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**Senator Arlen Specter
Secures Cancer Research
Funding**



I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank United States Senator Arlen Specter for his leadership in securing a \$10 billion increase for research in the National Institutes of Health's budget as part of the economic stimulus package. Thanks to the Senator's tireless efforts to increase funding for healthcare, the National Institutes of Health's budget will rise from \$29 billion to **\$39 billion!** This funding increase will support as many as 15,000 cancer and other research grants

Dear ,

**AUDITOR GENERAL JACK WAGNER
SUPPORTS THE PBCC'S INCOME TAX
CHECK-OFF FOR BREAST CANCER
RESEARCH**

While most residents are busy getting their tax forms in order to file by April 15th, Pennsylvania **Auditor General Jack Wagner** is finding a way to spread the word of the PBCC's [Income Tax Check-Off](#) campaign. For the second year the Auditor General will be placing reminders in each of his employees' paychecks that explain how they can get involved to "Check Yes" on line 35 of their PA-40 tax form and donate their state refund for breast cancer research.

[Click here to see how the Auditor General is getting involved](#) and encouraging other state officials to do the same. What can *you* do in your workplace to spread the word? If you've already helped to spread the message, we'd love to hear about it! Email sarah@pabreastcancer.org and we may use your story in an upcoming newsletter!



in universities throughout the country.

Senator Arlen Specter is a long-time supporter of the PBCC and I am grateful to have such a strong advocate for healthcare right here in Pennsylvania. I am encouraged and excited to see how this funding will advance cancer research and ultimately aid us in our goal to *find a cure for breast cancer now...so our daughters won't have to*©.

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Sign up for [Facebook](#) to become a member and search for PA Breast Cancer Coalition in the upper right corner. Click "become a fan" today and stay up-to-date on the latest news and events of the PBCC! If you're already a Facebook member, [click here to see the PBCC's Facebook page](#) and become a fan.

Events Calendar



March 12 - 23

67 Women - 67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania Photo Exhibit

Coudersport, Potter County

The PBCC brings its traveling photo exhibit to Potter County. The exhibit at Charles Cole Memorial



2009 PBCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 14, 2009

Workshop Topics Still Needed!

Are you knowledgeable about a topic relating to breast cancer? Do you enjoy speaking in front of eager learners? If you have a topic you

would like to present at the [PBCC's 2009 conference](#), we would like to hear from you! [Previous workshop topics and submission details can be found here](#). Submit your proposal to Jen Fetich at jennifer@pabreastcancer.org. Since slots are limited, we cannot guarantee that all proposals will be used as workshops.



PREGNANCY DOESN'T WORSEN BREAST CANCER

According to a study at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, pregnant women who develop breast cancer do not have a greater likelihood of death or

a recurrence than other young breast cancer patients. Previous studies suggested that maternity made diagnosis worse. The study analyzed data from 652 women, each age 35 or younger, who were treated for breast cancer during or within a year of pregnancy.

The study showed that the tumors in these women were a more advanced stage only because women and their doctors may have discounted the changes as related to the pregnancy, not **because** of the pregnancy itself.



HELP IN PAYING FOR COBRA HEALTHCARE

Hospital is free and open to the public.

[Please visit our website for a complete and detailed listing of these and other upcoming events.](#)

*Do you want to make **hope** grow? Plant a seed in your community and watch it grow statewide by planning a special event or fundraiser for the PBCC! Contact **Sarah Lightman** with your community event idea at sarah@pabreastcancer.org or (800) 377-8828 x 107.*

Talking with Your Children



Talking with your children about a breast cancer diagnosis can seem daunting, but according to the Winter 2009 issue of [CR Magazine](#), most children will do well if they are given age-appropriate and honest information. Try to keep your children on as normal of a routine as possible while reassuring them that they will be cared for throughout the months ahead. Also, it is important to tell your children about your cancer quickly, before they overhear something frightening. Remember that children take their cues from you, so keep a positive attitude and look towards the future together.

[Click to read the full CR Magazine article.](#)

NOW AVAILABLE

INSURANCE

The federal stimulus package may provide a 65% reduction on COBRA costs for up to 9 months for anyone recently laid off, with re-enrollment opportunities for those previously denied coverage. Anyone who has lost a job since September 1st should contact their company's human resources department to get things started. For more information, call the PA Insurance Department at 877-881-6388 or regional offices in Harrisburg (717-787-2317), Philadelphia (215-560-2630) or Pittsburgh (412-565-5020).

TRAVELING PHOTO EXHIBIT SPRING LINEUP ANNOUNCED



Join the PBCC as we cross the state with our "67 Women, 67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in

Pennsylvania" traveling photo exhibit. The photo exhibit has been to over 90 sites and will be hosted in the following communities this spring:

March 12-23
Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Potter County

May 7 - 18
Rhonda Brake Shreiner Women's Center, Franklin County

May 28 - June 8
Kane Area Community Center, McKean County

[Click here for more information.](#)

Funding for the project is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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**Fundraiser of the Month
Burning McGuiness**



Burning McGuiness, a local band comprised of members Matt Gross, Clint Hibshman, Kyle Bensing and Karl Liedtka recently played at the Batdorf Restaurant in Annville, PA. They decided to donate half their fee to the PBCC and sent \$150! Thanks, guys!

[Click to see more photos of recent Grassroots Partners events.](#)

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