

Summary Statement

During the course of the project the COVID-19 pandemic began and the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service withdrew from the project. Therefore, modifications were made to the project in order to overcome those challenges. The modifications included:

- **Modification made due to the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Rather than develop a program that would be delivered in-person as described in the Witness Program implementation guide, we had to develop a fully online program.
- **Modifications made due to the withdrawal of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service:** At the time the grant proposal was submitted, the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service program manager had agreed to allow her extension agents to participate in the program. They would have served as the community health workers that would recruit participants in the target counties in Mississippi and deliver the program. Due to their withdrawal, we expanded the scope of the project to all counties in Mississippi and Alabama. Hence, we changed the name of the project from the North Mississippi Witness Project to the Deep South Witness Project. We also recruited community members to serve as the health educators for the Deep South Witness Project.

Despite the challenges described above, we produced the following tangible outcomes during the award period:

- Developed the Deep South Witness Project ECHO training program curriculum
- Trained 5 breast cancer survivors to serve as health educators during two 1-hour training sessions
- Developed a fully online version of the Witness Project
- Conducted interviews with 9 African American breast cancer survivors
- Created 9 brief educational videos featuring African American breast cancer survivors from Alabama and Mississippi
- Conducted 10 Deep South Witness Project breast cancer education sessions with a total of 37 African American women in Mississippi and Alabama
- Had an abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 2021 SEARCH 2021 – The National Telehealth Research Symposium