



## Upcoming Events



### Edin Prairie Team Supporting Hope Chest

The Edin Prairie Eagles Boys Basketball team will support the Hope Chest Foundation by getting the community involved during game night with raffles and fun on February 12 against the Wayzata Skippers.

## Past Events



### Geronimo Power Gives Back

The Women EmPowered Employee Resource Group at Geronimo Power raised dollars for Hope Chest with fun events and activities for their fellow employees.

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# FROM THE OFFICE

## We're Celebrating 25 Years!

It is going to be an exciting year for the Hope Chest Foundation. As we begin our 25th silver jubilee as a foundation, we will be marking milestones throughout the year and incorporating anniversary festivities into our signature events – the Runway for Hope on April 25, and the 25th Anniversary Celebration in the fall. We thank our donors and community fundraiser organizations and groups for ensuring breast cancer patients in Minnesota continue to receive grants helping them with essential needs. We invite you to join us throughout the year at the many events and programs being planned.

Happy New Year!  
Maureen Scallen Failor  
*Executive Director*



## Meet Our New Board Member

We welcome Amy O'Donnell to the board! Amy is a licensed respiratory therapist with over 27 years of experience in health care, with a background that spans both direct patient care and leadership roles. [Read More](#)



### They Did It Again!

Northern Taphouse in Plymouth had their annual "Burgers for Boobs" fundraiser that contributed to the Hope Chest Foundation. It was a huge success!



### Northern Taphouse Woodbury Rocked It!

The team at the Woodbury restaurant conducted a "Burgers for Boobs" fundraiser with auction and raffle items, a burger special with \$5 given back to Hope Chest, and the staff gave their tips for the day to the foundation.



### Thank You Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation

The Sheriff's Foundation presented Hope Chest a check for their fundraising efforts to help Minnesota breast cancer patients.



### Fueling with Hope

Minnoco presented a check from all their locations to the Hope Chest Foundation for fundraising efforts during



# RUNWAY for HOPE

**BENEFITING THE HOPE CHEST FOR BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION**

Are you looking for a great way to give your time to Hope Chest? We need volunteers who are willing to serve on our Events Committee. We will be kicking off our Runway for Hope committee meetings **Tuesday, January 27, 2026 from 3:30pm-4:15pm.**

The Committee will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month from 3:30pm-4:15pm virtually through April 22, 2036. Help us plan a great event while having fun. Some tasks the committee members assist with include getting and packaging items for our silent auction and assisting with the Vendor Showcase.

If you are interested, please contact Maureen Scallen Failor, Executive Director at [mscalleanfailor@hopechest.com](mailto:mscalleanfailor@hopechest.com)

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

### In Honor Of

Angeline Hansen  
Barb Hufford  
Brienna Schuette

### In Memory Of

Mistina S. Tollison  
Katie Loughrist  
Trudy Elder

Dedicate a donation [HERE](#)

Thank You  
For Helping Us  
Reach Our Goal!



October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, where \$.05 of every gallon purchased with the rewards app or card went to Hope Chest.

"Minnoco retail partners appreciate the relationship with Hope Chest for the past eleven years raising nearly \$120,000! Hope Chest and Minnoco retail partners are locally owned supporting our local communities. Minnoco retailers know the importance of supporting the Hope Chest Foundation while contributing to those in need in a time of uncertainty. Keeping our love, support and contributions local where it matters most!" commented Lance Klatt, Executive Director-Minnoco.



### Target Gives Back for the Holidays!

Target stores from Buffalo and Medina helped make the holidays for three Hope Chest patients and their families a little brighter by contributing wrapped gifts.



### Giving Back!

The Spavia Day Spas from Apple Valley, Maple Grove, and Minnetonka presented Hope Chest a check from their fall fundraising specials.

## 2025 Year-End Appeal a Success

The foundation wrapped up the year by hitting its goal for the Year-End Appeal, with help from a generous donor who provided a match of \$5,000! Thank you for your generosity!



### Breast Cancer Myths - Part 1

#### Myth: A breast injury can cause breast cancer

Injuries to the breast do not cause breast cancer. However, an injury may occasionally draw attention to an abnormality that leads to a diagnosis.

#### Myth: Breast cancer is more common in women with larger breasts

There is no connection between breast size and cancer risk, although it can be more challenging to examine larger breasts.

#### Myth: Consuming sugar causes breast cancer

Sugar does not cause breast cancer. However, overconsumption may lead to obesity and other health issues, which can increase breast cancer risk.

#### Myth: Carrying a phone in your bra can cause breast cancer

While carrying your cell phone in your bra may not be the most comfortable choice, it does not cause breast cancer.

Source: National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.





## Oil Changes Making a Difference

Inver Gove Ford presented a check to Hope Chest for the funds collected from a portion of every oil change during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



## Pink Patch

Local law enforcement departments helped raise awareness and funds for Hope Chest through their Pink Patch Projects by selling badges, patches, and attending fairs and sporting events. Thank you to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, Apple Valley Police Department, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Lino Lakes Police Department, and St. Paul Police Federation for all their work.

# Hope in Action: Making Surgery Possible



You have made it possible for me to make it to my surgeon. I will be on FMLA again soon and this will be my second surgery this year for breast cancer. I have had to be off work for months. It gets expensive having to go, but I need to. Thank you for the donations and support.

-Barb



# EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



This month we have two employees of the month! Fred Juhl and Brian Gable are our outstanding Transportation Team Specialists at The Hope Chest Breast Cancer Resale Shop. Fred has been a dedicated member of our team for an incredible 18½ years, and Brian has served faithfully for 14 years. Through our pick-up and delivery services, this dynamic duo—true Brand Ambassadors—help us contribute more to our Assistance Grants that support local breast cancer patients and their families.

With smiles on their faces and kindness in their hearts, Fred and Brian work side-by-side to ensure every pick-up and delivery goes above and beyond. Their dedication, teamwork, and years of service make a meaningful difference for our patients and our community, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do!

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## FROM THE STORE



### New Furniture Arrivals

We just received a fresh donation of furniture - come find your next treasure!

### Store Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10 AM – 6 PM | Sunday: 11 AM – 5 PM



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