

A BREATH of HOPE

L U N G F O U N D A T I O N



RESEARCH

This summer, following a national search, A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation's Research Committee and Board of Directors named a new researcher to receive our \$150,000 *A Breath of Hope Research Fellowship* focused on the early detection of lung cancer.

Dr. James Tsay is a researcher at New York University and his project focuses on understanding the progression and development of a malignant phenotype of a microbiome associated with lung cancer. His hope is to not only explore the associations of the lung microbiome community, but also uncover possible contributions and interventions to change the pathogenesis of lung cancer. The goals of this project will be to analyze the distinct microbiome in different lung malignancies, to further describe in taxonomic and metagenomic detail the possible microbiome communities associated with each disease state, and to build a methodological framework in which to address possible contributors to the pathogenesis of lung cancer.

As most A Breath of Hope supporters know, the Larry Benjamin Family has been a loyal supporter and donor since they lost Larry five years ago. From donated buses at the *Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk* to event sponsorships to *Circle of Light* memberships to hosting third party events, the Benjamins have been instrumental in the success of this foundation. To recognize and honor this family, and specifically Larry's widow, Mary Jane who leads the *Larry Benjamin Golf Classic* each year, and Larry's brother and sister-in-law, John and Wanda who own and operate Northfield Lines, we named the 2016 Early Detection Fellowship: **The Larry Benjamin Early Detection Award**. We're inspired by this family's commitment to changing lung cancer outcomes for others as they remember and honor their beloved Larry.

ABOHLF GROWTH

In the past few years, A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation's donations and grant awards (revenue) have tripled. This year, A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation was the proud recipient of grants from Genentech, Cities 97, F.R. Bigelow, and Richard Schulze Family Foundation. The result of this growth is more research dollars and more people served through our programs.

Thank you to all who believe in our programs and support our work. Know that we work hard to retain your trust and welcome your thoughts. Feel free to reach out with ideas and please help us spread the word by inviting others to become involved with this movement.



LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER is **Lung Cancer Awareness Month (LCAM)** and we are working hard to fill our communities with white ribbons and the facts about lung cancer. [Like us on Facebook](#) for facts, survivor stories and daily drawing winners!

Our LCAM goal, as always, is to create change that results in:

1. Fair and vastly increased funding for lung cancer research;
2. Improved awareness about the facts, causes, symptoms and current available screening for lung cancer; and
3. Compassionate, nonjudgmental care of patients and their families as they cope with America's deadliest cancer.

With \$150,000 Research Fellowships, messaging that presents the facts to more than 1,000,000 people each year, and programming that provides support, transportation and companionship to lung cancer patients and their families, our work and mission have never been so important.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month is a great time to show your support for the work being done to beat lung cancer. Please join us at a November event and add your voice to this movement that calls for fair treatment of America's deadliest cancer.

SHUT OUT LUNG CANCER WITH THE MN WILD!

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (ABOHLF) is proud to announce that we were named *Minnesota Wild Charity of the Month* during November, Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Help us **SHUT OUT LUNG CANCER** by making a donation, attending or sponsoring an event. All November donors will be entered into DAILY DRAWINGS for prizes such as MN Wild, Timberwolves and Guthrie Theater tickets, Jason Zucker's autographed hockey stick, gift cards to local restaurants, rides on the Fan Zamboni, and more! To get involved or learn more about lung cancer, visit abreathofhope.org, call [952-405-9201](tel:952-405-9201) or email us at info@abreathofhope.org.

WHAT DOES YOUR DONATION SUPPORT?

Research: Lung cancer receives disproportionately less funding per cancer death than other types of cancer. This means that private funding for lung cancer research is vital to saving lives. Lack of funding drives talented young researchers away from lung cancer, despite their interest and commitment. Retaining talent in the field is critical to changing outcomes. The *A Breath of Hope Research Fellow Program* identifies America's finest, young researchers to receive \$150,000 grants to accomplish life-saving lung cancer research. Since being founded in 2008, ABOHLF has provided over \$1,000,000 to U.S. lung cancer research and screening programs.

Awareness: The *White Ribbon Awareness Program (WRAP)* partners with individuals, businesses and healthcare systems to wrap lung cancer awareness around communities.

Patient Support: The *Ambassador Program* uses trained volunteers who have experienced cancer first-hand to provide rides, companionship and hope to those who face lung cancer alone or without the support they need. ABOHLF also offers support groups for patients, families and those who grieve the loss of their spouse/life partner.

DONATE AND WIN!

All November donors will be entered into daily drawings for prizes! **Prizes include:**

- Autographed Wild goal-scored pucks and sticks
- 2 pairs of Wild tickets to the 11/17 game
- 2 Wild tickets to the 11/17 game **PLUS** 2 rides on the Fan Zamboni
- 2 Wild Tickets to the 11/19 game
- 2 Timberwolves tickets to a 2016/2017 season game
- Gifts cards to the Guthrie, Herbies on the Park and Lou Nanne's Restaurant
- Wild swag bag with promo items; ABOHLF/Wild t-shirts

Join us this November to #ShutOutLungCancer

November 1: Circle of Light Doc Spot (for COL Members only), Forepaugh's

November 17: ABOHLF / MN Wild Game, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul. [Purchase MN Wild tickets for November 17th](#) game featuring A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation. 10% of ticket sales will be donated back to ABOHLF. Use the following code when purchasing tickets: BREATH

November 19: Happy Hour, Burger Moe's, St. Paul

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