



The Beacon

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Turning Music Into Meaningful Impact



Music, community and purpose come together in the Beacon of Love Musical Campaign, a powerful 2026 initiative supporting the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN). Created by performing artists Izii Isreal and Elita Starr of Outahit Records, this campaign transforms creativity into impact. Born from an extraordinary friendship grounded in generosity and shared passion, it's a moving reminder of how connection and art can drive meaningful change.

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The online support group for women impacted by bladder cancer

FEMALE FOCUS SUPPORT GROUP

Free Zoom support sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM ET, with registration required for each session.





Join our monthly support group for women impacted by bladder cancer; a warm, supportive space to connect with others who understand your journey. Each session starts with a brief presentation, followed by small, guided discussions led by BCAN staff, nurse and patient advocate Karen Sachse, RN, MSN, and social worker Miriam Pomerantz Kadosh, MSW, LCSW.

[Register now!](#)

Meet Our 2026 Walk to End Bladder Cancer Presenting Sponsors



BCAN is grateful to our presenting sponsors for the [2026 Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#). Their support helps make this event possible and drives our mission forward.

Bladder Cancer Awareness Month Is Almost Here

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[Bladder Cancer Awareness Month](#), observed each May, is a time to bring greater attention to a disease that impacts more than **725,000 people across the country**. It's an opportunity to share important information about symptoms, risk factors and emerging treatments while underscoring how critical early detection can be.



BLADDER CANCER FACTS

May is Bladder Cancer Awareness Month. Sharing this graphic helps save lives.

MAY IS BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

We have an exciting mix of awareness and community participation activities planned in May like our [Beacon of Hope Award](#), [The One Thing](#), [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#), [Art as Therapy](#) and more. And the best news of all is that **you can start today!**

[Learn More About Bladder Cancer Awareness Month 2026](#)

2026 Beacon of Hope Award Nominations Are Open!

Is there someone who made a difference during your or your loved one's bladder cancer journey, someone who showed up, stood by you, or brought hope when it mattered most? Now is your chance to recognize them.

Nominations are officially open for **BCAN's 2026 Beacon of Hope Award**. Honor a spouse, friend, healthcare provider or anyone whose support made a lasting impact.



[Submit a Nomination](#)

Stronger Together, One Step at a Time



For more than a decade, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) has brought communities together across the country through its [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#); powerful, purpose-driven events that raise awareness, support patients and families, and drive critical research and education forward. With events held across the country, thousands of passionate advocates have already stepped up, helping raise more than \$6 million to fuel BCAN's mission of hope, education and advocacy.

When you [register](#) and start fundraising, you're not just joining a walk; you're making a real impact. You're helping accelerate research, expand resources and bring hope to everyone impacted by bladder cancer.

Set your goal, rally your team and take that first step. Together, we can move closer to a future without bladder cancer, one stride at a time.

[Join today!](#)

Featured Trial of the Month

A [clinical trial](#) is a research study that tries to find better ways to prevent, screen for, diagnose or treat a disease like bladder cancer. They are an essential part of cancer research. Trials may provide possible treatment alternatives to patients who have not had success with standard and approved therapies.



Featured Trial of the Month: [Crestostimogene Grenadenorepvec in High-Risk NMIBC](#)

Description: This Phase 2 study is testing a treatment called crestostimogene grenadenorepvec in people with high-risk bladder cancer that has not spread into the muscle. Researchers are studying how safe the treatment is and how well it works. The study is “open-label,” meaning both doctors and participants know which treatment is being given, and it includes multiple groups of patients to better understand its effects across different situations.

You can find more clinical trials on [BCAN's Clinical Trial Dashboard](#).

Be the Voice Someone Needs

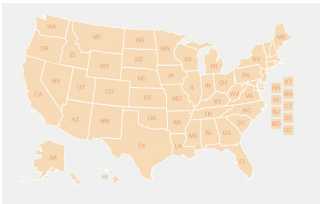


Volunteering with BCAN's [Survivor 2 Survivor \(S2S\)](#) program is a powerful way to make a meaningful difference in someone's life. A bladder cancer diagnosis can feel isolating, but by sharing your experience, you can offer comfort, understanding, and hope to those just beginning their journey.

As a trained volunteer, you'll provide a compassionate ear and real-life insight that helps patients and caregivers feel less alone. Your story has the power to uplift, guide and remind others that they don't have to face bladder cancer on their own.

[Volunteer today](#)

FREE RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Bladder Cancer By State

Explore the interactive map to see projected bladder cancer cases in each state and access helpful local resources for patients, families and caregivers.

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Bladder Cancer Research Impact

BCAN-funded research is driving progress in bladder cancer care. Read more to see the impact.

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Bladder Cancer App

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