

Queensland Cancer Fund

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The Queensland Cancer Fund was established in 1961 in response to a desperate need in the community. Cancer mortality was on the increase and available resources could not cope with the problem. A small group of concerned people decided to form the Queensland Cancer Fund and began planning a strategy for raising funds to combat the disease and provide adequate treatment facilities for cancer patients. The Fund generated tremendous public support from the start, raising almost 500,000 pounds in the 1961/62 financial year. By the second financial year, the Fund had already provided a linear accelerator and simulator (very expensive but vital radiation equipment) for the Queensland Radium Institute. The Queensland Cancer Fund also made a grant for the commencement of the internationally recognised malignant melanoma project at Princess Alexandra Hospital. The first Fund trustees and office bearers not only aimed to raise funds to advance cancer research and treatment but also set out to counteract the stigma attached to the disease. In the 1960s, the word 'cancer' evoked a sense of fear and hopelessness arising from the widespread belief the disease was inevitably fatal. As advances in science and technology increased the range of procedures and brought new hope to sufferers, the Queensland Cancer Fund encouraged the community to adopt a more positive attitude to cancer based on an awareness of the problem and how it might be tackled.

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Press Releases on Queensland Cancer Fund:

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Susan G. Komen for the Cure&apos;s Nancy Brinker to Grapple with New Guidelines for Breast Cancer Screening, Mon., Nov. 23	20th November, 2009	National Press Club	<i>WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, founding chair of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, will address the controversy over new federal breast cancer screening</i>
California Minority Advocacy Groups Send Letter to Blue Shield of California Calling for an End to Discriminatory Practice that Denies Patients in Pain Access to Proper Medication	20th November, 2009	Healthy African American Families	<i>LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- California minority advocacy groups including Healthy African American Families, The Wall/Las Memorias, Latina Breast Cancer Agency, Black Barbershop Health</i>
Local Families to Participate in National Family Volunteer Day	20th November, 2009	Bright Horizons Family Solutions, LLC	<i>WHAT: Five Boston-area Bright Horizons&Agrave; child care centers will be hosting events for families in their communities to celebrate National Family Volunteer Day and encourage family volunteerism.</i>
NCCN Emphasizes Tailored Treatment in Discovery Health Channel Program Metastatic Breast Cancer: Individualizing Treatment	20th November, 2009	National Comprehensive Cancer Network	<i>NCCN program on Discovery Health Channel profiles patients undergoing treatment for metastatic breast cancer and their physicians&apos; use of the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology(TM)</i>

- [Multi-million dollar world-leading cancer imaging facility at UQ](#)
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