

# A BREATH *of* HOPE

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**Ricky Rubio** of the Minnesota Timberwolves is adding his support to A Breath of Hope's fight to end lung cancer in honor of his mother who recently lost her battle with lung cancer. We're so thankful for Ricky's courage as he converts his own grief into awareness about the world's deadliest cancer. We know that he will make an amazing A Breath of Hope Ambassador!

Stay tuned to learn more about the **Tona Vives Lung Cancer Awareness Fund**, *in loving memory of Ricky Rubio's mother*



Hey snowbirds and Floridians! We're thrilled to be bringing our signature 5K to Florida for the first time and hope you will join us Saturday, February 25 at Lakes Regional Park in Fort

Myers. Let's show the world that Floridians mean business when it comes to America's deadliest cancer!

[Register](#) by February 15 to get your loved one (who has fought the battle with lung cancer) named on the back of our event t-shirt. Our next registrant drawing for gift cards to cool local restaurants will be February 15 - register today!



**LADIES!** Registration is open for the **Women's Wellness Tea** and it's filling fast! To make sure you are one of the 200 women at the Metropolitan Ballroom on Saturday, March 18, [Register Now](#) cuz **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!**

This beautiful day features a delicious brunch, Mimosa Bar, fashion show featuring our amazing lung cancer survivors, vendor boutique, the well-loved *Bags, Bling and Beauty Silent Auction* and exciting new wellness sessions focused on nutrition, every day activity and stress management. Don't forget your sassy spring hat!



**RESEARCH REPORT:** Reporting in from NYU, A Breath of Hope's 2016 Research Fellow, Dr. James Tsay, shares his first progress report:

"We are excited to report progress on our project to study the lung microbiome in lung cancer patients. In the first six months, we have been recruiting patients who present to our hospital for bronchoscopic evaluation of

their lung lesions. These patients have been excited to participate in our project and have provided their consent to have airway brushing samples collected for sequencing of microbes that may reside in our body. Using new sequencing technology, we are able to detect the tiniest amount of microbes in our lung by looking for microbes' DNA.

We have also been working closely with our bioinformatics statisticians in developing a new way to analyze large amounts of data to see what the interaction is between the human host and the lung microbes. We hope this information will give us a new way to detect and treat lung cancer in the near future."



### **OUR MISSION COMES ALIVE!**

We're excited to share a new A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation **VIDEO** produced by Busy Boy Productions.

We know that beating lung cancer will require a continued focus on each of our mission's three pillars (research, awareness, and patient support/education) and we are grateful to have a beautiful video to tell our story.

Every step is a **breath of hope**. **DONATE TODAY**

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