

# RRI Guiding Principles and Membership Code of Conduct



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## Guiding Principles

**Reach to Recovery International is dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals affected by breast cancer, including families, through peer support and other services such as advocacy and/or patient navigation.**

Members of the network benefit from sharing expertise in volunteer breast cancer support, as well as resources, connections, and a commitment to improving the quality of life of individuals affected by breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a global issue. The latest research indicates that more than two million new cases occur each year. For many individuals affected by breast cancer, this is a challenging and difficult time and it has been those individuals who have highlighted the necessity of appropriate supportive care following a diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer.

Reach to Recovery International plays a unique and important role which acknowledges and celebrates the power of shared personal experience.

**All RRI Member Organizations must ensure that their volunteers are aware of RRI's Mission and Membership Code of Conduct.**

## Mission

RRI's Mission is to:

- Unite organizations throughout the world which support individuals affected by breast cancer, including families, in order to share ideas and best practices;
- Disseminate valuable information to support individuals affected by breast cancer, throughout the world via bi-annual conferences, our website, our e-newsletter, and other forms of worldwide communications; and
- Assist our affiliated organizations in achieving their goals of:
  - Improving the quality of life of individuals affected by breast cancer,
  - Providing psychosocial support to individuals affected by breast cancer, either through group meetings or activities or one-on-one support given by survivor volunteers who are carefully trained according to the RRI Training Guidelines

- Advocating on behalf of individuals affected by breast cancer, or
- Providing patient navigation to individuals affected by breast cancer.

## Membership Code of Conduct

Being a Reach to Recovery International Member Organization is a privilege and carries with it certain responsibilities. RRI Member Organizations are publicly representing the Reach to Recovery International name and over 65 years of history and reputation. Each RRI Member Organization commits to adhere to the following principles of membership:

1. Understand and commit to the mission and objectives of RRI
2. Act as a goodwill ambassador on behalf of RRI
3. Respect confidentiality and privacy issues for all members and programme participants at all times
4. Act in an all-inclusive and culturally sensitive manner at all times
5. Contribute recommendations in order to further enhance the activities and impact of RRI
6. Contribute articles to Bloom, RRI's e-Newsletter
7. Actively promote and support RRI's programs, services, initiatives, and activities
8. While conducting and participating in programmes, services, and initiatives, do so in a manner that is positive, supportive, and encouraging to others
9. Do not engage with industries which present a significant conflict of interest, such as companies that promote tobacco use
10. Act in accordance with all applicable laws

## Peer Support Training Guidelines

**RRI Member Organizations recognize that a quality peer support service requires ongoing training for their volunteers. Those member organizations that provide peer support can contact RRI at [info@reachto\\_recoveryinternational.org](mailto:info@reachto_recoveryinternational.org) to request additional information on peer support, including the *RRI Guidelines for the Development of Peer Support Training Programs*.**