



## Phyllis C.

**D**IAGNOSIS: Invasive Ductal Carconoma  
AGE AT DIAGNOSIS: 64

Only child, Wife, Mother of Three, Grandmother of Two, Retired (or so I thought!)

My Life prior to April 2000 was grand – smooth sailing. Without any warning, I slammed into a brick wall called Breast Cancer.

However, after many weeks of treatment provided by an excellent health team, and with the staunch support of a loving husband as well as other family and friends, I inched my way over this scary barrier into the world of survivorship.

Luckily, I happened upon BCCR, a young organization at that time, and joined their community of dedicated volunteers committed to demolishing that brick wall. It remains an extraordinary legion of volunteers. Presently, BCCR retains a small but extremely talented staff. It also saw the wisdom of joining forces with the National Breast Cancer Coalition and the New York State Breast Cancer Network, thereby greatly broadening its influence and effectiveness.

BCCR us now very much a part of who I am and what I do: that is, when I am not appearing in my new role of doting grandmother.

YES, LIFE IS GRAND.