

Healthy TISSUE_{FOR} HOPE

A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

FORT WAYNE 2026
NOVEMBER 14

IU Health Surgery Center
4105 Dicke Rd., Fort Wayne, IN

200 Women. One Day. Global Impact.

Breast cancer research cannot move forward without understanding what healthy tissue looks like. A healthy tissue collection event will be held in Fort Wayne in partnership with the Vera Bradley Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Tissue Bank at the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

THE GOAL

Collect small amounts of healthy breast tissue from 200 women who volunteer to be part of this groundbreaking research resource.

WHY THIS MATTERS

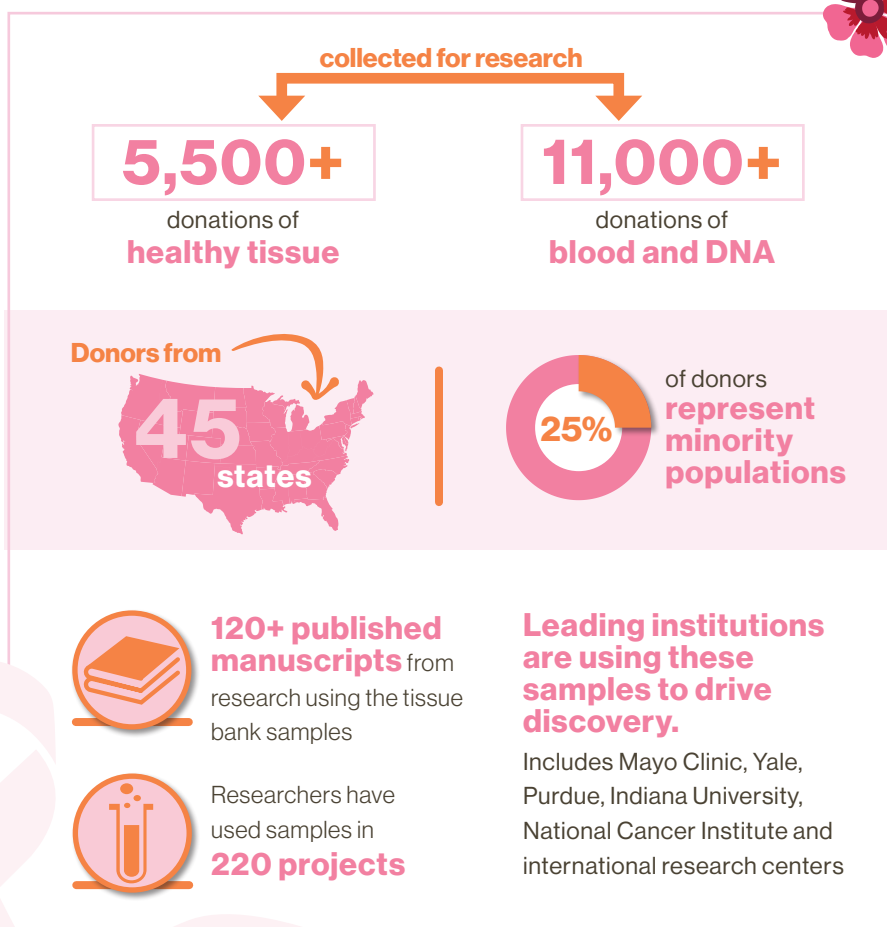
The Susan G. Komen Tissue Bank is home to the only normal breast tissue bio-repository of its kind in the world.

By studying normal tissue, researchers can:

- **Identify** the precise genetic differences between healthy and cancerous cells
- **Understand** how breast cancer develops
- **Advance** prevention strategies before disease begins
- **Study** differences across genetic ancestries

This is how we stop cancer before it starts.

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How You Can Be Part of the Gift

SPONSOR

Gain meaningful recognition while fueling breakthrough research.

DONATE TISSUE

Give a gift of discovery that fuels life-saving breakthroughs for generations to come.

VOLUNTEER

Be part of a powerful day that changes lives.



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WHY PARTNER WITH US?

When you support Healthy Tissue for Hope, you are:

- Investing in prevention — not just treatment
- Aligning with globally recognized research leaders
- Supporting science used by top institutions worldwide
- Making a measurable local impact with global reach
- Giving future generations a fighting chance

HOW DOES THE COLLECTION WORK?

The process includes:

- A trained surgeon or radiologist collects tissue from one breast using local anesthesia and a biopsy needle
- The amount of tissue taken is approximately one gram, or roughly the size of two peas
- Three small tubes of blood are taken
- To ensure consistency, all samples are processed immediately on-site

Learn more!

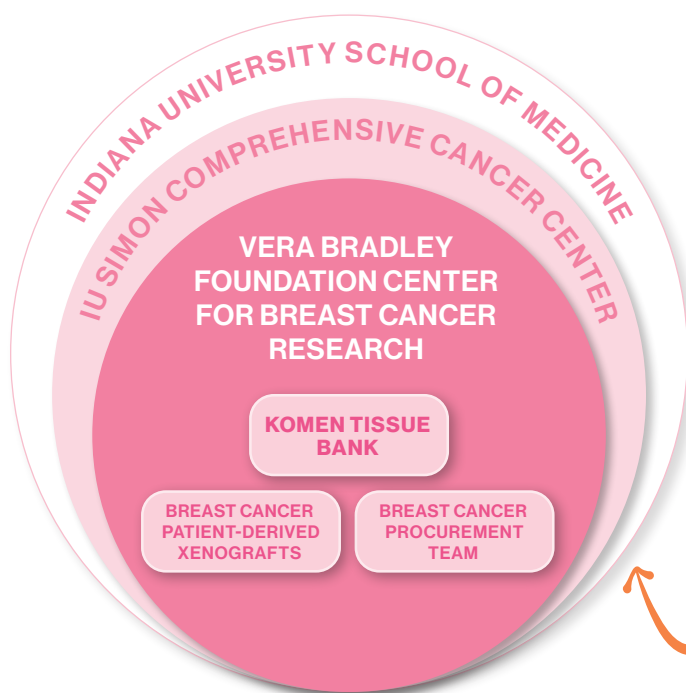


Volunteering

Learn more!



Tissue Donation



It's a Strategic Partnership: The Komen Tissue Bank is a key resource within the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research, uniting physicians and scientists dedicated to preventing, treating, and curing the disease.

Tissue Donation and Volunteer Questions? Contact Komen Tissue Bank at komentb@iu.edu or (317) 274-2366

Sponsorship Questions? Contact Amelia McArdle at AMcArdle@verabradley.com

