



The Young Women's Breast Cancer Program

at **Siteman Cancer Center**

- Of the 180,000 women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, over 12% will be 44 or younger
- Young women have more aggressive breast cancer, e.g., larger tumor size, greater frequency of invasion and tumors that are often not responsive to hormonal therapies which limits their treatment options
- Women 44 or younger experience higher recurrence rates and the lowest 5-year and overall survival rates
- Young women live with this disease during the most demanding time of their lives, as they are raising children or starting a family, working full-time jobs and building their careers or providing care for their parents or elderly relatives
- There is little research focused specifically on young women with breast cancer and few support programs available to them
- The Young Women's Breast Cancer Program is dedicated to providing support, raising awareness and conducting research focused on this segment of breast cancer patients
- Siteman Cancer Center has the opportunity through this program to become the national leader in research focused on young women with breast cancer.

About Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center

at **Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine**



- Siteman Cancer Center is the only center within a 240-mile radius to be designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute
- Parent institutions, Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital are consistently ranked in the top 5 medical schools and top 10 hospitals by U.S. News & World Report
- Expert Washington University Physicians provide care for more than 7,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients annually
- Scientists and physicians affiliated with Siteman Cancer Center hold \$130 million in annual cancer research and training grants
- Patients have access to more than 350 clinical studies, including collaborative efforts with other leading cancer centers throughout the country
- Siteman Cancer Center offers an outreach program of cancer screening and education that involves tens of thousands of individuals annually.