



A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

Greetings from A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation!

April 2013

The American Association for Cancer Research has released its annual report on cancer survivorship in our country. There is good news and bad news. The good news is the number of cancer survivors has increased slightly. The bad news is lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death and estimates show that 160,000 Americans will die of it this year. Little known fact: 15-20% of new cases each year are nonsmokers and another 25% of new cases are former smokers.

Lung cancer survivor rates have remained stagnant for the past 40 years. Lung cancer kills nearly twice as many women as breast cancer, yet government funding for research was only \$1,489 per lung cancer death in 2012 compared to \$21,641 per breast cancer death. We are very thankful for the research that has increased the breast cancer survival rate to 85%. Now, we need similar attention and funding directed at lung cancer.

Without more research into prevention, early detection and effective treatments, as well as increased public awareness about risks and symptoms, lung cancer survivor rates will remain at the current level of 15%.

What can you do to help *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* change this public health risk?

Write your senator and ask them to:

- 1) Pressure Medicare to provide coverage for LDCT scans for those most at risk of lung cancer; and
- 2) Make life-saving medical research funding a priority.

- [Email Senator Al Franken](#)
- [E-mail Senator Amy Klobuchar](#)

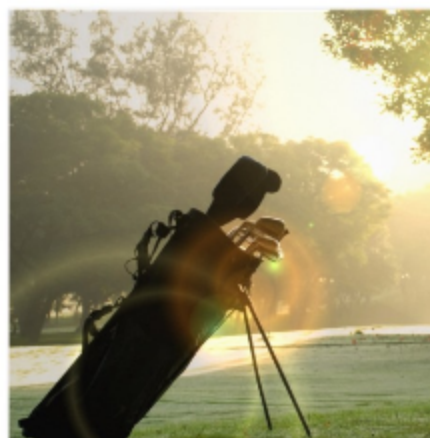
Join *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* at:

- Our first annual **A Breath of Hope Golf Classic** at Deer Run Golf Course June 14th Visit

Important Dates...

*A Breath of Hope Golf Classic
at Deer Run Golf Course*

Friday, June 14th at 11 a.m.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join us for a great day of golf that includes lunch, 18 holes, carts, happy hour and a steak dinner!

[For more information or to register for Golf](#)

**RACE REGISTRATION OPENS
MAY 15!**

**Looking for a way to promote
your company to thousands of
Minnesotans?**

**Give us a call about
sponsoring an event!**

Remembering...

On June 14, visit www.abreathofhope.org/events to register!

- Our 7th annual **Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk** at Lake Calhoun August 17th. Visit www.abreathofhope.org/events for updates. Registration opens May 15th!

Tell everyone you know why you support A Breath of Hope in its fight against lung cancer!

Bring a team to the run/walk and ask them to fund raise for your team and for the cause!! Prizes to largest three teams this year!

Donate to *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* to help us fund life-saving lung cancer research projects and increase awareness in our communities.

We appreciate you, our supporters, and consider you part of this growing family. We want to hear your stories and the ideas you have about ways in which *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* can make a bigger impact in the fight against lung cancer.

Share your stories and thoughts. E-mail us at nancy@abreathofhope.org or call 952-456-2463.

Thank you for all you do to offer a *breath of hope* in our communities.

With you in compassion,

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation



Lise Kraemer was a fit 43-year-old non-smoker who was diagnosed with stage 2B lung cancer in July 2007 after experiencing sore knees and ankles. The pain was caused by hormones sent out by the tumor.

In September 2009, after more than two years of surgeries, chemo rounds and other treatments, Lise lost her battle at the age of 45. Lise left a husband and three daughters ages 7, 11 and 13 who continue to miss her today.

For Lise's loved ones and so many others who are hurt by lung cancer, please help us bring this disease out of the shadows.

Knowing the facts is the first step to saying **NO** to lung cancer and **NO** to its dismissal in society.

[Read](#) NBC News article about [increase in lung cancer cases among nonsmoking women...](#)

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