

# BRCAn't Stop Me

*BRCAn't Stop Me*, based in Grand Valley State University (GVSU), is the first collegiate organization in the nation to focus on prevention and early detection of BRCA-related cancers. The group provides a support system for young men and women who carry the BRCA gene mutation, as well as those who have a family history of cancer.



Founded by GVSU student Mollie Smith, BRCAn't Stop Me aims to:

- raise awareness of the BRCA gene mutation among young adults
- help affected students become more proactive about their increased risk of cancer
- support those who have or are affected by the BRCA gene mutation
- provide information about genetic counseling

## Membership

Membership is open to GVSU students with a BRCA gene mutation, students who do not have a gene mutation but have family members with an inherited cancer or risk of cancer, and or individuals who support BRCAn't Stop Me's mission.

## Activities



The group hosts and participates in activities throughout the year, including:

- **Zumba for a Cure**, BRCAn't Stop Me's annual fundraiser for hereditary cancer research and Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE)
- **Pink and Blue Pumpkin Sale**, which raises awareness of male and female breast cancer

- **Swing in Pink and Move to the Beat**, a swing dance and exercise movement event
- **Turn the Town Teal** (Ovarian Cancer National Alliance)
- **Susan G. Komen Walk**
- **Shake Your Tail Feather Teal** (Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance)
- **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** (American Cancer Society)

Meetings are held at least twice a month to plan events, support members, and discuss topics such as: genetic counseling and testing, insurance policies, cancer risks due to the BRCA gene mutation, early detection methods, preventative measures, new research findings about the BRCA gene mutation, and more.

If you are a GVSU student who would like more information about BRCAn't Stop Me, contact [brcantstopme@gmail.com](mailto:brcantstopme@gmail.com).

## **Additional Information**

BRCAn't Stop Me is a non-profit organization that relies on the time and effort of dedicated volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer, email [brcantstopme@gmail.com](mailto:brcantstopme@gmail.com).

Are you interested in organizing BRCAn't Stop Me at your own university or college? Find out more here:

- [Constitution \(pdf\)](#)
- [How to Create BRCAn't Stop Me \(pdf\)](#)

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