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What's new with
WHO's Global Strategy
to accelerate the
elimination of cervical cancer

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Prevention Is Always in Fashion
Awareness Never Goes Out of Style



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Mother to Son
BY [LANGSTON HUGHES](#)

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

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The Survivor Diva Report is an educational and inspirational publication featuring images and researched information that bring awareness to cervical cancer, and promotes the global elimination of the disease by supporting efforts to disseminate important strategies of elimination while addressing racial disparities, increasing positive fashionable imagery of persons with disabilities, and advocating for disabilities inclusion excellence in society.

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Tis The Season for Awareness

During the holiday season from November through January, tis the season to be jolly. It tis also the time to scale up awareness efforts and be more vigilant about spreading the exciting news about the world's "curable" cancer that is one of the most preventable types of cancer! Tis the season for Cervical Cancer awareness! Tis the time to make preparations and execute plans for Cervical Health Awareness Month.



January has been designated by Congress as Cervical Health Awareness Month. Although prevention efforts and the fight to eliminate this preventable disease is all year long, January tis the time to prioritize promoting cervical health in biologically determined and genetically assigned women regardless of with what gender a person identifies. **This most definitely includes the transgender community with those who present as men but still have female organs inside. EVERYONE, and I do mean EV-ER-Y-ONE who has a cervix is at risk for developing cervical cancer if you are exposed to the human papillomavirus (HPV). Although HPV does clear up on its own in most people, in other's however, HPV left untreated or insufficiently treated can progress on to become invasive cervical cancer.** Did you know that a person can do their due diligence, get screened for precancerous conditions and get those precancers treated, but get reinfected with HPV from a sexual partner? Even if the two are in a monogamous relationship at the time. You see, many people with HPV don't develop any symptoms; but can still infect others through sexual contact. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI). **It is VERY COMMON with more than 3 million US cases per year.** Some very important facts Angela "The Survivor Diva" Reese wants everyone to know and understand are:

⇒ The CDC reported according to [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov):

- there were 43 million HPV infections in 2018, many among people in their late teens and early '20s.
- about 13 million Americans, including teens, become infected with HPV each year
- Every year in the United States, HPV causes about 36,000 cases of cancer in men and women

⇒ HPV is spread through intimate skin-to-skin contact. The CDC advises that you can get HPV by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has the virus, even if they don't have signs or symptoms.

⇒ Most HPV infections (9 out of 10) go away by themselves within 2 years. But sometimes HPV infections will last longer and can cause some cancers. CDC reports HPV infections can cause cancers of the:

- Cervix, vagina, and vulva in women
- Penis in men
- Anus in both men and women
- Back of the throat (called oropharyngeal cancer), including the base of the tongue and tonsils, in both men and women

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⇒ Everyone can help spread awareness by sharing the message that experts say “It is possible to eliminate cervical cancer within our next generation’s lifetime if we follow specific steps which include HPV vaccination, regular screening and treatment of precancerous conditions”.

Cervical cancer disproportionately affects Black women who have higher instances of disease and higher death rates than white women. Almost all cervical cancer cases (99%) are linked to infection with high-risk human papillomaviruses (HPV), an extremely common virus transmitted through sexual contact according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO reports that cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women. In 2018, an estimated 570,000 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer worldwide and about 311,000 women died from the disease. The WHO says effective primary (HPV) vaccination and secondary prevention approaches (screening for, and effectively treating precancerous lesions) will prevent most cervical cancer cases.

When diagnosed, cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable forms of cancer, as long as it is detected early and managed effectively. Cancers diagnosed in late stages can also be controlled with appropriate treatment and palliative care.

Who.int goes on to state that with a comprehensive approach to prevent, screen and treat, cervical cancer can be eliminated as a public health problem within the next generation’s lifetime.

Cervical cancer, like many other diseases, disorders, and conditions has an official ribbon and designated colors to identify and promote awareness. The colors are teal and white, although many people and organizations erroneously use the solid all teal ribbon for cervical cancer. To be accurate, the all teal awareness ribbon is for Ovarian Cancer. And on some awareness ribbon color charts found on the internet, all teal is listed for *all gynecological cancers*. But because there are proven strategies to end Cervical Cancer, its time for stakeholders to unify being intentional about making sure everyone is using the same teal AND white ribbon to differentiate Cervical Cancer from other gynecological cancers that do not have preventative approaches such as vaccines.

So who should get the vaccine and when? The CDC recommends:

- Routine vaccination at age 11 or 12 years. (Vaccination can be started at age 9)
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) also recommends vaccination for everyone through age 26 years if not adequately vaccinated when younger. HPV vaccination is given as a series of either two or three doses, depending on age at initial vaccination.
- Vaccination is not recommended for everyone older than age 26 years. Some adults age 27- 45 years might decide to get the HPV vaccine based on discussion with their clinician. HPV vaccination of people in this age range provides less benefit, for several reasons, including that more people in this age range have already been exposed to HPV.



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Society: The Survivor Diva About Town

The Survivor Diva Angela Reese has been relentless over the years before and during the Coronavirus pandemic. Armed with what she calls a “Joshua 1:9 kind-of-confidence” she’s been on her mission of getting out in the community to raise cervical cancer awareness amongst citizens, lawmakers and persons of influence to affect attitudes and public policy on the city, state, and national levels.



(Top left) The Survivor Diva, Angela Reese in Phila. City Council Chambers giving public comment in support of National Cervical Health Awareness Month Proclamation 2020; (Top left 2) Phila. City Council President Darrell Clark adopting National Cervical Health Month Resolution 2020; (Top center 1) Angela in front of Congressman Dwight Evans office; (Top center 2) Angela with Councilwoman Cherelle Parker, sponsor of the Cervical Health Month Resolution; (Top right) with PA Senator Vincent Hughes & wife, actress, activist, author, singer, Sheryl Lee Ralph (Top right 2) with award winning journalist, Roland Martin; (Middle left) with Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass; (Middle left center) Angela, her Mother, Cleo Scott with Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church Pastor Allyn E. Waller after the 1st Angela Reese’s THESURVIVORDIVA.COM Cervical Cancer Awareness Walk & Roll; (Middle right center) Angela spreading awareness with Congressman Dwight Evans at a community event; (Middle right) The Survivor Diva Angela Reese spreading awareness with former PA Governor Ed Rendell at the Susan G. Komen Pink Tie Ball; (Bottom left) Angela with U.S. Senator for Pennsylvania Bob Casey at her National Coalition of 100 Black Women PA Chapter’s Annual Madam CJ Walker Economic Empowerment Program and Awards Luncheon; (Bottom left center) with Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez; (Bottom right center) with PA House Representative Isabella Fitzgerald & PA House Representative Art Haywood; (Bottom center) with PA House Representative Stephen Kinsey; and (Bottom right center); and (Bottom right) Angela with PA State Senator Sharif Street

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Share the "Good Gossip" that can save lives



You've heard the expression about getting the "411", well now there's the "CCGG" **Cervical Cancer Good Gossip** . CCGG is the sometimes sensitive topic everyone may not be comfortable talking about, but absolutely needs to be discussed as much as, and as often as possible to help accelerate the projected elimination of the disease. Did you know HPV, or the human papillomavirus, is a common virus that can cause cervical cancers later in life? Did you know HPV infections are so common that nearly everyone will get HPV at some point in their lives? That is a startling truth but, many people's immune systems do successfully fight and clear up the infection. But, the fact still remains that some other's immune systems do not.

Did you know that although males cannot get cervical cancer, they can pass along the human papillomavirus which causes cervical cancer in women and other HPV related cancers and conditions that affect both males and females. Well, now you know! So ask a healthcare professional for detailed information.

And please "BE ONE TO GOSSIP!" Angela "The Survivor Diva" Reese encourages everyone to spread "CCGG"! Spread **Cervical Cancer Good Gossip** you hear about with others. Like the late John Lewis encouraged us all to get into "good trouble", let's also "be one to gossip". Do so by sharing Cervical Cancer elimination information on social media using **#IamOneToGossip**. And mention The Survivor Diva Angela Reese says *"I am one to gossip, if its about ending cervical cancer. And yes, you heard it from me!"*. –Angela "The Survivor Diva" Reese 2021

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Legislative News: Resolutions & Proclamations



There's a whole lot of "Woo-hoos!", "Way-to-goes!" and "At-a-girls" going on that can be heard all across the amber waves of grain , purple mountains majesty, fruited plains, suburbs and city streets of these United States of America.

Cheers, applauds and tears of joy have all been par for the course as the official Proclamations officially declaring January as Cervical Health Awareness Month have been coming in with Governor signatures from state after state after state.

A victorious accomplishment of the National Cervical Cancer Coalition Chapters across the country.

"It is such a great feeling of accomplishment to know my personal effort and being saved for service has brought this proclamation to fruition for Pennsylvania." —Angela Reese, PA NCCC-NW Philadelphia Chapter Leader

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The Survivor Diva Angela has been working with Philadelphia City Council on the following proposed resolution language for 2022

RESOLUTION

Recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and commending the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition—NW Philadelphia Chapter and The Survivor Diva Angela Reese for their work promoting awareness about cervical cancer

WHEREAS, almost all cervical cancers (99%) are linked to infection with high-risk human papillomaviruses (HPV), an extremely common virus transmitted through sexual contact; more than 42 million Americans are currently infected with HPV types that cause disease.

WHEREAS, about 13 million Americans, including teens, become infected each year with HPV which can cause cervical cancer and other HPV associated cancers and conditions.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates for 2021 that over 14,480 American women will be diagnosed with new cases of invasive cervical cancer and about 4,290 will die from cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that, “All women are at risk for cervical cancer.” Cervical cancer occurs most often in women over the age of 30 which includes all those genetically assigned female at birth. Regardless of with what gender they identify; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer disproportionately impacts vulnerable Black, Hispanic, American Indian groups of women and women from low-income households lacking access to health care and proven life-saving tools; and

WHEREAS, Attitudinal barriers exist towards cervical health screening exams and precancer treatment procedures; and WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is mainly caused by long-lasting infection with certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is a common virus that is passed from one person to another during sexual intercourse; and

WHEREAS, Although men cannot get cervical cancer, they do pass along HPV which causes cervical cancer in women as well as other HPV related cancers which effect both men and women.

WHEREAS, Most women having cervical cancer show no signs or symptoms in the early stages, but cervical cancer can have a major impact on a woman’s reproductive function if found in the later stages; and

WHEREAS, Treatments used to fight cervical cancer can cause debilitating and life changing physical, cognitive, and overall psycho-social health aftereffects; and

WHEREAS, When found early, cervical cancer is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life; and

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RESOLUTION continued

WHEREAS, Most importantly, the disease is preventable with vaccination, appropriate screening and effective follow-up treatment of precancerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, the World Health Organization, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasize the importance of early detection in treating cervical cancer with regular Pap tests for prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Pap test and the HPV test can be done in a doctor's office or clinic. Most insurance plans cover preventive services, including the Pap test, without a copay. However, many people with a low income or without health insurance may be unaware of the resources available or may be unable to access them; and W

HEREAS, Philadelphia is one of the five counties in Pennsylvania with the highest rates of deaths from cervical cancer, (3.6 per 100,000); and WHEREAS, From 2012 to 2016 in Philadelphia, there were 437 new cases of cervical cancer. For every 100,000 women, 11 cases were reported. Over those years, 159 women died of cervical cancer. For every 100,000 women in Philadelphia, 4 died of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, In Philadelphia in 2016, the rate of new cervical cancer cases was higher among Hispanic women at 11.3 cases per 100,000 women than Black (11 cases), White (10.2 cases), and Asian/Pacific Islander (8 cases); and

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, screening rates for cervical cancer are lower in Philadelphia than in other areas of Pennsylvania; and WHEREAS, 23.3 percent of Philadelphia's residents live below the poverty line with decreased access to care and higher rates of illness and death; and

WHEREAS, An increase in cancer screening rates would allow for many cancers to be avoided and for many cancers to be diagnosed at an earlier stage; and

WHEREAS, Without increased awareness surrounding these prevention measures and with continued barriers to adequate medical care, many people will continue to suffer from preventable cases of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease early when it can be effectively treated; and

WHEREAS, early, effective treatment of pre-cancerous conditions prevents pre-cancerous cells from advancing on to become invasive cancer; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer vaccines are available that—together with screening tests—provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients, parents, guardians, representatives/legislators, and healthcare providers alike regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safe-guarding women's health; and

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RESOLUTION continued

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a preventable and treatable public health issue. A curable cancer that we can end through vaccination, screening, and early treatment, yet, one woman dies every 2 minutes from this disease in the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer, which launched November 17, 2020 outlines three key steps: vaccination, screening and treatment. Successful implementation of all three could reduce more than 40% of new cases of the disease and 5 million related deaths by 2050; and

WHEREAS, support of the health bill, H.R. 1550: PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021 or Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments for HPV Cancers Act Of 2021, supports efforts to increase hpv vaccination rates and otherwise prevent and treat cervical cancer and other cancers associated with that virus. Specifically, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must educate the public about HPV vaccinations. The CDC must consult with the National Academy of Medicine, health departments, and other stakeholders on this effort; and

WHEREAS, simple, cost-effective health interventions exist, we must protect and amplify the impact of existing U.S. investments in global health by integrating cervical cancer prevention and treatment into existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many parts of our lives, and produced new deficits in cervical cancer detection, so there is new urgency to getting these recommended screenings scheduled before a cancer can spread and becomes less treatable. Women are encouraged to maintain their scheduled screenings, doctors' appointments, and treatments without delay while observing coronavirus measures; and

WHEREAS, during 2022 will mark the 31th anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer early Detection Program, which provides free screenings to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women in every State, as well as many Tribal organizations and Territories; and

WHEREAS, Grammy-winning singer, dancer, and entrepreneur, Ciara Wilson is the face of a new initiative of the Black Women's Health Imperative (BWHI) and Hologic's Project Health Equality which encourages Black women to commit to routine well-women exams that include a Pap smear and HPV screening; and

WHEREAS, Angela Reese, thirteen-year survivor living with disabilities resulting from cervical cancer treatments has dedicated her life after cancer to promoting awareness and prevention, advocacy efforts addressing disparities, and reducing stigma through publishing Angela Reese's THESURVIVORDIVA.COM digital media resource for cervical cancer awareness and disabilities inclusion excellence while giving leadership to the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition —NW Philadelphia Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition – NW Philadelphia Chapter has implemented a social media campaign to bring awareness to cervical cancer prevention during the month of January - National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month; in addition to programming with other NCCC Chapters across the country, the Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer (GIAHC), medical experts and stakeholders to further disseminate information regarding this preventable cancer to communities disproportionately diagnosed;

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and RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes January as Cervical Health Awareness Month and commends the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition- NW Philadelphia Chapter and The Survivor Diva Angela Reese for their work promoting awareness about cervical cancer. They implore all our citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support the women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer. As we support the fighters, admire the survivors, and honor the taken, know that we have the means to eliminate this disease; it is incumbent on all of us to insure we have the will to do so.

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Legislative News: HR-1550 Passes the Houses

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Cost Estimate Report of September 21, 2021, PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 21, 2021, H.R. 1550 would authorize appropriations of \$25 million over the 2022-2026 period for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national public awareness campaign on human papillomavirus (HPV) and HPV-associated cancers. The campaign would include public service announcements about the risk of gynecological cancers and the importance of HPV vaccines as well as an annual Congressional report. It also could include grants to evaluate strategies to increase awareness of gynecologic cancers. The bill would update the requirements for educational materials on HPV to include the importance of vaccination. For this estimate, CBO assumes H.R. 1550 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2022. Based on historical spending on similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1550 would increase federal spending by \$25 million over the 2022-2026 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sarah Sajewski. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis



As we all know, a bill must be passed by both the House and Senate in identical form and then be signed by the President to become law. Well, the bill was introduced in the 117th CONGRESS 1st Session in the House of Representatives on March 3, 2021; reported in House November 30, 2021; engrossed in House November 30, 2021; passed the House of Representatives November 30, 2021 and then referred in Senate December 1, 2021. The bill was received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.



This bill is to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign with respect to human papillomavirus, and for other purposes. This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments for HPV Cancers Act of 2021” or the “PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021”. Full details of the bill can be accessed at the following web address:

www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1550/text



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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" -Romans 15:13

Disabilities Inclusion Excellence

"Disabilities Inclusion Excellence is a term I created several years ago to promote that persons with disabilities have a right to be reasonable accommodated to assure they have access to experience the same level of comfortability and standards of excellence as is being provided to persons without disabilities."-Angela Reese

#DIE4QualityOfLife

"To me "DISABILITY PRIDE" means

BODILY and UNAPOLOGETICALLY pushing through extenuating circumstances and exorbitant challenges...



...with STYLE, GRACE, FAITH, and a SMILE on my face to PROSPER in my DIVINE PURPOSE with CONFIDENCE, JOY, and GRATITUDE...

...regardless of struggle

and how different my abilities may appear." -The Survivor Diva Angela Reese



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All in all the year 2021 has been challenging to say the least, but by the grace of God, Jehovah Jireh, my provider, my faith in His promises, my relentless determination and being blessed to have supportive parents, other family and “like-family” members who allow God to use them as vehicles for blessings to flow through to my life, I am still surviving and thriving while surviving with style, grace and resolute gratitude. I am very intentional about being grateful for every person, every thing, every living being in my life, nature around me, and every experience I encounter. Even the negative situations that arise, all have a silver lining to focus on. All uncomfortable, painful, even disastrous situations that have happened to me, no matter how bad each has been individually, or how overwhelming they’ve become collectively, THEY ALL COULD HAVE BEEN WORST. So I am grateful and thereby the natural laws of attraction bring more things to me for which I can be grateful. There is real power in the “glass half full mentality”

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It is written in Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I had to really lean on this particular word of the Lord this past year when after ten years of physically rehabbing and struggling to work my way back from mobilizing in a wheelchair to using a walker, then to using a quad cane, then to using a regular cane, all the way up to independently ambulating short distances without any assistive devices at all. Unexpectedly, I sustained bilateral pelvic bone fractures from a fall which resulted in emergency surgery to repair the injury with a metal plate and six screws. And then because of hardware failure due to necrosis of the bone, a side effect from cancer treatments, compounded by the near proximity of the sciatic nerve, the orthopedic surgeons explained how very complex the reconstructive surgery of my femur and pelvic bone is going to be. Rather than cower under the pressure, I strive to stand tall and firm on God's word! 2 Timothy 1:7 teaches "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind". And as the lyrics of Marvin Sapp's song "I believe" goes...

I believe what He told me.
I believe His word is true.
I believe in His promises, yeah, yeah.
I believe that He'll come through.

Through my spiritual journey I have come to believe where it is written in Genesis 1:27 that we are created in God's image. And since I believe that He is God Almighty who spoke heaven and earth into existence, then we, His creation have that same creative and powerful potential in the words that come out of our own mouths. I believe we either speak life or death into situations and circumstances. So, I speak aloud and firmly believe "I am more than a conqueror; I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me". I believe Jeremiah 29:11 where it is written "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". I believe the Psalmist's lyrics "I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me". And when Dorothy Norwood melodically exclaims "Victory Is Mine". Isaiah 40:31 teaches "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings of eagles; they will run and not get weary, they will walk and not faint." Hebrews 11:1 declares "Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." And Romans 5:3-4 declares "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character, hope. And Psalm 119:114 assures "You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word."





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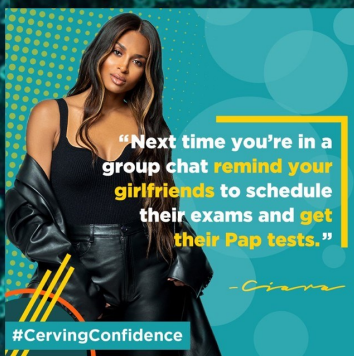
THE SURVIVOR DIVA Salutes...

Advocates who use their **diva influence** and **celebrity** to **champion** the cervical cancer cause with **diva style** and **influence**

Cervical Health Awareness Month 2022

Angela "The Survivor Diva" Reese SALUTES

songstress **Ciara** who is on a mission to empower Black women to take charge of their health. The Grammy award-winning star is leading a campaign that was launched to spread awareness about cervical cancer and its disproportionate impact on African American women.



"Thank you, Ciara, for your commitment to our fight to end cervical cancer!"

-Angela

Editor and Publisher of [Angela Reese's THESURVIVORDIVA.COM](http://AngelaReese's-THESURVIVORDIVA.COM)

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Miss USA **Elle Smith** KY National Cervical Cancer Coalition Chapter Leader. As she formalizes her strategy to raise cervical cancer "awareness and education in hopes that more women can get preventive screenings," she is hopeful this work will prevent other families from the hole she feels her grandmother's too early death — at just 60-years-old — has left in her own world. --survivornet.com



"Thank you, Elle, for your commitment to our fight to end cervical cancer!"

-Angela

PA National Cervical Cancer Coalition Chapter Leader

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Lagniappe

Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer presents the 2022 Us vs HPV Webinar Series January 23-29,2022

“Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer (GIAHC) and partners joined the advocacy effort to implement the updated WHO guidelines on cervical cancer screening and treatment. The recent release of the updated WHO guidelines on cervical cancer screening and treatment represent the beginning of a transition toward a more effective global effort to eliminate this preventable disease by emphasizing HPV testing as the preferred method of screening. GIAHC and partners agree that funders of cervical cancer prevention programs in low-resource settings must begin to communicate when and how their funding policies will prioritize the shift to HPV testing in order to facilitate this important transition at the country level.

The webinars and live question and answer sessions will include talks and discussions from several national and international experts. Register for the free Webinar here. Registration will ensure access to both live and on-demand programming. Separate registration for Tuesday’s documentary, Conquering Cancer, is required. Register

Building on the foundation from previous Us vs. HPV Prevention Week webinars, the 2022 session will highlight strategies to tackle the various types of vaccine hesitancy, discuss the updated WHO guidelines on cervical cancer elimination strategy, and provide new information on HPV-related head and neck cancers.

In addition, this event will showcase a documentary, campaigns, and young voices who are hard at work to turn their rays of hope into action. **Target Audience:** this event is intended for a broad audience from stakeholders to the general public who are interested in preventive health and in eliminating the very first cancer. **Format:** The webinars and live question and answer sessions will include talks and discussions from several national and international experts. Registration will ensure access to both live and on-demand programming. Separate registration for Tuesday’s documentary, Conquering Cancer, is required. Register for the free Webinar at www.giahc.org/us-vs-hpv/

[Us vs HPV – GIAHC](http://www.giahc.org/us-vs-hpv/)

Advocacy Accolades to the Honorees

Congratulations Miss USA, Elle Smith, Kentucky National Cervical Cancer Coalition Chapter Leader as she formalizes her strategy to raise cervical cancer awareness and education in hopes that more women can get preventive screenings, she is hopeful this work will prevent other families from the hole she feels her grandmother’s too early death – at just 60-years-old – has left in her own world. –survivornet.com



Thank you songstress, Ciara, for being on a mission to empower Black women to take charge of their health. The Grammy award-winning star is leading a campaign that was launched to spread awareness about cervical cancer and its disproportionate impact on African American women. Forbes magazine reports “Spearheaded by the [Black Women’s Health Imperative](http://www.blackwomen'shealthimperative.org/) (BWHI), the promotional video, [Cervix Confidence with Ciara](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...), reminds women that serving ourselves is ‘more than a manicure, getting our hair done or a new outfit...it’s taking care of our health inside and out.’ Ciara talks about why it’s important for women to schedule their annual well-woman visit, and to specifically screen for cervical cancer with Pap and HPV testing.”

