



# CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTERS NETWORK® INC. 2025 NATIONAL CAREGIVER AWARD HONOREES

Sisters Network® Inc. (SNI) understands and recognizes the importance of caregivers for women battling breast cancer. Our organization has launched the 1st Annual National Caregiver Award as a special opportunity for SNI to help breast cancer survivors, honor, celebrate and say thank you to the selflessness caregivers who provide the much-needed support, love, and care during their courageous fight against breast cancer.

In honor of National Family Caregiver Month, we have selected four outstanding caregivers who were nominated by breast cancer survivors to be recognized as Sisters Network Inc. National Caregiver Award honorees. Survivors shared beautiful testimonies of the love and care provided by their caregiver during her breast cancer journey and how much they are appreciated.

Sisters Network Inc. will provide each honoree with a \$250 gift card so they can do something "special" for themselves.

Thank you to all the survivors who submitted applications to acknowledge their special caregivers.

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# MADISON MCEWEN

NOMINATED BY AMANDA SWINK

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in November, my world changed in ways I couldn't imagine. Through every step, Madison has been my source of strength, love, and care, and I believe she deserves recognition as one of this year's Sister's Network National Caregivers.

From day one, she embraced the role with remarkable maturity, balancing life as a young single mother while ensuring

I received the best care possible. She accompanied me to appointments, helped me understand medical information, and never let me face this journey alone. Her presence gave me courage when I felt weak and hope when I felt uncertain.

Even while caring for her twin sons, Jyreece and Josiah, she managed our household, coordinated my care, and brought light and laughter into our home. Her compassion and faith have carried me through my hardest days.

Madison embodies what it means to be a caregiver—selfless, steadfast, and full of love. Honoring her with the Sister's Network National Caregiver Award would recognize not only her devotion but also the vital role caregivers play in the fight against breast cancer.



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# DELYDIA MEADOWS

NOMINATED BY NORA JONES

Delydia Meadows is a member of the Greensboro affiliate chapter, and participates in all chapter activities. I am nominating Delydia because of the love, care and concern she extended to another Greensboro Chapter member who died on September 26, 2025.

Rokisha Rover and Delydia were besties and church members for many years. When Rokisha was diagnosed with breast cancer recurrence in January

2025, we all stepped up to take her to medical appointments, sent cards, food and volunteered to sit with Rokisha. There was definitely a village of support.

However, I noticed that Delydia seemed to make the greatest sacrifice because she spent many nights in Rokisha's home to make sure that she would not be alone. I would hope that everyone has such a devoted, loving friend to take care of them during an illness. Delydia went above and beyond what was expected during a stressful nine-month period, and I am extremely proud to nominate her for the Caregiver Award.

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# FELICIA PAYTON- MAHABIR

NOMINATED BY PETRICE STEPHENS

It is with deep love and gratitude that I nominate my sister, Felicia Payton-Mahabir, for the Sisters Network Caregiver Award. Felicia is more than my sister – she is my friend, my confidant, my support and most importantly, one of my caregivers. When I first told her about my diagnosis, I was more concerned about how she would handle it than about myself. As the oldest sister, I wondered if she had the strength to endure the emotional demands of this journey. But what Felicia showed us all was a level of strength, grace, and determination that inspired our entire village. From the moment I shared my diagnosis, Felicia became a quiet force of support. She began researching anti-inflammatory and immune-boosting recipes to help prepare my body for surgery and chemotherapy. Despite her well-known dislike for cooking, she committed to preparing weekly meals for me and my husband – and did so faithfully for an entire year. Each meal was made with love, and every delivery came with a word of encouragement or a handwritten note that lifted my spirit. Her love and dedication didn't stop there. Four years later, she is still on this journey with me. Felicia is the captain of my support team, Faith Walkers, and her passion and leadership have brought over 25 people to walk in the annual walk event. Her commitment to advocacy and support for awareness is unwavering. Felicia recently joined Sisters Network NE Florida as a support member, continuing her commitment to breast cancer survivors. Remarkably, even while recovering from her own medical challenges – wearing a boot and using a cane – she showed up to volunteer during our packet pickup. Felicia embodies the spirit of a true caregiver. Her compassion is unwavering, her actions are selfless, and her love is healing. I can say without question that her care changed my life – and continues to do so every day. It is my honor to nominate her for this award. Felicia Payton-Mahabir exemplifies what it means to love unconditionally and to support selflessly.



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# HERBERT ALBERT

NOMINATED BY STEPHANIE SMITH

This was a hard decision because I have a wonderful support system, but when I made the first call to Herb, he came to my house and said, "Stephanie, I've been up all night

praying and trying to figure out what to say." Yet I was the one diagnosed with cancer. If you know Herb, you know he's a lot – funny, humble, over the top, and full of heart – but always genuine. He's someone I've always leaned on since I "adopted" him into my life, and when he finds out I nominated him for this award, he'll probably cry. That's just who he is.

Herb has always told me the truth, never sugarcoating anything. During my diagnosis, appointments, surgery, and chemotherapy, he coordinated his schedule with mine to take me whenever he could. He waited patiently through long visits, taught me how to record my appointments to review later, and even insisted on joining me when one doctor didn't sit right with him. His compassion and support for my flat-closure decision meant so much – he respected every boundary while still showing up for me completely.

Through it all, he kept me laughing – from joking with my nurses to coloring the chemotherapy side-effects booklet. When treatment ended, he encouraged me to share my story publicly to help others. Herb has been my strength, my humor, and my protector through this journey. Congratulations, Herb – you've earned every flower while you can still smell them.