Standing Up to Confront Lung Cancer in Your Life and Every Life

GO2’s advocacy team works tirelessly to take on any and every aspect of this disease and fight it with all our might. We are the voice of the lung cancer community educating lawmakers on health disparities, changing policies, to improve access to high quality, affordable care, and increasing federal research funding to accelerate breakthroughs and cure this disease.
Confronting Lung Cancer Together.
After years of navigating the pandemic our 2023 Voices Summit brought together over 100 attendees from 27 states as a stronger, more vibrant community to confront lung cancer on every front, every day, for everyone.

We learned nothing can replace the many joys of connecting with new friends, reconnecting with old ones, and uniting to educate newly elected representatives (and reminding those returning) to make our community’s health and well-being a priority.

We structured our Summit to include:

- Updates on the federal government’s efforts to accelerate the fight against cancer
- Exciting research advances in lung cancer treatments and early detection
- The role patients and other community members play as research advocates in supporting and participating in research programs
- How our healthcare delivery system is changing to reach more vulnerable communities

With your support, our meeting achieved its goals. We connected. We found inspiration. We were empowered to advocate for change that will transform survival. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

Sincerely,

Laurie Fenton Ambrose
President & CEO
The Numbers

- **119** TOTAL ATTENDEES
- **27** STATES REPRESENTED
- **658** EMAILS SENT TO CONGRESS ADVOCATING FOR LUNG CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING
- **56,745** SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS
- **1,996** SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS
Advocates shared their personal stories in congressional meetings to underscore the need for increased funding for lung cancer research. They also used their voices to heighten the focus on why younger women are being diagnosed with lung cancer at an increasing rate.

Our specific asks were as follows:

1. Submit an appropriations request of $60 million for the CDMRP dedicated Lung Cancer Research Program in the FY24 Defense Appropriations Bill.

2. Support cancer research at $51 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), $9.988 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and at least $1.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).

3. Co-sponsor the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act that accelerates access to cancer screening tests, including lung cancer, once the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) gives approval.
Advocates heard from a variety of lung cancer experts on many important topics including how research is transforming survivorship to the role effective policies play in delivering high quality care for all.

To our experts - thank you for your participation and for speaking at this year’s Voices Summit.

Patients/Survivors and Advocates

Terri Ann DiJulio, Lung Cancer Survivor, CDMRP Reviewer, Summit Planning Committee & National Ambassador Council Member

Bruce Dunbar, Lung Cancer Survivor, CDMRP Reviewer & Summit Planning Committee Member

Elizabeth Shelly de Jong, Lung Cancer Survivor, CDMRP Reviewer & Summit Planning Committee Member

Cliff Norton, Lung Cancer Survivor & Summit Planning Committee Member

Terri Coneran, Lung Cancer Survivor & Advocate, Founder & Director, KRAS Kickers

Debra Violette, Lung Cancer Survivor & Advocate

Dusty Donaldson, Lung Cancer Survivor & Advocate, Executive Director Dusty Joy Foundation (LiveLung)

Neal Augenstein, Lung Cancer Survivor, Reporter, WTOP

Jim Pantelas, Lung Cancer Survivor & Advocate, National Ambassador Council Member

Judy Johnson, Cancer Survivor & Advocate

Healthcare Professionals and Experts

Danielle Carnival, Ph.D., White House Cancer Moonshot Coordinator

Arunan Sandarajah, Ph.D., Presidential Innovation Fellow for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

Monica M. Bertagnolli, M.D., National Cancer Institute Director

Stephen Liu M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of Thoracic Oncology and Director of Developmental Therapeutics at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University

Christopher Lathan, M.D., MS, MPH, Chief Clinical and Access Equity Officer, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Souyana Niranjan, BPharm, MS, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Health Professions in the Department of Health Services Administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

Coral Olazagasti, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medical Oncology, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

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GO2 for Lung Cancer
Our Advocates Were Loud and Clear

Voices Summit attendees and advocates from home create a buzz on social media about lung cancer disparities and research needs.

Grateful to be here listening to @AugensteinWTOP share his journey with NSCLC at the #GO2forLungCancer #VoicesSummit. Eloquently shared how hard it is to receive a diagnosis. The dangers of stigma and the power of sharing our stories and educating people along the way. #LCSM

Marched to the capital hill to advocate for more funding to support lung cancer research. Thank you to the offices of @repwilson, @marcorubio @ScottforFlorida @JRutherfordFL @KathyCastorFL for listening to our caregivers and survivors share their stories. #GO2forLungCancer

Life changing experience 🌟 thank you the wonderful opportunity to grow in advocacy. I am excited to uplift Galveston in this work. #GO2forLungCancer

After Roxy’s (@agent00soulVate) diagnosis and emergency surgery last year, she knew she had to make a difference. That’s when she found GO2.

This is her first year representing her home state of Texas at our #VoicesSummit.

#LCSM
Congratulations to Our Awardees

An event is not complete without highlighting individuals who have made a difference. Congratulations to our lung cancer community heroes!

Support Group Facilitator Award
Sarah Bechard, LSCSW
Michelle Hills, LCSW (ret), Lung Cancer Survivor

Left to right: Miranda Goff, Michelle Hills, Sarah Bechard, Maureen Rigney
Voices Summit Leadership & Advocacy Award
Heidi Nafman Onda, Creator & Founder, White Ribbon Project & Lung Cancer Survivor/Advocate

Left to right: Laurie Fenton Ambrose, Heidi Nafman Onda, Elridge Proctor

Rays of Hope Award
Larry Gershon, Lung Cancer Survivor

Left to Right: Larry Gershon, Rachel Heimler, Laurie Fenton Ambrose
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About GO2 for Lung Cancer

GO2 is at the forefront of everything that’s happening in lung cancer. We’re the go-to for one-on-one assistance, supportive connections, treatment information, and finding the best care close to home. We’re the place to go to learn about the latest research and special initiatives that increase survivorship. We’re the source for improving health policies and leading public awareness to shift this disease from one of stigma to one of hope. We are teachers, guides, advocates, and supporters. **Confronting lung cancer starts here.**