



## **Breast Cancer Network of Strength's Walk to Empower**

### ***How we use funds to provide breast cancer support today***

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Breast Cancer Network of Strength™ works to fulfill its mission to ensure, through information, empowerment and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone. The organization does not raise money for research. Instead, it provides immediate emotional relief for anyone touched by breast cancer.

Formerly known as Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization®, Breast Cancer Network of Strength is a Chicago-based national 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Annual reports and 990s are available online at [networkofstrength.org](http://networkofstrength.org).

YourShoes™ is the umbrella name for the organization's peer support services and encompasses the 24/7 breast cancer support center with real-time interpreters available in more than 150 languages for telephone conversations; match program; support via e-mail; the *ShareRing* Network, a monthly one-hour teleconference; and survivor-facilitated support groups.

For the third year in a row, Breast Cancer Network of Strength has received Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating, a testament to Network of Strength's effectiveness as a non-profit organization. This exceptional rating is proof of Network of Strength's accountability and transparency and shows we exceed industry standards and outperform most charities in our area.

Breast Cancer Network of Strength is an accredited charity that meets all 20 of the Better Business Bureau's Standards for Charity Accountability.

The National Health Council (NHC) awarded Network of Strength, a member of the NHC, for meeting all of its 41 Standards of Excellence. The NHC adopted a set of good operating practices to ensure that voluntary health agency (VHA) members maintain the highest standards of organizational effectiveness and public stewardship.

In the past 17 years, the Walk to Empower has raised nearly \$42 million to help ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone. In 2008, \$8 million was raised and Network of Strength has also recognized as one of the top 30 fundraising events by the Run Walk Ride Council.

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