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Helping Hand Grants aid breast cancer patients and their families in areas where insurance does not apply. For example, a grant can be used to meet financial obligations, household needs and transportation to medical appointments. The intent of these grants is to enhance the quality of life for those who have breast cancer enabling them to maintain as normal a lifestyle as possible while they are confronting the disease.

You can help The Common Thread for the Cure in the following ways:

- If you know someone affiliated with the furnishings industry that is currently battling breast cancer, please tell them about The Common Thread For The Cure and the [Helping Hand Grants](#).
- Make a [monetary donation in any amount](#) to The Common Thread For The Cure.
- As a company, or as an individual, donate funds for one Helping Hand Grant.
- Specify or purchase [year-round sponsors' designated products](#) that benefit the foundation.
- Ask the company where you work to support The Common Thread For The Cure through financial contributions, sponsorship or a fundraising event.
- Attend, sponsor or volunteer at one or more of the industry fundraising [events](#) held throughout the United States.
- Spread awareness of The Common Thread For The Cure to friends, co-workers and companies within the furnishings industry.

About The Common Thread for the Cure

The companies and employees that comprise the furnishings industry are joined by a common thread ... utilizing the aesthetics of design in the products that are manufactured and the services provided to enhance the environment where people live and work. The Common Thread For The Cure Foundation has been established to unite the furnishings industry in the battle against breast cancer. To learn more, please visit www.commonthread.info and Facebook at facebook.com/thecommonthreadforthecure.

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