



Pat Halpin-Murphy

PBCC President & Founder

Pat Halpin-Murphy is the President and Founder of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition. Founded in June of 1993, the PBCC is organized statewide through a regional and county system designed to extend public awareness of breast cancer, and to encourage increased public and private funding for research, legislative advocacy and high quality screening, diagnosis and treatment.

Pat grew up in Philadelphia, earning a Master of Science degree in Economics from Drexel University, a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from West Chester University.

She is a Gubernatorial Appointee to the Pennsylvania Cancer Advisory Board and co-chairs the Income Tax Check-Off for Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Committee, which has designated over \$1.4 million in grants to outstanding researchers across the state. Pat acts as an Advocate Member, representing breast cancer survivors, on the Board of Directors for the NSABP (National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project). In addition to her role as an Advocate Member, Pat chairs the NSABP Patient Advisory Board, which reviews new proposals and protocols for clinical trials. She serves as a member of the University of Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Advocacy Board for the P2 trial, as well as participates in RTOG's consensus group on whether or not women who have four or fewer positive nodes should receive radiation. Additionally, Pat serves on the Patient Advocacy Committee of the Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups, Inc. and on the corporate board for Highmark Blue Shield.

Pat was recently recognized by the National Governors Association as their Distinguished Service to State Government awardee and by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women with their Women Change America Award. As the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition's Founder and President, as well as a breast cancer survivor, Pat is totally committed to eradicating breast cancer now so our daughters won't have to. She is quoted as saying, "Pennsylvania has the fourth highest rate of breast cancer in the nation; we say enough is enough, it's time to end this devastating disease."

Pat is an avid political scholar and committed public servant. She lives near Philadelphia. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

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