

2019 Montana Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the conference for?

The conference is for Montanans and Idahoans living with Stage IV/metastatic breast cancer (cancer that has spread beyond the breast and lymph nodes to other parts of the body). Each attendee living with this condition is welcome to bring a guest. That guest can be a caregiver, partner, family member or friend. There will be a breakout session specifically for caregivers.

When and where is the conference?

The conference will be on May 31st, 2019 from 10am-4pm, with two optional activities:

- The evening before: Living Art on May 30th at 6:30pm
- The morning of: Morning Reception on May 31st at 9am

All events, including the conference, Living Art, and morning reception, will be at the Wingate Missoula, **5252 Airway Boulevard Missoula, MT**. You can contact the hotel at 406-541-8000.

What is included in the conference?

The conference is meant to be uplifting, educational and enjoyable for those living with Stage IV breast cancer. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Alana Welm, Ph.D., a Komen scholar at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Dr. Welm studies how breast cancer metastasizes and is currently conducting research into immunology – the use of the body's own immune system to fight cancer. She will present her current research and take questions from the audience. Other speakers will address clinical trials, emotional health, the needs of caregivers and much more. Attendees will also have time to meet and talk with others who have Stage IV breast cancer.

Once the program is finalized, you can find complete details at www.KomenIdahoMontana.org/Conference

What is Living Art of Montana?

Living Art of Montana uses the arts to support healing. They offer art and writing workshops - free of charge - for people dealing with cancer, chronic illness and loss at their studio in Missoula.

The evening before the Conference, [Living Art](#) will share with the Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference attendees an easy and fun way to create a poem without having to write a single word, then enhance those poems with color and design. No art or writing experience necessary, all materials provided.

Living Art will be on May 30th at 6:30pm, at the same location as the conference: Wingate Missoula, 5252 Airway Boulevard Missoula, MT. Registration for Living Art is done as part of the [conference registration](#).

How much does the conference cost?

The conference, meals, Living Art, and are completely FREE to those with Stage IV breast cancer and their guest.

What if I live outside of Missoula and can't afford to travel to the conference?

Funding is available to cover travel expenses for those in need with Stage IV breast cancer. Travel scholarships for those outside the Missoula area cover:

- ✓ One-night hotel stay at the Wingate Missoula for those who live a minimum of 75 miles from Missoula. If approved for hotel scholarship, you and your guest can stay Thursday, May 30th in a non-smoking room with 2 queen beds.
- ✓ Travel to the conference. Montanans and Idahoans can be reimbursed 54.5 cents per mile, roundtrip from your home address to the hotel at 5252 Airway Blvd, Missoula, MT 59808

Apply for a travel scholarship as part of the conference registration. More information on travel scholarships is available at www.KomenIdahoMontana.org/Conference

How can I be part of the conference if I can't be there in person, or if I don't have Stage IV breast cancer?

The conference will be live-streamed on the [Komen Idaho Montana Facebook page](#). Those watching will be able to submit questions in real-time. After the conference is over, video recordings of the primary sessions will be available for viewing on Facebook.

How do I register for the conference or apply for a travel scholarship?

You can register and apply for a travel scholarship at www.KomenIdahoMontana.org/Conference, or you can call Emily at 208-384-0013.

If I have other questions, who can I talk to?

Call or email Emily Richards at 208-384-0013 or erichards@komenidahomontana.org