

# PIPER BREAST CENTER

Raising funds to prevent, treat and support patients with breast cancer



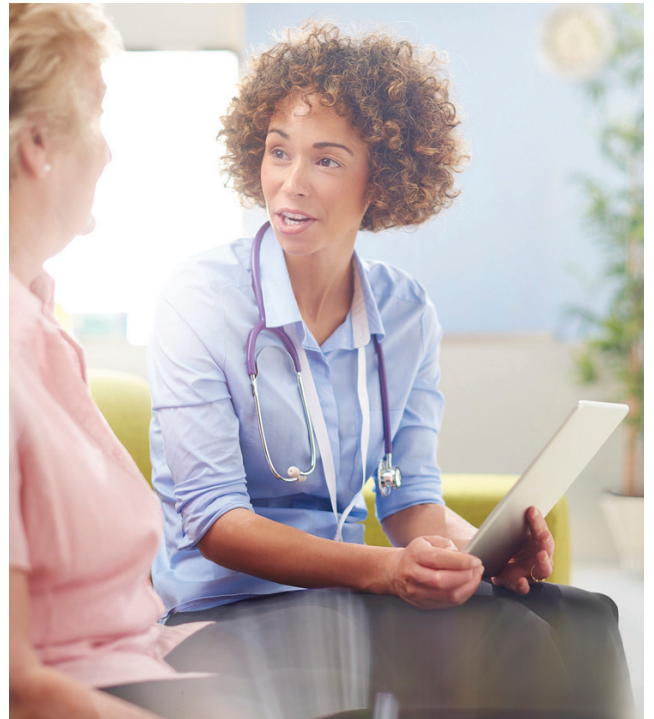
## Piper Breast Center of the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute®

### Piper Breast Center at Abbott

Northwestern Hospital has developed a model of breast care that sets a national standard. Piper Breast Center's highly skilled care team provides clinical expertise for any breast health issue, from screening and early detection to treatment to survivorship services. Just as important as the expert medical care are the array of supportive services for patients and families: a cancer care coordinator is the "go-to" person for all questions and concerns; social workers help parents talk about a cancer diagnosis with their children; and financial assistance can help with immediate basic needs. At Piper Breast Center, the whole patient and family are treated with compassionate, leading-edge care.

Piper Breast Center staff are also engaged in research to improve patient care and lessen the incidence and severity of breast cancer. From Abbott Northwestern, research findings and best practices are shared across Allina Health and beyond to providers around the globe.

Piper Breast Center clinicians are renowned for conducting research that identifies the most effective treatment options, and they put those findings to use in designing comprehensive treatment therapies for their patients.



*"My cancer care coordinator was the first person I met after I was diagnosed. She helped me throughout my cancer journey to answer questions, set appointments and ease my fears and concerns. That support was so important to me." – Grateful patient*

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### Advancing Excellence

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, with the generous support of the community, is raising funds for Piper Breast Center. Your gift will help create innovations in care, support whole person health care and strengthen scientific research, advancing excellence well into the future.

### Opportunities to support Piper Breast Center

- **Emergency assistance:** When cancer strikes, a person's normal routines can be upended. Often, the long-term treatment that follows a cancer diagnosis puts financial strain on a patient and family due to the disruption in work and unexpected expenses. So that a patient never has to choose between cancer care and basic needs like gas, food and medical supplies, the Emergency Assistance Fund provides financial relief to qualified patients, ensuring that they and their families have resources for these needs.
- **Innovative care:** Cancer care coordinators, acupuncture, the survivorship care plan – these and other care innovations offered at Piper Breast Center result in better health outcomes and a better patient experience. Philanthropic support helps accelerate and advance new care treatments and therapies.
- **Research:** Not content to just treat cancer once it is diagnosed, Piper Breast Center clinicians are focused on research to eliminate breast cancer. Investigators are studying the characteristics of various types of breast cancer to determine the most effective treatment options, identifying barriers to early detection and testing different treatment therapies for optimal outcomes. As we learn more about breast cancer, we develop the capacity to create a future without it.

Philanthropic support advances the mission of Allina Health and Abbott Northwestern to restore health, prevent illness and provide comfort. By strengthening the ability of Piper Breast Center to deliver compassionate treatment, conduct research and support the whole person, you ensure that this national health care leader continues to be a dynamic place of healing and innovation for all patients and their families.

*"My doctor and the staff were wonderful. They paid attention to my questions and concerns, and they made an effort to create a caring environment where I felt at home." – Grateful patient*

To learn more about Piper Breast Center and how you can help, please contact the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation at **612-863-4126**.