

# SURVIVOR'S VOICE

Here's another powerful example of how your gifts are helping breast cancer patients.

In March of 2009, Nicki Johnson, age 56, sat crying in her doctor's office. She had just been diagnosed with breast cancer. Nicki said, "I was certain I was going to die."

Thankfully, Nicki's husband was right there with her and offered countless words of assurance. Over weeks of difficult treatment and side effects, he would say, "We'll get through this together honey. Things will all work out dear." Nicki says her husband's encouragement brought her the most comfort during this tumultuous time.

Then tragedy struck. Near the end of Nicki's difficult chemotherapy treatments, her dear husband suddenly became ill and died. Nicki was broken-hearted and inconsolable. And now, in addition to mounting medical bills, she had the added expense of her husband's funeral. She was overwhelmed.

Nicki heard about the Help Now Fund through her social worker at her hospital and applied immediately for assistance. Within a few days, Nicki received the wonderful news that her past-due electricity and water bills would be paid by The Breast Cancer Charities of America.

Marsha Schmit, Nicki's social worker said, "Nicki was so thankful to hear the news. You have no idea how much your Help Now Fund means to breast cancer patients who are in dire financial straits."

Thanks to you, we are able to reach out to hundreds of people like Nicki who have real and legitimate needs. Thank you for your generous heart and your ongoing support.



Nicki during a session of chemotherapy.

*I'm Nicki and I am a cancer survivor!*