



We provide resources for cancer patients who have been told they have no other options, but who are not yet done with their journey in life and refuse to give up now.

## What We Do

Lazarex Cancer Foundation builds a bridge to hope, dignity and life for cancer patients and their families. We provide financial assistance to defray the costs associated with patient participation in FDA clinical trials. Additionally, we help patients navigate their clinical trial options and provide community education and outreach services.

- We help patients of all ages and walks of life, with all forms of cancer.
- We help patients take advantage of medical breakthroughs today, because they may not have a tomorrow.
- We believe that the size of a patient's checkbook should not stand between them and the choices they make or the treatments they need.
- We provide resources to fill the gap that exists between when a patient is told they have no more hope and when they are truly done with their journey in life.

## History

In 2006, Dana Dornsife became president of Lazarex Cancer Foundation, an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Dana first became involved in cancer patient advocacy when her brother-in-law, Mike Miller, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2003. Mike had three children, the youngest of whom was only four years old.

Dana and her family searched for options for Mike that would buy the family some time and found a clinical trial treatment. Mike was treated successfully and lived long enough for his youngest daughter to remember him.

Since then, Dana has fought tirelessly for patient advocacy and expansion of available resources on behalf of those cancer patients who have been told there is no hope left.

## How You Can Help

You can help give the gift of life to cancer patients in need by donating your time, money, in-kind products and services, and your skills, talents and expertise. Your gifts will go a long way toward helping patients and their families receive the care and attention they need.

## Together, we can change the face of cancer.

*We have had stunning success in giving scores of patients a better quality of life. Here are just two examples.*



### Scott's Story

"At the age of 30, I was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. I had four operations, 18 months of chemotherapy and 70 days of radiation. Nothing helped. I had just about given up hope when Lazarex Cancer Foundation made it possible for me to receive a promising new treatment—and gave me another chance at life."



### Maria's Story

After receiving extensive chemotherapy for breast cancer in the Philippines, Maria's doctors told her there was no hope. Her husband thought otherwise and brought her to the U.S. where she began a clinical trial treatment. When they had exhausted their funds, Lazarex Cancer Foundation provided financial assistance for Maria's continued treatment and medical expenses. A year later, Maria was reunited with her family in the Philippines.

"So many dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable." — Christopher Reeve

## When You Believe – by Dana L. Dornsife, President



**I have been blessed.** I have been presented with an opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with a team of dynamic individuals. Our mission is clear: To change the face of cancer.

**We build with each other.** We believe that together we are worth far more than the sum of our individual parts. We are a group of patient advocates from all over the globe who believe it is our duty to use the gifts we have been individually given to collectively serve mankind. Our goal is to build a bridge to hope, dignity and life.

**We believe in the process.** Our mission is grand, but we will not allow it to dissuade us. Our purpose has been questioned time and again, yet we continue to make progress. We find ways to bridge the gap between when a patient is told there is no hope and when they are truly done with their journey in life. There are people with us today — who would not be here without our efforts — because hope breeds possibility.

**We have witnessed miracles.** We have helped cancer patients recapture their quality of life. We have seen a grandmother hold her first grandchild and a dad coach Little League Baseball for one more season. We have watched pain-ridden, emaciated souls return to fulfilling lives with family, friends, passion and love.

**We will prevail.** Have we saved them all? No. Have we changed the course of their lives and given them moments of grace that they otherwise would not have had? Yes. Have they changed the course of our lives? Definitely. You cannot witness human suffering and loss without being deeply moved. So, we will continue to work on behalf of our patients and join together to fulfill their needs. We will provide hope. We will provide dignity. We will change the face of cancer. We have collectively summoned our will and it is inevitable.

Please join us  
in changing  
the face  
of cancer.

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