

## Janice Workcuff

*"Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it's inspiring."*

Anonymous



Over three decades ago, Janice Workcuff received the words that no young mother wants to hear, "You have breast cancer."

Within three months of hearing that devastating news, the ball drops yet again. The breast cancer had now moved to her chest wall. Janice was told her days were numbered and she was given a short time to live. Initially, she was overwhelmed with tremendous fear. There were a million thoughts racing through her mind. Painfully,

Janice had to consider death.

To escape her emotional overload, she became diligent. She worked several jobs all over town endeavoring to run from her crisis with cancer. Finally, her sister encouraged her to seek support by connecting with another survivor that could relate to her.

Her fight not only turned into victory for her but advocacy for others. As a 36-year breast cancer survivor her motto is: *"I am on a mission - not remission"*.

Janice frequently attends educational classes, webinars, and conferences to remain current on the latest advances in breast health and breast cancer. These practices are crucial as she offers support and hope to women who are experiencing breast cancer by connecting them with resources and medical professionals to help them understand their diagnosis.

Janice and her husband are active members of New Faith Church, under the leadership of Dr. Andre Lewis. She serves in the marriage, prayer, health, and Jewels Women's Ministries. She worked in the medical field for 35 yrs. She is now a retired Registered Cardiac Sonographer.

She is involved with many prominent organizations, including the American Cancer Society, The Rose, MD Anderson Cancer Center Network program, Celebrating Life Foundation, and Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 2004, Janice published her first book, *Road to Restoration: Walking on by Faith*.

She is the recipient of numerous awards for her work in the community.

- In March 2023, Janice was recognized in Las Vegas, Nevada at the National Consortium of Breast Centers 32nd Annual Interdisciplinary Breast Center Conference among other breast cancer survivors in a life size photo gallery display.
- In 2022 Janice was selected as an honoree of Champions of Real Excellence Most Influential Blacks today.
- In 2021 she was featured in CORE magazine.
- In 2019 she was featured in Breast Cancer Wellness.
- In 2018 she was honored with the Health Award by Houston Women of Professional Business Women, Beauty Beyond Breast Cancer and She's Happy Hair.
- In 2017 her organization was listed as a national minority initiative in recognition of your commitment and contribution to reducing cancer health disparities in the African American Community.
- In 2015 she received the Celebration of Life Foundation Community Partnership Award.
- In 2014 she received special contribution Award from Caribbean. She also received a Breast Cancer Group Award and Proclamation from Missouri City, Texas City Council for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Lastly, she

received the Health Education Leadership Programs Help Magazine Outstanding Community Service Award.

- In 2013 she received the Transformation and Triumph Community Outreach award from Celebrating Life Foundation.

She published a book in 2004 entitled, *Road to Restoration "Walking on by faith"* so that more women and men will be able to reach more people with HOPE. In 2023 she published the *Journal Road to Restoration* to continue to give guidance and direction.

For the last fourteen years, Janice has served as Executive Director with Angels Surviving Cancer, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 breast cancer survivors' organization. Angels seek to encourage, empower, and educate the community of the importance of assisting those who are undergoing treatment and beyond by addressing the entire spectrum of needs through advocacy, financial, emotional, and spiritual support.

Janice is highly respected as an overcomer, warrior, survivor, thriver, and humble leader, creating noticeable interest among women to join the fight against breast cancer. She embodies the spirit and passion of her mother.

She and her husband, Mr. William Workcuff Sr. are both retired and living their best lives in Missouri City, Texas along with "Angel", their fur baby. She has one son, Wm Jr and one granddaughter, Imani.

Janice stands boldly in her purpose, assignment, and calling to serve.