



## A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

### Announcing Grant Opportunity!

Minnesota cancer centers and hospitals are invited to apply for one of three **A Breath of Hope Screening Grants** between now and May 15.

[View Screening RFP](#)

[Complete eligibility form](#)

The screening grant program was created in direct response to a call for help from local hospitals who currently offer low dose CT scans for individuals who are at high risk of lung cancer. Hospitals find it difficult to provide no-cost screenings to seniors and others for whom the cost is prohibitive.

In 2011, the *National Lung Screening Trial* concluded that offering preventative LDCT scans to those who are considered 'high risk' for lung cancer would reduce the mortality rate by up to 20%. It is an important first step in our battle to reduce the U.S. lung cancer mortality rate for smokers and nonsmokers (160,000 Americans/year die of lung cancer).

[View study](#)

In 2013, the *U.S. Preventative Services Task Force* made recommendations based on the above study. Until insurance companies catch up, there is a large gap in who can and who cannot afford screening. Our grants will allow local clinics/hospitals to offer screening scholarships to those who would not otherwise be able to pay for the test.

Our hope is that lung cancer will one day be taken as seriously as breast and colon cancers, with preventative screening the norm for EVERYONE, including never and former smokers who make up more than half of lung cancer mortalities each year.

### A Breath of Hope Research Fellowships

Now in house, 15 fellowship applications from MD/PhD's at U.S. universities and cancer centers across the country. A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation's expert review panel has begun the process of reviewing applications, asking questions, and working toward identifying finalists to receive our awards.

The two finalists will be announced June 15th.

### Purpose of Fellowship

*A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (ABOHLF)* will provide funding to two clinical investigators in the form of a \$150,000 award designed to support salaries and other costs related to retaining research talent in the field of lung cancer. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer killing 160,000 Americans each year, yet research funding support remains disproportionately low. Consequently, there is an ongoing departure of talented scientists from lung cancer research to other, better funded research fields. Through these fellowships, *ABOHLF* ensures that chosen research institutions have the resources needed to retain bright young scientists committed to reducing the U.S. lung cancer mortality rate.

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With you in compassion,

**A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation**



### Important Dates...

#### Golf Classic, Deer Run, June 13, Noon to 7pm

\$150 (lunch, golf, cart, happy hour, dinner)

Special guests: KLAN's *Common Man* and former Gopher/Packer *Darrell Thompson!*

[Register here for Golf](#)



#### 8th Annual TCLRW, Lake Harriet, August 16, 8am to Noon

\$35 (registration opens June 1)



**Thank you** to all who attended the *Women's Wellness Tea* in March. With 100 women in attendance, two excellent speakers and food that is too good to describe, it was a great day!

Also, in support of the fight to beat lung cancer, our net revenue was over \$11,000 which was a 103% gain over our first Tea in 2013.

Hope to see you all again next year. Thanks for helping us grow!

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