



A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

Lung cancer survivors represent only 3% of cancer survivors

Spring 2014: The AACR (American Association for Cancer Research) released their annual report on cancer survivorship in the US, and the news for lung cancer patients remains alarming. Though overall numbers of cancer survivors are increasing, lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death with one of the lowest five-year survivor rates.

A team of researchers from the National Cancer Institute analyzed data from 1975–2007 obtained from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program and population projections from the United States Census Bureau. As of January 2012, approximately 13.7 million cancer survivors are in the US – only 400,000 (3%) are lung cancer survivors, compared to nearly 3 million breast cancer survivors and 2.8 million prostate cancer survivors.

Lung cancer accounts for 160,000 deaths each year. Total numbers of survivors are expected to rise by 31% to 18 million in the next 10 years. But, lung cancer survivor rates have remained stagnant since the 1970s. While 64% of cancer survivors have survived 5 years or more, only 15% of lung cancer survivors make it to 5 years.

The answer?

Improved awareness and fair treatment of our country's number one cause of cancer death. We need Medicare to approve screening - it is a great first step toward regular lung scans for all. We need more research that leads to earlier detection, better treatment and prevention.

The world is waking up to the injustice that lung cancer patients have felt for decades. Now is a great time to raise your voice to your representatives, talk it up among friends and join *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* at an event.

Joining the fight to bring justice to lung cancer, Valerie Harper (AKA Rhoda): [View Eyewitness News Interview](#)

The most important thing we can do right now is build critical mass. **Together, our voices will be heard!** See you soon!

A Breath of Hope Research Fellowship

15 amazing applications are in and are being reviewed by our expert panel made up of Oncology MD's and PhD's from around the U.S. Stay tuned for our mid-June announcement of two

Register Now!

A Breath of Hope Golf Classic

When: Friday, June 13 - Noon

Where: [Deer Run Golf Club](#)

What: A fun gathering to support the fight against lung cancer. Cost of \$150 covers 18 holes, cart, lunch, happy hour, dinner - prizes for top golfers and an awesome silent auction!

Special Guests: Darrell Thompson and the Common Man!

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The 8th Annual Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk

***August 16, 8am-noon
at Lake Harriet***

Registration opens 6/1!

Featuring a 5K walk and run, kids games, survivor bus ride and survivor picture, plus:

- Live music
- Lung cancer updates from leading oncologists
- **New this year!** 11:30-Noon: *Support Circles* for patients, survivors and family members

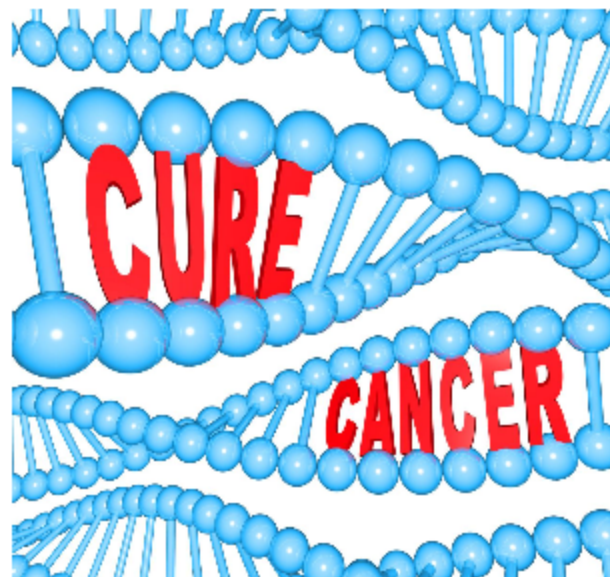
Stay tuned for our mid-June announcement of two research fellows to receive \$150,000 each!

A Breath of Hope Screening Grants

Applications are in and are being reviewed by our research committee for \$10,000 grants focused on making lung screenings available to low income patients. Stay tuned for our mid-June announcement of the Minnesota clinics that will receive \$10,000 each.

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation wishes you and your family a happy and healthy spring!

Donate Now



Our Mission: *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* fights lung cancer by funding innovative research and raising awareness through education and patient support.

family members, including school-aged children at the *Lake Harriet Band Shell*

- **New this year:** The *Rose Raft of Remembrance*, featuring white roses that will be sold for \$5 then placed on the raft by families. We will observe a moment of silence at 11:20 then launch the raft. Upon completion of the event, all roses will be donated to local hospitals.



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