



**Your gifts at work...**

**1,740 DONORS**

have contributed

**\$542,349**

to the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund and Liz Hurley Patient Assistance Fund in the past year!

**Because of you, HHF funded:**

- Dense breast software upgrades at Huntsville Hospital and Madison Hospital Breast Centers
- Huntsville Hospital Breast Center patient experience and waiting room upgrades including,
  - lockers, chairs, robes, robe warmers and laundry services
- \$34,544 in patient assistance for 70 patients,
- Surviving and Thriving classes,

... and so much more!



Judy & Chuck Stokes



CFD Research Corporation

**YOUR SUPPORT**

*saves lives.*

The Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund provides state-of-the-art equipment that helps detect cancer earlier and more accurately, helping more women become survivors.

This is an amazing benefit for North Alabama that puts us on par with the top breast centers in the nation – and none of it would be possible without generous donors like you!

This report shares just a few highlights from 2023, including patient experience upgrades, record-breaking Ribbon Run proceeds, words of gratitude and more.

**WRAPPING WOMEN IN LOVE**

**Now, instead of an awkward hospital gown, women can be wrapped in a warm robe while they await a mammogram.** This transformational change was made possible by Huntsville couple Judy and Chuck Stokes, who were inspired to make a difference in memory of Judy's mom, a breast cancer survivor. The Stokes' generous donation was the catalyst for the project that has redefined the patient experience at the Huntsville Hospital Breast Center.

Intentional upgrades are now in place to provide a calmer, more spa-like environment for patients to reduce the stress and anxiety many experience during their visits. **Changes include brand-new robes, a transformed waiting area, plus soft music and soothing scents throughout the unit.**

CFD Research also partnered with the Foundation on this special project. Thanks to the company's generous donations to the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund, we were able to purchase a robe warmer so that every robe arrives to patients warm and cozy, wrapping them in comfort.

“ The Stokes' passion and generosity will help countless women during a time that fills so many with immense anxiety and fear. Every year, you worry until you get that 'all clear'. Thanks to Judy and Chuck's donation and vision, our Breast Center can provide a feeling of wellness and peace to the patients we serve from across North Alabama. This combines with our state-of-the-art equipment to truly improve patient lives.”

– Sarah Savage-Jones, President, Huntsville Hospital Foundation

# GRATEFUL PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Jane Owens

Jane Owens went in for her yearly mammogram on August 2, 2023. Two days later, she was called back to get more detailed pictures, and then again to have biopsies taken and tested. Jane hoped the results would be insignificant. Unfortunately, the biopsies came back positive for Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS).

Thankfully, Jane knew she was going to receive world-class care just 30 minutes from her home in Guntersville at Huntsville Hospital Breast Center. The kind of care she wished her mother could have received when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1964.

“At that time there were no diagnostic tools and no treatment,” Jane said. “She did not survive and passed at age 51. Early diagnosis is the key to allowing treatment before the cancer has spread.”

The high-tech 3D mammography machine that made early diagnosis possible for Jane was purchased by donors to the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund. “This fund has put diagnostics and treatments into the hands of all people regardless of socioeconomic status or insurance status,” Jane said. **“Without this fund, there would be many women who would not be able to have the diagnostics and treatment that is needed for them to survive.”**

But it wasn't just the equipment that impressed Jane – the care and concern from our employees left her in awe. Jane was quickly introduced to our Breast Center team, including a nurse navigator who would help her prepare for a double mastectomy.

“From the time of biopsies to the diagnosis of positive for breast cancer, I felt each staff person leading me gently in the direction toward hope,” Jane said. “Each one gave a complete explanation of what to expect, and then what those results meant when the time came.”

“A huge thanks to all of the people who have helped me along this path,” Jane said. “God has sustained me throughout this journey. I am very thankful.”

*Read more of Jane's inspirational story by visiting [huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org/our-stories](https://huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org/our-stories).*

## IN THE PAST 20 YEARS...

**1.2 MILLION+**

patients seen

**669,619**

mammographies performed

**4,444**

patients diagnosed with cancer

**91,000**

Ribbon Run participants

**\$7.2 MILLION+**

in funds raised for lifesaving diagnostic equipment and patient support

## Two ways you can help local breast cancer patients:



Scan to learn more!

1. **Run or walk the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run 5K each October!** This is the main fundraiser for the fund, supporting the top-priority needs of the Breast Centers.
2. **Donate to the fund.** 100% of your gift helps provide equipment to detect cancer earlier and more accurately.

*Thank you for making a difference!*

## A RECORD-BREAKING RIBBON RUN

» **\$472,000** «

in funds raised for Huntsville Hospital Breast Center

