

The Hellenic Women's Club, Inc., EOK

The Demetra Fund for Breast Cancer Research and Patient Assistance

The Hellenic Women's Club Inc., also known as Epsilon Omicron Kappa, EOK – is an organization of Greek-American Women in Greater Boston dedicated to the mission of charity for the past 77 years.

In 2001, the Club officially joined the fight against breast cancer when it established Hellenic Women's Club, Inc. EOK **Demetra Fund for Breast Cancer Research and Patient Assistance**. Dr. Helen P. O'Leary, an EOK member, initiated the Fund with a generous gift in loving memory of her sister and fellow club member, Demetra "Toulie" Samellas, who lost her battle against breast cancer. With a mission of hope to enhance the quality of life for women across the world, it provides funds exclusively for medical research and/or patient assistance in the specialty of women's breast cancer.

Since its inception, the **Demetra Fund** has committed \$250,000 in grant funds to underwrite research and /or patient assistance at internationally recognized medical institutions such as the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center.

The **Demetra Fund** receives donations from private individuals, companies and foundations through the Club's annual Sustaining Sponsorship Program, which is the principal fundraising arm of its Mistletoe Ball held Thanksgiving weekend of each year. There are also special fundraisers held exclusively to benefit the **Demetra Fund**, such as the one scheduled this spring on April 27, 2014.

With sincere gratitude, we thank our generous contributors for their steadfast support of our Club's endeavors in general, and especially on behalf of the **Demetra Fund**.

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Founded in 1936 in Boston, the Hellenic Women's Club, Inc., EOK, promotes fellowship among its members and engages in philanthropic endeavors. Limited to a membership of forty and meeting monthly, the EOK is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization characterized by a closely knit, hard-working group of uniquely dedicated women who offer their talents, energies and spirit to the mission of charity.

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For more information about the Hellenic Women's Club, Inc., EOK, and its established charities, please visit our website: www.hellenicwomensclub.org



Special Guests



Deborah Toffler, BS, MSW, is the Director of the Division of Patient and Family Programs and Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. There, she manages a team of 15 full-time staff and 300+ volunteers who run programs and services that are designed to ease the daily burden of a cancer diagnosis for patients and their families. Among these, she oversees the Office of Patient and Family Assistance, which provides critical need-based financial support, as well as pro bono legal services and financial coaching sessions, for eligible patients, families, and survivors who face financial hardship while battling the physical and emotional challenges often associated with cancer. Deborah joined Dana-Farber in 2005, prior to which she held positions at Brigham & Women's Hospital, the Boston Mayor's Office, and Big Sister Association, among others. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from UMass Amherst and a Master's in social work from Boston University.



Jean O'Toole, PT, MPH is a clinical specialist in the Physical Therapy Services Department at Massachusetts General Hospital. Ms. O'Toole has provided physical therapy services at MGH for over 25 years, specializing in the treatment of cancer patients with upper quarter dysfunction. Her responsibilities during this time have included the treatment, clinical teaching and research of a condition known as lymphedema, the acute swelling that can occur following cancer treatment. In breast cancer patients, lymphedema occurs particularly in the arms and requires the use of costly, non-reimbursable compression sleeves to counteract its effects. Ms. O'Toole is widely published on the subject of lymphedema prevention and management, and has worked tirelessly to provide financial assistance for lymphedema patients. She is directly involved in the management of the funds donated by the Demetra Fund. Ms. O'Toole received her B.S. in Physical Therapy from Northeastern University and her Master's in Public Health from Boston University.

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one hundred and fifty dollars

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