

Fremont Program Store: Service with a Smile

We are pleased to announce that our flagship program store in Fremont has added some open hours. **Starting July 29, we will be open every Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, by appointment.** We are hoping this helps to accommodate the needs of our Stanford clients.

Come on in and see us! We are located in the Women's Center in the Washington West building.



At this location, we support breast cancer survivors by providing specialty bras and camisoles, prostheses, lymphedema garments, wigs, head coverings, gifts, and much more.

Our certified Breast Care Specialists and cosmetologists are on hand to answer questions, help with product selection, and assist with garment and wig fittings. The

dedicated specialists and staff treat each client with compassionate, attentive care. Our stores are warm, welcoming places where breast cancer survivors can feel safe and beautiful. We make it our mission to restore dignity and hope.

Our staff will help you with insurance claims and other paperwork. We offer financial assistance to those who need it.

We are sorry to report that the Stanford Cancer Center (Stanford campus) location closed at the end of June. We hope that these extended hours are helpful to our valued Stanford clients who will be visiting us in Fremont instead. The Fremont store is 30 minutes from Stanford.



We look forward to seeing you soon!

Fremont store contact information:

Hours:

Mon-Fri, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, by appointment only. *Please call ahead.*

Located in:

Washington West / Women's Center

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We are located in downtown Fremont, one block from Washington Hospital, and just two blocks from the Fremont BART Station. We are located in the Washington Hospital Women's Center in the Washington West building.

BART is located between Washington Hospital and Tule Pond.

[Click here for more information about our Program Stores.](#)

Time to Pass the Baton



Nicholas Kozachenko (L) and Mike Engle (R) at the Walk/Run

There's been a changing of the guard for the Board of Directors here at HERS Breast Cancer Foundation. Vera and all of the board members wish to express our gratitude and warm wishes to Mike Engle, who has served as Board Chair since 2013. Mike is the former Senior Director of Ambulatory Care Services at Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont, and has been instrumental to the success of our Fremont store and so much more. We will miss his warmth, good humor, and engaged leadership, but we wish him well on his next adventure as he relocates to sunny San Diego. Mike has graciously agreed to remain on the board as a member-at-large, which will help ensure a seamless transition.

Mike is passing the baton to the highly capable hands of Nicholas Kozachenko, our new Board Chair. Nicholas, a member of the board since 2015, has been serving in the role of Secretary. He is an associate at Gonsalves & Kozachenko, Attorneys at Law, the largest law firm in Fremont. Nicholas specializes in health care law, and as such is an important asset to HERS as the organization navigates a shifting health care landscape.

We are fortunate to have such a strong Board of Directors. The members represent many professions, walks of life, and talents. We enjoy working together to ensure that HERS is thriving and ready to reach out and serve breast cancer survivors in our Bay Area communities.

Client Story: Cathy Kimball

Cathy Kimball is a HERS client, and has kindly agreed to share her story. Ms. Kimball is the Executive Director and Chief Curator at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. A resident of Los Altos, she has been married for 35 years, has a daughter, son, daughter-in-

law and two young grandchildren. She loves to spend time looking at art, of course, and also enjoys music, theater, gardening, cooking, and hiking with friends. She was introduced to HERS several years ago after listening to a presentation by Vera Packard, Executive Director of HERS Breast Cancer Foundation.

Ms. Kimball's story, as shared in a letter she wrote to Vera in 2015:



Dear Vera,

Thank you for the incredible services you provide at HERS Breast Cancer Foundation. Despite having a lumpectomy 5 years ago, it never occurred to me that I could be a client until visiting your amazing space in Fremont.

Although I had heard you speak about the noble services that your organization provides, I was really surprised when I walked into the store. Everything was so beautifully displayed and as I looked more closely, I saw that the bras were really quite lovely. I had a completely different idea of what a "prosthesis" bra would look like. And your inventory certainly didn't match the picture in my mind!

Through speaking with your sensitive and caring staff, I realized that the surgical carving of my breast didn't have to mean that I would look lopsided for the rest of my life. Thanks to the expertise of your staff member who took careful measurements and found three perfect bras for me, I finally look "normal" again and feel great. And, the fact that the products were covered by insurance made it even better and I didn't have to file anything to my insurance. They took care of everything starting by contacting my doctor and getting a

prescription in five minutes, IMPRESSIVE!!!!

I wish that every woman who undergoes breast surgery could know about your organization. And, every surgeon should refer his/her patients to you! It's the bright light at the end of a dark tunnel. Love you Vera and love your amazing staff!

Walk/Run 2017: Time to Sign Up!

HERS Annual Walk/Run will be held September 30, 2017.

Festivities start at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 30 at Quarry Lakes Regional Park in Fremont. You can sign up for the 5K Walk, or for the 5K or 10K Run.

An Opening Ceremony, Community Expo, and Lunch are all part of the day's celebration of life. [More information here.](#)

[Register here.](#)



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Do You Know a Person with Purpose?

If you are a HERS client and would like to share your experience, or any story about how a "person with purpose" helped you in your breast cancer journey, please send it in email to HERS Executive Director, [Vera Packard](#).

We may share these stories on social media or in this newsletter

(with your express permission, of course). We'll be collecting them all year long in preparation for PWP 2018. We welcome submissions from anyone in our community who would like to let us know about people with purpose.

Please include your name and indicate if you want to share your story anonymously, using first names only, or with full attribution.



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