, and Waconia Living magazines, leading sponsorships, advertising, and community engagement. Erica is active in local chambers, nonprofit boards, and volunteer groups, and has been recognized for her strong client relationships, creative revenue growth, and media presence.

# TRIBUTE GIFTS

### In Honor of

Vicki T. Anderson

Nancy Ramirez

Linda Virginia

Dedicate a donation [HERE](#)

Foundation was recognized for our work in assisting patients with essential needs.



### Flock The Yard

Thanks to your generous flamingo adoptions, our yard is filled with pink and purpose—each one a tribute, a memory, and a step toward supporting breast cancer patients across Minnesota.



### Check Presentation from the Lions Club

The Excelsior Lion Club presented the Hope Chest Foundation with a check to help our breast cancer patients.



### Resources for Patients

As breast cancer patients proceed through the journey to recovery, there are organizations we recognize as being additional resources in the areas of emotional support, medical updates, helping families in crisis, food programs, short-term emergency financial assistance.

If you know someone that could benefit from the Hope Chest Foundation and the following resources, please direct them to our website to apply for a grant.

[Apply Now](#)



### Give to the Max Day

Don't forget to be a Hope Chest champion and contribute to the 17th Annual Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 20, (with Early Giving beginning on November 1).

We are excited to have a generous donor contributing **\$10,000 as a match!** Help make this happen! Go to the link and make a donation – no amount is too small to provide “help and hope” to Minnesota breast cancer patients, helping them with groceries, mortgage/rent, utility bills, transportation needs, and childcare.

[Give to the Max](#)



### Patient Thank You

“To receive treatment for my stage of cancer I could no longer work, and as if the stress of the cancer was not enough the extreme stress from financial strain is suffocating. The grant that Hope Chest gave me provided one of the few rays of light and breath of hope and resilience I've had in months. It was a reprieve - enough of one to breathe a little life and motivation back into me.

I can't thank you enough for your sacrificing and generosity in order to give people like myself who are struggling and feel like their hands are tied and their options limited - you are nothing short of Earthly Angels.”

- Michelle



### **Breast Cancer in Minnesota Women**

How does Minnesota compare to our neighbors as it relates to breast cancer? Breast cancer incidence here is lower than Iowa and Wisconsin, about the same as North Dakota, and slightly higher than South Dakota. Breast cancer accounts for over 30% of cancers diagnosed. The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 5220 new cases in Minnesota this year. In general, the five-year survival rate for women with early-stage breast cancer in Minnesota is about 99%.

[Full Article](#)

### **Minnesota Residents: Did You Know?**

In December of 2024, Minnesota passed a law that requires health insurance to cover the cost of wigs for those who have lost their hair due to a medical condition.

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## **FROM THE STORE**

### **Holiday Decor**

Shop early to uncover one-of-a-kind treasures! From vintage looks to festive sparkle, find your holiday decor style here for a fraction of the cost.





### Donate Your Items To The Store

When it's time to clear out your closet or make room for new furniture, consider giving your gently used items a second life—by donating them to us! You can drop off your items or schedule a convenient pickup. Every donation supports local breast cancer patients.

**Schedule Pick  
Up**

### Store Hours

**Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm**

**Sunday 11am-5pm**

**Closed:** Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day



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