

Zitone, also a breast cancer survivor, is based in New Jersey as a regional manager and sales consultant for 3form. Over the past 15 years she has held multiple positions at 3form after her previous 10 years at Milliken Carpet. She has a BS in interior design from Florida State University where Zitone is currently serving on the Advisory Board for the FSU Interior Design Program. She is active in local chapters of IIDA, AIA and ASID as well. Zitone, a longtime supporter of the foundation, has also co-chaired two highly successful fund-raising events in New Jersey for The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation. This past July Zitone, along with her committee, hosted [Take A Swing for The Common Thread](#) at the Topgolf in Edison, NJ raising \$30,000 with 162 participants.



Ikovic is a design representative in client development at Crossville Tile in Los Angeles. She knows firsthand how the Helping Hand Grants provides peace of mind as well as the



feeling that there is support out there, support from people that she had never met. Last year a friend who was a two-time breast cancer survivor asked Ikovic to help her train for the LA BIG 5k run. Her friend said that she needed to do something to feel victorious. Ikovic had no idea at that time that she herself had breast cancer as well. They did cross the finish line and now she realizes that The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation also helps those in need cross the finish line to good health. Ikovic is honored to be able to give back to the community that helped her when she needed it most.

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The 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 the 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.