

Executive Report on Breast Cancer

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Introduction

Think about a mother. She has three children. One day she goes to the doctor because she has a lump on her breast, She thinks it's nothing but just wants to make sure. The doctor says she has breast cancer. Cold chills of sadness and shock go through her body. So many things are going through her mind. She thinks about her kids, her husband, her job. She rounds up the courage, two days later and tells her family. The family doesn't know how to react. They feel pain and suffering, They feel like they've just been hit in the gut with a baseball bat. The husband searches for many treatments and finds one. The mother agrees and goes to the doctor for help. Five days later she has the treatment. Ecstatically, it works but she realizes the cancer passes down through her genes and then worries about her children.

Explain the issue

Breast cancer is a huge issue because it affects many people around the world. 12% of women globally get breast cancer at some point in their lives, and 10% of men get this disease as well. Society doesn't always think this disease is very serious. I believe people need to be educated, and scientists are trying to figure out why the number of people acquiring breast cancer is increasing.

People get breast cancer in every part of the world. Your environment, your lifestyle and genetics are all factors in determining whether or not you get the disease. Some people believe that pollution in cities causes breast cancer so urban people are more likely to get the disease. Smoking and diet are also factors for causing breast cancer. Some scientists think that artificial food coloring and preservatives can cause this disease. The people in developing countries can get breast cancer and not even know it because there might not be doctors or hospitals to diagnose, whereas people in Western industrialized countries can be diagnosed early and can receive the treatment they need to cure breast cancer. Where you live in the world has an influence on causing this disease.

Current events

There are many ways to raise awareness for breast cancer. People wear pink ribbons to show their support to cure breast cancer. Breast cancer dropped 7% from 2002 to 2003. Susan G. Komen created awareness and has raised a great deal of money by doing many fundraising walks to support breast cancer. There is even a breast cancer awareness month each October to bring people to this issue. We need to continue to look for ways to cure breast cancer.

Methods of change

There are a lot of organizations trying to help breast cancer all over the world. Two organization are the National Breast Cancer Foundation and Breast cancer.org. Locally, here in America breast cancer can be prevented most of the time because regularly check ups allow people to find it before it's too late. In other countries around the world people find out too late or don't have money treatment and die from it. We need to find less expensive and easier ways to prove medical treatment and possible cures for all.

There are many ways kids can help. Most of the time, children have awareness of issues faster than adults because they go to school and can learn about something very serious. Kids can also make posters and put them in popular places. Parents + kids can help by emailing important people asking them to provide access to treatment for all people. Kids can send ideas to help support causes into breast cancer organizations.

Do you want to help cure breast cancer?

Can you help save people's lives?

Will you write to organizations and scientists trying to help breast cancer?

Call for action

Organization/Project	Efforts/ things you can do	Contact info
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National Breast Cancer Foundation	This organization is helping by saving young women with breast cancer. You can help by donating	http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/
Breast Cancer.org	They are giving hope to people that having and saying how you can avoid it. You can help by telling people about this site	http://www.breastcancer.org/
Breast Cancer Awareness and Resources	They are trying to raise awareness and walks to help breast cancer. You can help by joining one of the walks	http://www5.komen.org/
The Breast Cancer Research Foundation	They get money to do research in tumor biology, genetics, prevention, treatment, survivorship and metastasis.	http://www.bcrfcure.org/index.html
American Cancer Society	They are trying to figure out ways to cure cancer	http://www.cancer.org/cancer/breastcancer/index

How do I want to help? I want to get more people aware because when people think of breast cancer they think of a horrible disease or may not even know it, but they don't know why it's a horrible issue and I would like to educate people on this. I could do this by making a website listing the issue and asking for people to make a change. Then, I could send it out to many people to get them aware.

Conclusion

Breast Cancer is an important health issue all over the world. Chances of survival depend on several factors, including diet, pollution, heredity, your environment, and the availability of good medical care. You can contribute to the charities above or others to help them do research to find new and less expensive cures for breast cancer. If everyone contributed a little, there would be a way to get rid of this problem once and for all. I want to figure out what causes breast cancer and I hope after reading this report you do to.

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