

Bayview IMANI Breast Cancer Support Group

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Dear Potential Sponsor,

We would be remiss in not saying how 2020, by far, has been a year of unprecedented events. Society is experiencing a global pandemic unlike any other, being thrown into a virtual world of learning and wearing masks for survival; a *president* who is inciting racism and boldly touting white supremacy in the faces of black people; the caging of brown people in tandem with the abhorrent violation of human rights by forcing sterilization upon immigrant women; climate change which has sparked raging fires claiming dozens of lives and disintegrating homes and acres of landmarks; countless, unjustifiable murders of black children, men and women.

Where there is darkness, there is also light - the uprising of the oppressed who will no longer remain quiet, the collective gathering of ALL people within the United States and across international borders taking to the streets to fight against social injustice and systemic racism, the demand for policy change to hold police officers accountable for their atrocities. 2020 will be written into history books.

For 20 years, the Bayview IMANI Breast Cancer Support Group exists to serve the underserved population by providing breast health care, specifically to the African-American community because we are so often ignored and/or undervalued as a human being. Since its inception, our group has been a reliable source for breast cancer survivors. We have partnered with Susan G. Komen, Friends of Faith, UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center, California Pacific Medical Center, Southeast Community Facility, FivePoint, St. Paul of the Shipwreck Health Ministry, City College of San Francisco Nursing Department to administer services such as door-to-door outreach, demonstrate self-breast exams, doctor referrals, breast cancer walks and to our annual luncheon where we have informative keynote speakers, empathetic dialogue, local entertainment, gift bags, but more importantly, we highlight the breast cancer survivors who are with us and honor those who have passed on.

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2020 is not the end of a formidable organization, but the last of the annual Bayview IMANI Breast Cancer Support Group luncheon. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are not able to provide the community an elaborate farewell. Nonetheless, we still want to exit on a high note by offering memorabilia to commemorate our 20 years of service with signature t-shirts and coffee mugs asserting, **“We’re shut in, not shut out!”**

Additionally, the Bayview IMANI members wish to continue providing support to breast cancer survivors, especially during this pandemic struggle. We would appreciate your generous donation in the form of sponsorship at the levels outlined below:

Platinum Level - \$5,000

Diamond Level - \$2,500

Gold Level - \$1,000

Ruby Level - \$500

Silver Level - \$250

Bronze Level - \$100

Individual - \$15 each for t-shirt or coffee mug

Please accept our sincerest gratitude in advance. Any donations can be sent to Bayview IMANI Breast Cancer Support Group, PO Box 34511, San Francisco, CA 94134, or you may contact me at (415) 748-2762 for pick-up arrangements.

Warm regards,

Kathryn J. Summers

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