

# MONTHLY MEASURE **Insights into Programs and People**

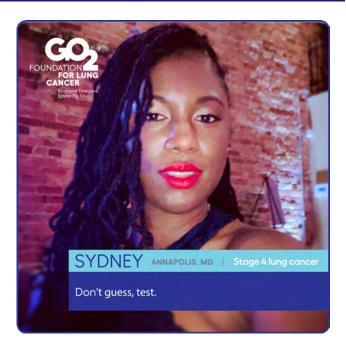


### November 2021

This Lung Cancer
Awareness Month,
It's Personal

# Sydney Barned Says the Stigma Around Lung Cancer Needs to Go

Sydney Barned, MD, was 33 years old and in her medical residency when she was diagnosed with stage IV ALK-positive lung cancer. A



year prior to diagnosis, she woke up with severe shortness of breath and decided she needed a chest X-ray. She was misdiagnosed with pneumonia and put on antibiotics. It would take almost a year of symptoms such as spasmodic coughing and intermittent wheezing before she received a CT scan which initiated the quest for her diagnosis.



# Veteran Spotlight: Larry

"My name is Larry Gershon. I am 72 years old, live in Palo Alto, California, and have been married to my wife for 46 years. In addition to being a husband, father of two, and grandfather, I am also a

veteran. I was diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell adenocarcinoma in January of 2013 and I have an EGFR mutation. My lung cancer diagnosis was accidental."

# For Sarina Logan, Staying Positive Is About One Day at a Time

Sarina Logan is 41 and was diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer in 2018. Thanks to the urging of family friend and GO2 Foundation Co-founder



Bonnie Addario, Logan had comprehensive biomarker testing. The finding that her cancer was EGFR positive (exon 19 deletion) led her to the medication she's on today—and into remission. We talked to Logan about the advice she'd give to her younger self, how she maintains positivity, and how she's found support as a person with lung cancer.



# Hank Baskett Wants You to Choose Life Every Day

Hank Baskett was accompanying a friend to an appointment at the VA hospital in Amarillo, TX, when he figured that maybe he should see a doctor about

his persistent, hacking cough. An X-ray, an MRI, and a CAT scan followed. Then the doctor told the former U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant that he had lung cancer. After he drove home to Clovis, NM, and told his wife Judy, he called his kids.

# Evy Schiffman on Community and the Power of Storytelling

Evy Schiffman's husband Neil was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in 2011, a month before their 37th wedding anniversary. He passed away four years later. Then in 2018,



Schiffman went in for a coronary artery calcium CT scan to detect heart attack and stroke risks. It likely saved her life as the imaging uncovered something on her lung. The diagnosis: stage I lung cancer, when the disease is most treatable and even curable. We talked to Evy about how she and Neil found a community through GO2 Foundation—and the power of storytelling.



#### **About Us**

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