

Dear NBCC Members,

I have been thinking a great deal about the women who were part of launching NBCC, who are no longer with us. They are, in large part, responsible for who we are today.

For the past few days, I have been asking myself, what would they do in this uncertain, difficult and unprecedented time? I believe they would have focused first on their families' well-being and then on NBCC's mission to end breast cancer.

We are doing just that. We are focused on keeping the health and safety of our families, our members, and the public at the forefront while we push forward our mission to end breast cancer. No one knows what will change over the next few months given COVID-19, but we want you to know our dedication and commitment to saving lives and ending breast cancer is steadfast. We have been working diligently to make the best decisions possible during a time of unprecedented uncertainty.

Last week, we decided to temporarily close our offices and facilitate our staff working from home. They have been amazing, as usual, taking on the challenges of remote work while keeping NBCC priorities front and center.

We have continued our advocacy on the Hill, by email and telephone. We managed to hold our 2020 annual Artemis meeting in early March, and we are working on reports of the innovative and incredible ideas that came out of it. You will hear more from us soon on all of this.

We will need to either reschedule or cancel our annual advocacy summit in Washington, D.C., scheduled for May 2-5. We know this is best for all of us. The District of Columbia continues to implement regulations and rules that make it impossible for us to move forward. We will look for alternate ways to host the Summit as a virtual event or postpone it to the Fall. Of course, as soon as we know which avenue we will take, we will let you know.

I am here to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to send questions or comments to info@stopbreastcancer.org.

Be safe and well,



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