



## Fact Sheet

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## Who We Are and What We Do:

- The *Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA)* was formed in 1996 with the goal of infusing additional funding and expanding breast cancer research and facilities at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Our Mission: "To help find a cure for breast cancer by funding promising Breast Cancer Research in Alabama and raising community awareness and funding for that research."
- With community support, the foundation has provided almost \$11 million for life-saving breast cancer research and treatments in Alabama. The BCRFA's most recent contribution for research was \$1.05 million in January of 2021 thanks to the support of donors, sponsors and partners.
- For every dollar raised and donated by the BCRFA, the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is able to generate at least \$14 in federal funding.

*\$10.8M x \$14 in leverage = \$151M total impact on breast cancer research*

- All funding stays right here in Alabama, but the benefits of the research are shared around the globe.
- Funds provided by the BCRFA have been used to recruit and retain world-class breast cancer researchers, support research projects to help identifying and treating breast cancer, and encourage collaboration among researchers helping to eradicate this disease.
- 1 in 8 women and 1 in 1,000 men will be affected by some form of breast cancer in their lifetime.
  - 30 years ago, 4 out of 5 breast cancer patients lost their lives to the illness
  - Today, thanks to research, those numbers are reversed with 4 out of 5 conquering cancer.
- In 2021, it is estimated that 4,460 Alabama women will be newly diagnosed with breast cancer, and 720 will die.
- Since 2007, breast cancer death rates have been steady in women younger than 50, but have continued to decrease in older women. These decreases are believed to be the result of finding breast cancer earlier through screening and increased awareness, as well as better treatments.
- There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Further details on our organization and history are also available on our website ([BCRFA.org](http://BCRFA.org)), or give us a call if you have further questions about how we help fund breast cancer research in Alabama at (205) 996-5463.