

A Special Invitation to Women Working in Trades and Industry

"I am a retired union Sprinkler Pipefitter, a traditionally male dominated construction trade. My sister Susan died from breast cancer at age 39, 16 days before her 40th birthday." Quotes from Barbara Barnes (R), a Sister Study participant, pictured here with her sister, Susan (L), in 1956.

Women working in trades and industry are needed to join a landmark study to discover the causes of breast cancer. The Sister Study will enroll fifty thousand women whose sister had breast cancer. The study is conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

Sisters share many things — early experiences, environment, and genes. By joining the Sister Study, you can help researchers learn how environment and genes may affect the chances of getting breast cancer.

"My gift to honor her 50th birthday was signing up to participate in the Sister study."

Women working in non-traditional trades and industries have powerful information to share with the Sister Study. Is breast cancer caused by something women come in contact with at work, at home, in their communities or in the personal products they use? That is what the Sister Study is trying to answer and working women in trades and industry can play an important role in this landmark breast cancer study.

"I learned about the Sister Study at a Coalition of Labor Union Women convention in Detroit in September 2005 .The Sister Study is something I will continue to promote at any venue where women gather because we all have mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters, and women friends."

Will you join the Sister Study for your daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and future generations?



You may be eligible for the study if —

- Your sister (living or deceased), related to you by blood, had breast cancer
- You are between the ages of 35 and 74
- · You have never had breast cancer yourself
- · You live in the United States or Puerto Rico



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