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Welcome to the Simply the Best XVI Under the Stars virtual and premier pop-up drive-in! We are excited to welcome you in this wonderfully creative way to share our progress and what’s to come with momentum now at our backs.

Our mantra this year is the **Power of Together** — because whether you are joining us from the comfort of your home or in San Mateo — your ongoing support and faith in our work allows us to showcase what the power of together really means — and bring us that much closer to our vision of doubling survival rates from 20-40% by 2025.

Despite the pandemic, our community persevered and, thanks to you, we were there to not only meet the increased demand for information and supportive services but continued expanding our life-saving programs:

- We launched the landmark **Epidemiology of Young Lung Cancer** study with ALCMI to understand why increasing numbers of young people under 40 are being diagnosed with no risk factors.
- We expanded the global reach of our **Lung Cancer Living Room** educational and support series and incorporated new programming, including Gathering HOPE, a monthly virtual networking event where members of the lung cancer community can see, connect and support one another, as well as Special Edition Living Rooms with breaking news on hot topics that our community needs to know about.
- We launched the **Global Lung Cancer Awareness Month Coalition**, bringing together a global coalition of like-minded organizations to transform lung cancer survival by amplifying the conversation and the importance of early detection, treatment, and research.
- And we reached almost 900 Centers of Excellence, the only national network of primarily community-based medical facilities providing excellence in lung cancer screening and care closest to home so that no one is left behind.

Together, we build local excellence to confront lung cancer. This is what inspires and motivates us each and every day — and thanks to your generosity we will deliver.

In the coming year, be on the lookout for our enhanced COE program with new excellence designations in even more communities, an improved Lung Cancer Patient Registry to better understand and improve quality of life as our community lives longer, studies to increase recruitment of minorities in clinical trials, and taking lung cancer screening mobile to reach more under-served high-risk communities and ensure that the 96% that are eligible but have yet to undergo screening take advantage of this life-saving preventive service.

Although we cannot all be together in person — we are together in spirit. It is that power of together that will allow us to continue building local excellence to confront lung cancer — and achieve our vision of doubling survival. Thank you!

Bonnie J. Addario
Co-Founder and Chair

Laurie Fenton Ambrose
Co-Founder and CEO
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We’re so excited to have you join us whether you are in-person at San Mateo County Event Center or joining us virtually for Simply the Best XVI Under the Stars!

Use this link to access the LIVE Event Broadcast, Photo Booth and Auction site: www.Go2gala.org

Silent Auction Open for Bidding
Closes 12:00 pm PST Sunday, November 14th

Virtual Photo Booth Open All Day Saturday, November 13th

Simply the Best XVI Under the Stars Evening Line-Up

6:00 pm PST
In-person at San Mateo County Event Center Only, Native San Francisco Peninsula’s Reggae/Rock Cover Band, Cousin Louh & The Kung Fu’s

7:00 pm PST
LIVE Program Broadcast from San Mateo County Event Center
Evening Emcee Dani Gasparini

Welcome
Bonnie J. Addario, Co-Founder and Chair | Laurie Fenton Ambrose, Co-Founder and CEO

“Wind Beneath My Wings Caregiver” Presentation and Video
Presented by Andrea Parks, Board of Directors, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer

Make a Difference – Fund the Need

The Dr. Fred Marcus Simply the Best Award
Honors outstanding performance in the fight to end lung cancer.
Presented by Bonnie J. Addario, Co-Founder and Chair
Accepting on behalf of Amgen, Jean-Charles Soria, Senior VP, Global Development Oncology

Asclepios Award
Honors pioneers in research in the fight to end lung cancer.
Presented by David M. Jablons, MD, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
Raymond Osarogiagbon, MD, Director of the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Program, Baptist Cancer Center, Memphis, TN

A Breath Away from the Cure Award
Honors individuals for excellence in oncology, early detection, and coordinated treatment.
Presented by Danielle Hicks, Chief Patient Officer
Luis E. Raez, MD, FACP, FCCP, President of the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology (FLASCO), Chief Scientific Officer & Medical Director at Memorial Cancer Institute (MCI)/Memorial Health Care System
This year we had 12 nominations and all were worthy of a receiving a Caregiver Award honoring caring, compassionate people who go above the call of duty to care for a loved one facing lung cancer.

Presented by Andrea Parks, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer Board of Directors

**VAVANEEN LEWIS NOMINATED BY HER DAUGHTER JUDY LEWIS HENCH**

**JOHN LEWIS HENCH II, NOMINATED BY HIS WIFE JUDY LEWIS HENCH**

In 2014 and a bad targeted drug reaction, I fainted and broke all three bones in my left ankle. At the hospital, getting a scan of my ankle, I went into cardiac arrest. CPR meant broken ribs to go with the broken ankle. Post hospital, I was wheelchair bound and both Mama and John made my days go so much easier. When I couldn’t sleep, Mama would sit up and keep me company. John was in charge of getting me in and out of the car (not an easy task). He was the extra set of ears at all my doctor appointments ... she took over the cooking and with John they both took care of the house and most importantly, me. *Pictured: Vavaneen (Mama), John, and Judy*

**AMY HAWK, NOMINATED BY HER MOTHER-IN-LAW JOANN LANDSKROENER**

While my son, Douglas Hawk, endured the horrors of stage 4 ALK+ lung cancer, his awesome wife, Amy, devoted every single second of her life to making sure he was safe, happy, received the best medical care possible (to no avail). Every breathing moment of her life, for almost two years, she spent making Doug’s life as happy, secure and healthy, safe, and filled with total love and affection as any human being could receive. Their time together was so short but every moment of it she gave all of herself to him, as he did to her. *Pictured: Amy and Douglas*

**LARRY GERSHON, NOMINATED BY HIS WIFE THEYER GERSHON**

Larry is an 8-year survivor of stage IV lung cancer and he spends 4-6 hours a week as a phone buddy to 5 others. He is in constant contact with all of them, knows their scan and treatment schedules and always follows up to help them process the results. He is available 24/7 if needed and finds a way to brighten even their hardest days … nothing is easy about lung cancer and because he is a survivor he can share a very personal perspective with others that helps him to validate their own feelings. Being a caregiver is what he does best. *Pictured: Larry and Theyer*

**KATARINA MILICEVIC NOMINATED BY LAURA KOLOMEJEC RADISH**

The word ‘love’ is the embodiment of Katarina’s makeup. Her mother’s, Ivica Milicevic, journey through the ebbs and tides of her diagnosis and fight with the disease, was in fact, Katarina’s fight through the spoils of treatment and the little victories that ensued. It is as if they are of one heart, Katarina giving herself selflessly to be by her mother’s side, driving to treatments, speaking with doctors, educating herself on something that she could have never fathomed to ever think she would have to know. *Pictured: Katarina and Ivica*

**PIERRE ONDA NOMINATED BY HIS WIFE HEIDI NAFMAN-ONDA AND FIRENDS MICHELLE HILLS, RON FONG, AND COLLEEN STURDIVANT**

Heidi Nafman-Onda : “I never doubted Pierre would be my loyal caregiver, but the level of love, care, and advocacy he gives me and the whole lung cancer community is astounding. Husband and physician, he has helped us navigate through the maze of uncertainty. He continued to work full time with the many responsibilities that he held, and managed to stay on top of every piece of new research and latest advancements in lung cancer care for me and my friends with lung cancer."

Michelle Hills: “Pierre began a woodworking hobby and Heidi wanted him to ‘make a big white ribbon that screams I have lung cancer.’ This small loving gesture not only gave Heidi a sense of control but launched an international grassroots movement, The White Ribbon Project — giving voice to physicians, clinicians, researchers, caregivers and patients who face the stigma of this awful disease. *Pictured: Heidi and Pierre*
JIDE TINUBU NOMINATED BY ALICIA ALLEN
Dr. Jide Tinubu is the husband, caregiver and best friend of the late Dr. Sanya Tinubu ... he was patient and gentle with her. There wasn’t a need he didn’t anticipate. They constantly had family flowing into their house to help with the kids or keep her company while he was at work, but when he was home he took over. He ate dinner with her, picked up and administered her meds and loved her. She had a dream of putting library boxes around underserved neighborhoods and with the help of the kids, he got to work building those boxes. Pictured: Jide and Sanya

JULIE GARAVAGLIA NOMINATED BY HER FIREND DIANE HURA
During my recent swirl of scans, treatments and surgeries I had to give two baby showers (son and daughter). Julie made them beyond beautiful. She knew I didn’t have the strength to do much. Never do I have to ask, she already knows what needs to be done and just does it. I feel so fortunate to have a friend like her. She is truly the wind beneath my wings caregiver. Without her caring and kind nature my journey would’ve been a rocky one. She has gotten me over every speed bump, smoothly along the way. Love you my dear friend. Pictured: Julie

HEATHER PERRY NOMINATED BY HER HUSBAND KEITH PERRY
Heather was by my side the entire time. Before the surgery. After the surgery. Helping me to get into bed. To get out of bed. To get to the shower and back. To get out and walk. A little bit today with the walking poles. A little bit more tomorrow because the doctors said that walking would help keep my other lung healthy. She walked at my slow pace and didn’t complain. I don’t think she would consider any of this unusual from a loving wife and I know she wouldn’t ask for recognition for doing this. But those of us who have been on the other side know just how special it is to have someone drop everything to help you, no questions asked. To put your needs before theirs. To not complain about the strange schedule, the trips to the doctors office and infusion centers or about the late-night trips to the hospital. She made sure that my needs were met so that I could concentrate on getting better. And I did. Pictured: Keith and Heather

WAYNE CHEUNG NOMINATED BY JACQUELINE MCNAMARA
Wayne was there every step of the journey with his support for his darling wife, Rebecca. From doctors appointments, Living Room meetings, infusion etc. — always there. When she felt up to a little trip he had an itinerary to her favorite places. Even after her passing he honors her memory each week. Know she is looking down at him with love. Pictured: Rebecca and Wayne

RAYMOND HALL NOMINATED BY HIS DAUGHTER SUMMER FARMEN
Navigating my new life with stage IV lung cancer, my father and I joined the ALK Positive Facebook support group — deepening his knowledge but also bringing patient’s faces to the forefront which was both a blessing and a harsh reality. He had joined and would sit in on two ALK Positive committees focused on research and clinical trial development. Of course my scans and appointments would always take precedence, and he drove me two hours one way to meet with my oncologist. My parents gave me the most amazing roots and big breathtaking wings. But from the moment I was born my father has been that wind, the wind beneath my wings. Pictured: Ray and Summer

DONALD LIE NOMINATED BY RON FONG AND COLLEEN STURDIVANT
Donald is not only a steadfast and faithful caregiver for his wife, Wendy Lie, but he is also a consummate researcher of information that lung cancer patients yearn to know; and then he shares that research information broadly and widely on the internet forums; and answers questions with tact and wisdom. He is the go-to person to ask for reliable questions about the treatment pros and cons and cutting-edge research. This provides hope for so many caregivers and patients on finding the roadmap. He has been doing this for years and helped many without recognition. Let’s recognize him finally. He’s inspirational. Pictured: Donald and Wendy
AWARDS

THE DR. FRED MARCUS SIMPLY THE BEST AWARD

Honors outstanding performance in the fight to end lung cancer.

Presented by Bonnie J. Addario, Co-Founder and Chair.
Accepting on behalf of Amgen, Jean-Charles Soria, Senior VP, Global Development Oncology

Amgen is dedicated to changing the survival expectations in lung cancer using breakthrough science and innovation and working with advocacy organizations like GO2 is integral to this commitment.

ASCLEPIOS AWARD
RAYMOND OSAROGIAGBON, MD

Honors pioneers in research in the fight to end lung cancer.

Presented by David M. Jablons MD, Professor and Chief, General Thoracic Surgery, Nan T. McEvoy Distinguished Professor of Thoracic Surgical Oncology, Ada Distinguished Professor of Thoracic Oncology, Program Leader Thoracic Oncology, Director, Thoracic Oncology Laboratory, UCSF Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center

Dr. Osarogiagbon is the Chief Scientist at Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation, headquartered in Memphis, TN, Director of the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Program and the Thoracic Oncology Research (ThOR) Group at the Baptist Cancer Center, Principal Investigator of the Baptist Health System/Mid-South Minority-Underserved Consortium NCORP, and a Research Member of the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center. He is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hope Foundation for Cancer Research, a member of the External Advisory Board of the Druckenmiller Center for Lung Cancer Research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, co-Chair of SWOG’s Early Thoracic Malignancies Sub-Committee. He is also a member of the National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Prevention Steering Committee, a member of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer Staging and Prognostic Factors Committee, and a member of the Fleischner Society. He was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the GO2 Foundation’s Center of Excellence Program and since 2021, has served as a member of the GO2 Foundation’s Scientific Leadership Board.

A BREATH AWAY FROM THE CURE AWARD
LUIS E. RAEZ, MD, FACP, FCCP

Honors individuals for excellence in oncology, early detection, and coordinated treatment.

Presented by Danielle Hicks, Chief Patient Officer

Luis E. Raez, MD, FACP, FCCP; is the President of the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology (FLASCO), Chief Scientific Officer & Medical Director at Memorial Cancer Institute (MCI)/Memorial Health Care System, Director of the Thoracic Oncology Program, Co-Director of the MCI/FAU Florida Cancer Center of Excellence designated by the Florida governor, one of the five cancer centers in Florida, Clinical Professor of Medicine at Florida International University (FIU), Visiting Professor of Medicine at Cayetano Heredia University in Peru and Research Professor at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). He was an Associate Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health, and a Co-Director of Thoracic Oncology at Sylvester Cancer Center/University of Miami for 10 years (2001-2011). He has expertise in medical oncology in the areas of lung cancer, and head and neck cancer. He designs phase I-III clinical trials with new chemotherapeutic agents and combinations. He does translational research and clinical research, has been funded by NCI and the pharma industry, has given oral presentations and lectures in national and international meetings in the US, Europe, Latin-America, Africa and Asia, and has been the Chairman of the IASLC Latin American Group (LATAM) since 2018; Chair of the IASLC Membership Committee from 2015-2018; International Chair of the IASLC-Latin-American Meeting (LALCA) since 2014; Chairman for the “Miami Best of ASCO” since 2014, Chair and Founder of the “Miami Cancer Meeting (MCM)” since 2002, Co-Chairman at the “Puerto Rico Fall Cancer Symposia (FCS)” since 2010. He is one of the founder members of Oncology Latin-American Association (OLA), American Board Certified in: Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, board eligible in Hematology, and serves in several committees at: AACR, OLA, ESMO, ASCO, IASLC, ALLIANCE, NCCTG, ACCP, ACP, ACSG, SLACOM, FLASCO among other institutions.
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