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Partner Highlight:

Fashion Teal Brunch & Learn Inspires Awareness



Founded by survivor and advocate Taliesha Cash, SistersCANCervive.org is a nonprofit organization created to address the lack of advocacy, guidance, and holistic support women often face during their cancer journey. Through education, outreach, and empowerment, the organization works to ensure that communities have access to the resources and information needed to make informed health decisions. Recently, SistersCANCervive.org hosted its Fashion Teal Brunch & Learn, an inspiring and impactful event dedicated to educating, empowering, and saving lives. Community members of all ages, including mothers, grandmothers, teenagers, and men, came together to learn about the importance of recognizing warning signs, staying current with screenings, getting vaccinated, and sharing this life-saving information within their families and communities. Attendees were deeply moved by powerful survivor testimonials that provided both hope and valuable health insights. Adding to the excitement, everyone who wore teal had the opportunity to strut the runway, creating a fun and memorable celebration of awareness, advocacy, and community support.



OPERATION WIPE OUT Invited to ACCESS North America Workshop

OPERATION WIPE OUT has been invited to participate in the ACCESS North America Workshop: *Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination Shaped by the Latest Evidence and a Health Systems Perspective* on October 1, 2026. The workshop will bring together leaders, practitioners, researchers, and advocates from across North America to explore evidence-based, practical strategies for accelerating cervical cancer elimination.

Participants will examine the latest evidence and best practices in HPV vaccination, screening, treatment, health equity, and leadership, with a focus on strengthening health systems and expanding access to care. This collaborative forum will provide an opportunity to share insights, discuss emerging challenges and opportunities, and advance coordinated efforts toward the goal of eliminating cervical cancer.



IGCS 2026
Annual Global Meeting
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October 1 - 3

OPERATION WIPE OUT Engages Rotary Leaders Across the Region



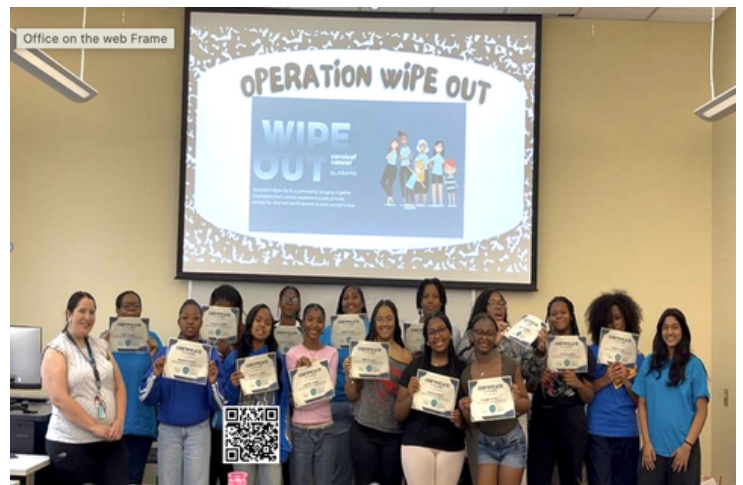
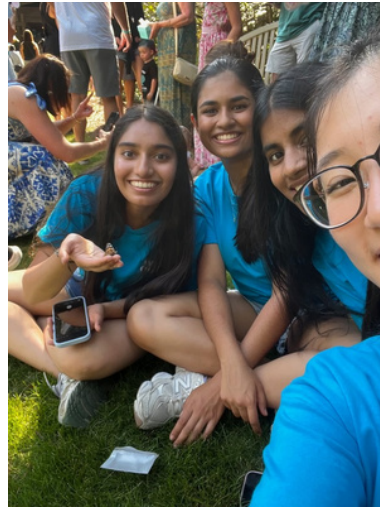
OPERATION WIPE OUT had a strong presence at the Rotary International Zone 30-31 Meeting in New Orleans in August 2026. The regional meeting brought together Rotary leaders from across the heart of America, including Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, and West Virginia. Dr. Isabel Scarinci served as one of the keynote speakers, sharing the achievements, experiences, and lessons learned from OPERATION WIPE OUT's work in Alabama. She highlighted the importance of community partnerships and collective action in addressing cervical cancer, and invited Rotary leaders to join efforts to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem.



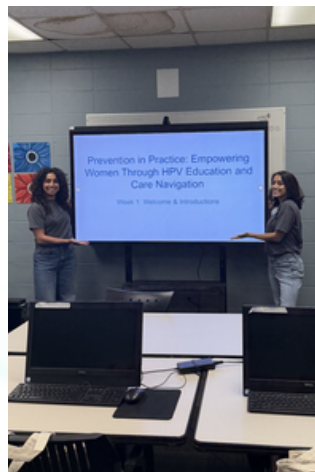
From Campus to Community: UAB Students Make an Impact

Undergraduate students involved in OPERATION WIPE OUT at UAB have demonstrated strong leadership by educating incoming freshmen during orientation, expanding student membership, and collaborating with local community organizations such as Laura Crandall Brown Foundation and Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Their efforts are helping build greater awareness and engagement around cervical cancer prevention and control.

Sanjana Sudini, an Accelerated Bachelor's Master's Program student, has developed, implemented, and evaluated a summer cervical cancer prevention and control program for high school girls participating in SheWorks through Girls Inc. providing an important opportunity to educate and empower the next generation.



Meanwhile, Rabab Meghani and Holly Yazdi, UAB medical students, have developed and are implementing a cervical cancer prevention and control initiative in partnership with The Lovelady Center. The program is already having a positive impact, thanks in part to the students' commitment to engaging women as OPERATION WIPE OUT Champions. We are especially grateful to Jennifer Simpson, a cervical cancer survivor, whose personal experience and dedication have supported students in connecting with and empowering women in the Birmingham community. Together, these students, survivors, and community partners are helping advance the mission of OPERATION WIPE OUT and strengthen efforts to prevent cervical cancer.



A Successful Outreach Effort at the Community Engagement and Outreach Institute

A special thanks to the O'Neal Cancer Center for inviting OPERATION WIPE OUT to participate in the Community Engagement and Outreach Institute in August 2026. This annual gathering brings together Community Health Advisors and community partners dedicated to advancing cancer prevention and control across Alabama and Mississippi.

The OPERATION WIPE OUT table was a major success! Participants stopped by to learn more about our mission and the importance of cervical cancer prevention. More than 50 individuals expressed interest in learning more about OPERATION WIPE OUT and becoming OPERATION WIPE OUT Champions, extending the reach of these important health messages into their communities.

During the institute, Ms. Talisha Cash of SistersCANCervive.org, along with Dr. Isabel Scarinci and Dr. Anne Kane from UAB, led an engaging breakout session focused on cervical cancer prevention and control and other HPV-associated cancers. Ms. Cash challenged participants to take what they learned beyond the institute by reaching at least three people with three critical prevention messages: HPV vaccination, recommended screening, and adherence to follow-up care.



Save The Date - OPERATION WIPE OUT Summit 2027

**OPERATION WIPE OUT
SUMMIT 2027**

SHEET 01 / 01
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SAVE THE DATE

**MISSION:
ELIMINATION**

FULL SPEED AHEAD

LAUNCH DATE

01.22.27

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2027 / HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



**FEATURED SPEAKER
TAMIKA FELDER**
Cervical Cancer Survivor
Chief Visionary, Cervivor, Inc.
• FURTHER SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

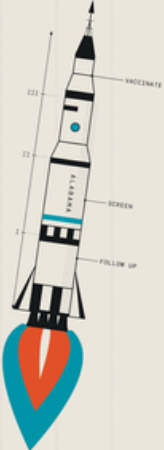


FIG. 1 - LAUNCH VEHICLE, ELEVATION

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The 2027 OPERATION WIPE OUT Summit will feature Tamika Felder, cervical cancer survivor and Founder & Chief Visionary of Cervivor, Inc., in Huntsville, Alabama on January 22nd, 2027.

The summit will bring together health care providers, public health leaders, business and civic partners, and community advocates from across Alabama to assess our progress and determine what it will take to complete the mission of eliminating cervical cancer as a public health threat.

Registration details will be shared soon. Partners and stakeholders are encouraged to reserve the date now and plan to join.



New Student-Created PSAs Spotlight OPERATION WIPE OUT

A new series of public service announcements, developed through a partnership between OPERATION WIPE OUT and students at the University of Alabama, is bringing fresh voices to the conversation about cervical cancer prevention and elimination.

The campaign challenges the misconception that cervical cancer only affects certain individuals, highlighting how it can impact families, partners, and entire communities. The PSAs also underscore an often overlooked message: men play an important role in cervical cancer prevention. As carriers of the HPV virus, men have the opportunity to be part of the solution by encouraging vaccination, supporting open conversations, and helping reduce HPV-related cancers.

Together, these student-created messages reinforce a simple but powerful idea: Cervical Cancer is everyone's problem and together, we can do something about it now.

To watch and share the public service announcements, click on each image on the right.



The Women We Love Don't Have To Disappear



We Have The Tools. Let's Use Them.

Welcome New Partners

Trussville Noon Rotary Club

Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation

University of Alabama at Huntsville Neighborhood Nursing

If you would like to share your story on the OPERATION WIPE OUT newsletter please contact Norma Longinos, ndeaguinagagarcia@uabmc.edu.

