



# Pennsylvania's INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF for Breast Cancer Research

## FACT SHEET

### The Income Tax Check-Off for Breast Cancer Research

- ~ Every penny of the money donated goes directly to Pennsylvania-based cancer researchers.
- ~ To date this highly successful initiative has raised over \$2 million for breast cancer research.
- ~ Individuals can give to this initiative by donating their state income tax refund. This option is found on line 35 of the PA-40 tax form.

### Breast Cancer in general

- ~ **27 women in Pennsylvania will be diagnosed with breast cancer today!**
- ~ Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Pennsylvania in women between the ages of 25 and 54.
- ~ Nearly all breast cancers can be treated successfully if found early. When breast cancer is found at its earliest stage the five-year survival rate is 98%.
- ~ Approximately 9,500 women in Pennsylvania are diagnosed each year with breast cancer and 2,100 women in Pennsylvania die each year of breast cancer.
- ~ There are approximately 103,000 women in Pennsylvania living with breast cancer.
- ~ Three of four cases of breast cancer arise in women with no known risk factors.
- ~ Breast cancer continues to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in the U.S., regardless of race or ethnicity.
- ~ There are more than two million breast cancer survivors alive today in the United States.
- ~ **One in seven women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime.**

### PA Breast Cancer Coalition

The PA Breast Cancer Coalition represents, supports and serves breast cancer survivors and their families in Pennsylvania through educational programming, legislative advocacy and unique outreach initiatives. The PBCC is a statewide non-profit organization that creates the hope of a brighter tomorrow by providing action and information to women with breast cancer today

