

A BREATH *of* HOPE

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Lung Cancer Facts

- Lung cancer is devastating: It takes more lives than breast, colon and prostate cancers COMBINED. America does not screen for lung cancer.
- Lung cancer is unrelenting: 1 in every 14 people are diagnosed with lung cancer; less than 18% will live five years past their diagnosis.
- Approximately half of all lung cancers occur in people who have already quit smoking or never smoked.
- 15-20% of all lung cancers occur in people who have never smoked.
- Each year, lung cancer takes the lives of almost twice as many women as breast cancer and three times as many men as prostate cancer.
- More than 200,000 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year.
- Most lung cancer cases are found in stage III and IV.
- Half of those diagnosed come from low income communities.
- There is hope; more new treatments have been approved in the last decade than in the previous 30 years.
- Simple awareness can lead to earlier diagnoses and lives saved; low dose CT scans for those with high risks factors have been proven to save up to 20% more lives.
- Anyone can get lung cancer – and no one deserves it!

Research Funding

- Lung cancer research is underfunded in our country compared to other major cancers (see chart on reverse side). This lack of research funding has dramatically slowed the progress for developing new treatments and saving lives.
- Research, awareness and advocacy for other cancers have brought about improvements in screening, diagnostics and treatments that have led to longer, better lives for patients. Increasing funding for lung cancer research is key to obtaining the same success.
- There are many promising areas of research that could lead to drastic improvements for lung cancer patients, but more funding is needed to support these efforts.
- Through the A Breath of Hope Research Fellow Program, A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation funds research focused on the most promising areas of lung cancer research, such as screening, early detection and targeted treatments.
- Since 2008, A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation has invested more than \$1,000,000 toward innovative research, awareness and patient support.

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About A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation



History

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation was founded in 2008 after a group of lung cancer patients, family members and their nurse hosted the first A Breath of Hope Lung Run/Walk Twin Cities. This annual 5K event now draws more than 2000 people each summer.

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation is supported by local businesses, health care professionals, patients, survivors, families and friends of those affected by lung cancer. Together, we raise awareness and fund

research to reduce late stage diagnoses, save or lengthen lives and close the gap on research dollars directed to the lung cancer field.

Mission

To be a leading contributor to the cure of lung cancer by focusing on disease awareness, early detection and lung cancer treatments. A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation fights lung cancer by funding innovative research and raising awareness through education and patient support. We advance our mission through three strategic programs.

Programs

A Breath of Hope Research Fellowships provide funding to America's most talented lung cancer researchers to support their life-saving research. Focus areas include novel strategies for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer and the biology of women and lung cancer.

White Ribbon Awareness Program (WRAP) is an ongoing awareness campaign composed of educational events and public presentations. All events provide patient resources, educational field updates from oncologists and an empathetic, nonjudgmental environment for families hurt by lung cancer. Anyone interested in learning more about America's deadliest cancer is welcome at our events.

A Breath of Hope Ambassador Program utilizes trained volunteers to provide companionship and rides to treatment for recently diagnosed lung cancer patients who face cancer alone or without the support they need.

To learn more about our work, register for an event, join our mailing list, donate, sponsor or volunteer, visit: www.abreathofhope.org.

