

**THOUSANDS OF VOICES
SHARING ALL OF YOUR CHOICES**

CLOSE THE LOOP



BRA DAY USA

Breast Reconstruction Awareness

**RAISE YOUR VOICE
US MAKE A**





VOICE & HELP A DIFFERENCE

We believe every woman should have access to her breast reconstruction options

Breast cancer is a devastating disease, affecting approximately 1 in 8 women in the United States. In 2026, there will be an estimated 321,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in women and 2,670 cases in men, with an additional 60,730 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) diagnosed in women ([American Cancer Society](#)).

Since 2013 The PSF has awarded over \$2,142,000 to support awareness outreach, charitable care and research grants. The disease not only threatens a woman's life, it also impacts her sense of self and femininity when her breasts are disfigured or removed to stop the cancer. Breast reconstruction can be an essential element of the healing process.

YOU CAN SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE TO SHAPE A WOMAN'S FUTURE

Unfortunately, many women eligible for breast reconstruction following cancer surgery are not being informed of their options or the resources available. It's time to close the loop on breast cancer to ensure every woman knows her reconstruction options. Help us make a difference.

Be aware, share and care

The Breast Reconstruction Awareness Fund of The Plastic Surgery Foundation was created to engage, educate and empower every woman diagnosed with breast cancer to make informed decisions about reconstruction.

OUR MISSION

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We fund grants to organizations that focus on increasing awareness and providing education to women and their family members.

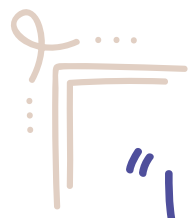
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We provide financial assistance to uninsured or underinsured women seeking breast reconstruction following a lumpectomy or mastectomy.

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We support research focusing on breast reconstruction.

Over
\$2.1 MILLION
has been granted by the
**Breast Reconstruction Awareness
Campaign since 2013.**



“Until we find that cure,
there needs to be an
advocate for options in
breast reconstruction.”



Our goal is for every woman to know her options before she has to make a decision

PUBLIC AWARENESS GRANTS

The Breast Reconstruction Awareness Fund offers Public Awareness Grants of up to \$10,000 each to charitable organizations committed to helping every woman know her options and feel comfortable about her reconstruction decision.

Since 2013, over \$1,100,000 has been awarded for Public Awareness Grants to deserving organizations. Our breast reconstruction awareness messaging has reached over six million people, and more than 16,000 individuals have received individual education.

Breast reconstruction is a very personal choice—and with your support, we can work together to help every woman make her best choice.

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AWARENESS DAY

Held on the third Wednesday in October, the grassroots celebrations that take place throughout the United States build awareness and create a better understanding of reconstruction choices, options, and resources within local communities.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons and The Plastic Surgery Foundation recruit and sponsor affiliate organizations to host events, set up fundraisers, create advertising campaigns, present to community groups, and more—all to help spread the word.

Twenty percent of funds raised during these events is donated to the Breast Reconstruction Awareness Fund, with the remaining 80 percent going to the affiliate's local charity of choice that supports breast reconstruction awareness, patient care or research.

SAVE THESE DATES

Upcoming
Breast Reconstruction
Awareness Days

OCTOBER 21, 2026

OCTOBER 20, 2027

OCTOBER 18, 2028

OCTOBER 17, 2029

OCTOBER 16, 2030



“Reconstruction is the new normal & should not be considered a luxury. Every woman should have access to reconstruction, regardless of her ability to pay.”

Raising awareness of a woman's right to reconstruction

THE BREAST CANCER PATIENT EDUCATION ACT

ASPS has proudly led the efforts to pass the Breast Cancer Patient Education Act (BCPEA), which was signed by President Obama in December 2015. The BCPEA requires the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to implement an education campaign to inform breast cancer patients about the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction and other available alternatives post-mastectomy. ASPS is committed to continued advocacy for breast cancer patients until all women have the resources available to know about and be able to exercise their reconstruction options.

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AWARENESS FUND RESEARCH

Research projects focused on exploring new or better breast reconstruction techniques and outcomes is a priority. With your generous gift, additional research will be funded to allow investigators to continue to search for the best and safest reconstruction options for breast cancer patients as well as identify healthcare disparities and close care gaps.

CHARITABLE CARE GRANTS

Charitable Care Grants of up to \$15,000 each are available to organizations that provide charitable care to women who do not have the financial resources to undergo breast reconstruction surgery. More than \$1,042,000 in Charitable Care Grants have been awarded over the last five years to qualifying charities. With your support, we can help even more women feel whole again after a breast cancer diagnosis.

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Since passing the Women's Health Care and Cancer Rights Act in 1998, health plans that offer breast cancer coverage have been required to provide coverage for breast reconstruction and prostheses. Yet studies have revealed that the vast majority of breast cancer patients who require a mastectomy are largely uninformed of their options and what those treatments would entail.

LESS THAN 50%
of women are offered breast
reconstruction options



ONLY 23%
know about all of their
available options



2 IN 5
women choose to
undergo the procedure



20%
attribute their decision to
a lack of knowledge



22%
of women are familiar with the quality of
outcomes that can be expected



89%
want to see reconstruction results before
undergoing cancer treatment



19%
understand the timing of their treatment and
decision to undergo reconstruction greatly
impacts their options and results

Your support will empower women to make informed decisions about their reconstruction options following a breast cancer diagnosis.

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