

May 2026



Upcoming Events



Otten Brothers Garden Center & Landscaping – Give & Grow

April 6 – May 31, 2026
Shop for your yard and landscaping projects and 10% of each pre-taxed dollar spent at their two locations, and 5% of all signed landscape projects will be donated to Hope Chest.

[Learn More](#)



Spring Fling Night Out

Spring Fling Night Out Thursday, May 7, 2026

Explore fresh arrivals in furniture, décor, women's fashion, and footwear—perfect for adding a little “spring fling” to your summer wardrobe. Sip a beverage, enjoy appetizers, and browse local vendors and artisans.

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome, Kim!

We are excited to announce that Kim Damlo will be filling the new Director of Operations position for the Hope Chest Foundation. Kim will play a pivotal role in ensuring the organization's infrastructure supports its mission and strategic goals. This position oversees daily operations, financial stewardship, human resources, and compliance, while also contributing to long-term planning, fundraising efforts, and stakeholder engagement.

Maureen Scallen Failor
Executive Director



[Read Bio](#)

New Executive Board Chair and Vice Chair

We would like to introduce new members to the Hope Chest executive committee, Stephanie Kowalik as Chair and Amy O'Donnell as Vice-

Spring Fling

KENDRA SCOTT

Shine Bright, Do Good

Kendra Scott Rosedale – Shop for Hope Saturday, May 16 5:00-7:00 PM

Visit Kendra Scott on Saturday, May 16 or shop online May 16-17 using code GIVEBACK-LOLUD, and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Hope Chest.

Shop for Hope



Runway for Hope Was a Fabulous Success!

Thank you to those that joined us at this spectacular event! Here is a sneak peek from the event.

Event Photos

The Runway for Hope was supported by community sponsors and partners, which enabled the Hope Chest Foundation to help even more breast cancer patients and their families.

Chair. View their [bios](#) for more information.



Amy O'Donnell

"I am looking forward to supporting the mission of Hope Chest for Breast Cancer and the community it serves in my role as Vice Chair. I am excited to work alongside such a dedicated group of leaders and advocates. Together, we can help strengthen our impact and expand our reach in the community."

Stephanie Kowalik

"I am honored to have been named Board Chair for Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. This role means so much to me because I believe deeply in supporting individuals and families facing breast cancer. I look forward to working alongside an incredible team to expand our impact and reach more people in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope, resources, and compassion to our community. "



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Attending the Runway for Hope Event

Board of Directors supported the Hope Chest Foundation attending the event on April 25. Left to right: Michelle Jourdan, Laura Holasek, Amy O'Donnell, Erin Neils, Stephanie Kowalik, Cindy Haas, and CeCe Gaines. Cheryl Butz and Theresa El Hage missed the group photo.

*I don't even know
how to thank
people like you*

*"I just wanted to call and
thank you from the bottom of
my heart for the grant you
guys gave me. I just opened
my mail and got the gift
cards. So, I don't even know
how to thank people like you
and your foundation, but
every little thing helps and I
just can't thank you enough."*

Chelsea

EDUCATION

Who is On the Healthcare Team?

Your healthcare team is a group of healthcare providers who work together to make sure you get the best treatment.

- **Radiologist:** Uses medical equipment that can look inside the body and take pictures (scans).
- **Surgeon:** Performs the biopsy procedure and will operate to remove the tumor and any cancer cells that are in the body; often speaks with the oncologists and radiologists before surgery.
- **Pathologist:** Studies body fluids and tissues and helps the primary care doctor make a diagnosis.
- **Medical Oncologist:** Recommends treatment options based on the tests and scans, and prescribe therapy.
- **Nurse, Nurse Navigator:** Gives medications and makes sure therapy is adjusted and/or you get other medications when needed.

Source: Genentech USA, Inc.



Motorcycle Clubs Give Back

Hope Chest's executive director, Maureen Scallen Failor, attended a joint meeting of the Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and the Confederation of Clubs of MN on April 26, 2026. The MMCC presented a handmade quilt made by Megan Buhr-Northern Designs using Harley Davidson t-shirts; the quilt will be auctioned off at the 25th Anniversary Celebration this fall. A \$500 donation was made by the Confederation of Clubs to help support MN breast cancer patients and their families.



Minnesota Motorcycle Coalition Gives Back

Cheryl Butz, the Hope Chest Board Treasurer, attended the Donny Smith Bike Show & Swap Meet (Minnesota Motorcycle Coalition) which supports the Hope Chest Foundation.

FROM THE STORE



Get Summer Ready With A Visit To The Store!

From classic denim and breezy dresses to outdoor patio furniture perfect for sunny days, you'll find everything you need to refresh your wardrobe and your home—at prices you'll love. New treasures arrive daily, so stop by, shop sustainably, and discover something special while supporting a great cause.

Store Hours:

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



Partner With Us!

Summer is a great time to create a fun and interactive fundraising event with colleagues, friends, or family, and then donate proceeds to help breast cancer patients in Minnesota. Ideas include doing a bowling tournament, backyard corn-hole tournament, company 5K race, mini golf tournament, bingo, scavenger hunt, cook-off, themed t-shirt sale, and more.

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