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Help People Impacted by Lung Cancer

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Advocacy is Personal. This is My Story.

Following my graduation from Bethune Cookman College (now Bethune University), a private historical black college founded by educator, humanitarian and civil rights activist Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, with a degree in political science, I went to work on Capitol Hill for Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia Ann McKinney and began advocating for and with nonprofit organizations on behalf of America's patient population. My work for Rep. McKinney's policy agenda was extremely rewarding and resulted in two pieces of legislation being enacted. My advocacy journey continued outside of Congress where I use my voice and political experiences to serve the patient community. But like you, I had a first-hand experience advocating for my own family. This is my story.



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Expanding Access to Lung Cancer Screening: Top 3 Things You Should Know

Lung cancer screening with a low-dose computed tomography (also known as low-dose CT or LDCT) scan is the only current, proven method that can detect lung cancer earlier, before symptoms occur, when it is more treatable and even curable. Falling rates of cancer mortality in recent years have been driven by lower rates of lung cancer mortality since screening was approved by Medicare in 2015.

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Walking Side by Side: A Call for Caregiver Support

Caregivers for patients with lung cancer offer vital support to the lung cancer community—from attending medical appointments and making financial contributions, to holding down the family fort. As a result, caregivers can experience many of the same emotions as patients, including shock, anxiety and exhaustion. Because of the unfortunate stigma associated with lung cancer, caregivers may also encounter all of the same stigmas that their loved ones face. A wife might turn to a friend to discuss her shock around her husband's lung cancer diagnosis and the friend might respond, "Oh, well your husband smoked for years, didn't he?" As difficult as dealing with stigma is for the patient, it is equally difficult for the caregiver.



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Leaving a Legacy

A Secret Service agent based in Phoenix, AZ, Rodney Wellman was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in October 2018. He was an avid runner, and decided to use his passion as a way to fundraise for lung cancer research. His first race was a 5K organized by GO2 Foundation where he raised \$8,000. Rodney continued his fundraising efforts by joining the GO2 Foundation Endurance Team for a 100k race – all while battling late-stage lung cancer. Tragically, Wellman lost his battle on January 5, 2021, but his fighting spirit lives on through his loved ones.

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Founded by patients and survivors, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer transforms survivorship as the world's leading organization dedicated to saving, extending, and improving the lives of those vulnerable, at risk, and diagnosed with lung cancer.

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