

## Volunteer with BSAC

Are you interested in breast cancer research? Have you been affected by breast cancer, either personally or through someone you know? The Breast Cancer SPORE offers a volunteer opportunity to become a UCSF Research Advocate.

### What we are looking for:

Volunteers with an interest in breast cancer research who would like to be an advocate for translational research with the UCSF Breast SPORE Advocacy Core

### For More Information:

Visit our website:

[http://cancer.ucsf.edu/breast\\_spore/advocacy\\_core.php](http://cancer.ucsf.edu/breast_spore/advocacy_core.php)

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# Breast SPORE\* Advocacy Core BSAC

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become a Breast  
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## About the Breast SPORE

As a Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the SPORE promotes translational research: moving basic research findings from the laboratory to clinical settings, and clinical findings to the laboratory environment. The result of a research advocacy initiative, BSAC was one of the first research advocacy programs formally connected to the National Cancer Institute. The Core is currently composed of 10 volunteer team members, who interface between SPORE investigators and the community.



Linda Vincent,  
UCSF Breast  
SPORE Advocate.

*"I am a 12 year survivor of breast cancer. After two years of treatment I was drawn to cancer advocacy especially research advocacy. I was drawn to the UCSF Breast SPORE Advocacy Core, known as BSAC, because of the wonderful opportunities to learn more about cancer research. At UCSF, advocates are invited to weekly sessions of the Breast Oncology Program and the annual BOP Retreat. Most recently, I have developed and continue to lead a series of workshops for patients and advocates to critically review published cancer research in the medical journals."*



## What Activities Do SPORE Advocates Participate In?

### BSAC Advocates:

- Contribute to projects and forums addressing current and emerging challenges facing the cancer research community.
- Meet and work with SPORE investigators on research projects and protocols.
- Are interested in clinical trials and current research trends and issues.
- Organize and participate in workshops led by Advocates.
- Provide community education on the importance of participating in tissue collection and participating in clinical trials.
- Attend research seminars led by investigators from UCSF and other institutions.
- Help develop new ideas for projects or assist in leading existing projects.
- Time commitment depends on activity involvement.



Judi Allen,  
UCSF Breast  
SPORE Advocate.

*"I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn much more about cancer research as a breast cancer advocate. I have been honored to serve as the USA advocate on the USA-Uganda Women's Cancer Alliance, and I am very proud to have mentored their advocate to an international level of advocacy. The science and collaborations at UCSF on breast cancer research are acclaimed, and I am proud to bring the patient and research advocate perspective to the table."*

## Become a SPORE Advocate

If this sounds like an interesting volunteer opportunity to you, please provide the following information:

- A Letter describing: 1) your interest in or experience with science/medicine and/or breast cancer research; 2) your experience working in groups; 3) your community activities; 4) your special interests and strengths that might add to the Core.
- Resume including professional, volunteer, and leadership history.
- Contact information

Please send your application to: Sarah Goins, UCSF Box 0808, 2340 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94143. Or email to: [sarah.goins@ucsf.edu](mailto:sarah.goins@ucsf.edu) Questions? Call 415-502-2986.