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Ranzenhofer Hosts Forum for Breast Cancer Survivors

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State Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer has announced today that he will host a round table discussion for breast cancer survivors on Friday, October 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the YWCA of Genesee County, 301 North Street in Batavia.

“The Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester and I want to hear your story,” said Ranzenhofer. “Listening to the experiences of survivors is one way to support families here in our community who have been impacted by breast cancer. That is why it is so important for women to share their stories with us at the upcoming community round table.”

The two-hour program will be facilitated by the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (BCCR).

“No one needs go through breast cancer alone. If you or a loved one receives a diagnosis of breast cancer, the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester is here to help. The Coalition offers education and support programs, as well as advocacy for those uninsured or underinsured. The Coalition is a full-scope, grass-roots breast cancer organization serving survivors and families throughout the Finger Lakes Region of Central and Western New York. We can help you find resources in your own community,” said BCCR Executive Director Holly Anderson.

The purpose of the discussion is to learn more about the experiences of survivors during the diagnosis, including:

- What happened when you were diagnosed with breast cancer?
- What resources were you given?
- Where did you turn for support?
- What resources did you find in your community?
- What do you wish you would have had access to at any point?

Family members impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis are welcome to attend.

Due to limited seating, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To pre-register, residents can contact the Coalition at (585) 473-8177.

Senator Ranzenhofer secured a \$200,000 State grant in the 2015-16 Budget, administered by the State Department of Health, to increase outreach initiatives to individuals impacted by breast cancer and to provide expanded cancer services in our region. Some of the counties in Western New York have the highest rates of breast cancer in the State.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer

death in women, after lung cancer. In New York State alone, 14,000 new cases of breast cancer are reported each year.

About the BCCR

The Coalition's mission is to provide support to those touched by a diagnosis of breast cancer, to make access to information and care a priority through education and advocacy, and to empower women and men to participate fully in decisions relating to breast cancer.

Currently, the Coalition serves individuals in ten counties, including: Monroe, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates. For more information, visit www.bccr.org.

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