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A Girl Scout in the US Virgin Islands, Dr. Nathalie Johnson moved to Oregon in 1992 with a passion for healing women diagnosed with breast cancer. Since then, she has become a national leader in the field of breast cancer research and awareness, speaking with a knowledge that could only come from being a breast cancer survivor herself. She is a renowned surgeon, speaker, author, singer, and advocate.

During her 21-year career at Legacy, Dr. Johnson has developed a nationally recognized, multi-specialty cancer care program, with locations throughout the region so patients can get care close to home. She was instrumental in developing the Legacy Health Tumor Bank and the Good Samaritan Comprehensive Breast Center, which has evolved into four nationally accredited Breast Health Centers that offer the latest in breast cancer screening and diagnostic technology. Under her leadership, Legacy Cancer Institute became the first in the country to receive accreditation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer Network Cancer Program.

Dr. Johnson has served on the executive committee of the OHSU Knight Legacy Health Cancer Collaborative, the Susan G. Komen board of directors of the Oregon Affiliate, the Oregon Cultural Trust board of directors, and the CareOregon board of directors.

Her many contributions to the state of Oregon were recognized by the Oregon Historical Society's most prestigious honor, the 2017 Oregon History Makers Medal.

Dr. Johnson danced with Ballet Theatre of the Virgin Islands before attending Howard University. She attended medical school at the University of Virginia.