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Top Fundraising Teams

Ellen's Huffers & Puffers (NYC)
Sorkin Squad (DC)
Team Reiner 2022 (Boston)
Rise Up! (NYC)
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Smith Squad (NYC)
Team Mirati (Anywhere)
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Largest Teams

Team Reiner 2022 - 75
Team Mirati - 57
Smith Squad - 39
Blueprint Medicines Boston - 36
Lacing Up for Lung Cancer - 35

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In honor and with hope for
In honor of Jeanne Barreta! From Plymouth, MA. She is my mom and she is a true survivor living with stage 3B lung cancer for almost 5 years and fighting it with positivity, strength and determination. She is a true cancer warrior.

in honor of

Jeanne Barreta

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I’m sending this in to honor my wife, Sarah Christ who is in her 6th year as a stage IV lung cancer survivor. Sarah is an advocate for the lung cancer community and an example of how to live wide and breathe deep everyday. We are all walking today for her! We love you Sarah.

in honor of
Sarah Christ

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in honor of

Bruce Downs

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Hi I am walking for the third time in honor of my mom, Theresa Higginson. After almost 8 years of remission, her small cell lung cancer has returned. We are preparing to fight again and I will do all I can to fundraise and eradicate this disease.
My name is Lynn Matteo and I am a lung cancer survivor since 2019. I was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer at the end of 2017. I received utmost care from my doctors at NYU. After a year of chemotherapy in 2018 & significant surgery in 2019, I am eternally grateful to be in remission. I participated twice before in the Breathe Deep event in NYC & plan to be there again on November 5th. My two children & my soul mate joined me last year & I hope this will be the case this year. My first granddaughter was born one month ago and I cannot easily express how thankful I am to witness this miraculous event.
I was diagnosed with Stage IV NSCLC in December 2014. I’m grateful my Oncologist sent my tumor tissue for biomarker testing because it later revealed that I was ALK Positive. I am thankful for my family, friends and doctors, who have all supported me along this journey. Never Give Up!

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I Breathe Deep for my mom Sarah Roncevich. She was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in January 2019. Sarah lives in FL with her husband Paul and most of her family members live in PA.

in honor of

Sarah Roncevich

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My wife and best friend, Kay Wold was diagnosed with non small cell lung cancer in April, 2015... had 2 lobes of her right lung removed in May that year. After 7 years...the cancer has progressed and she is now on full time oxygen. She discontinued the chemo treatments after her last one in June of this year. She and I continue with the “one day at a time” philosophy. Amazing how she has endured for all these years while battling this horrible disease, and still has such a wonderful outlook on life!

in honor of

Kay Wold

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In loving memory of
We breathe deep in memory of Nancy Adams; a devoted wife, loving mother and stepmother to 4 girls, and guardian angel to 7 grandchildren. She is forever missed, but always in our hearts 8.21.13

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I breathe deep in memory of my mom who lost her life to lung cancer in 2015. She was in Toledo, Ohio. She was an amazing, strong woman who was loved by everyone she met and is deeply missed.
I Breathe Deep in memory of my mother Lois Aisenberg. She was a strong woman with an appreciation of art. She enjoyed her last year with family.
Team MaryAnn Angiolillo walks for this beautiful woman. She was a wife, mother, nana, sister, daughter and best support system out there that was taken too soon. There’s never a day that goes by that we don’t think of you. Every year we will walk for the continued fight of Lung Cancer for those who have been affected.

in memory of
MaryAnn Angiolillo

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in memory of

Booker T. Bookurn, Jr.

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in memory of
Essie Deloris Bookurn
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Tom was a 20 year survivor of lung cancer, thanks to lung cancer research advances and his strong determination to fight. He has been gone 3 years now, and is missed every single day by all those who knew him.
We Breathe Deep TOGETHER in memory of Colleen Duffy Brickley

Colleen was a radiant light in every life she touched. Not only could her beaming smile, and smiling Irish eyes could light up any room, she had the most beautiful soul. Colleen was loved beyond belief, and for good reason. She was the most amazing mother, wife, sister, daughter, or friend anyone could ever ask for. Her quiet, gentle, kind, spirit left a lasting impact on all of our hearts that will never, ever be forgotten. She loved the beach (specifically Hazard’s Beach in Newport, Rhode Island), sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, baking the world’s best chocolate chip cookies, reading and writing, gardening and flowers, and all things Irish. Her Stage 4 diagnosis was shocking, but being the incredible, strong, woman she was, she not only put up the strongest fight she could, but also made a difference while doing so. With her team, Colleen’s Crew, she raised $25,000 towards lung cancer research at the LUNGevity Breathe Deep Columbia Walk in 2018, making her the top fund raiser at the event. She is missed dearly by so many each and every day, but her legacy will be carried on forever.

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This is the thirteenth year that Team G will walk in memory of Patrick “Gino” Bruno. Gino was a devoted father, husband, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He had an unparalleled gusto for life and embraced all of his moments, whether sick or well. His kindness, willingness to help another, and dad jokes will never be forgotten. He is kept alive everyday thru his children and grandchildren.
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in memory of

Charlie Bryant & Gregory Hawkins

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Charlie’s Angels started walking in 2012, at the Lungevity event in Washington, DC. We walk in memory of my father, Charlie Bryant, who passed away in 2010 from lung cancer. Unfortunately, last month my uncle, Gregory Hawkins, passed away from lung cancer. This year Charlie’s Angels will be walking in Washington DC for both Charlie Bryant and Gregory Hawkins.
Annexed is a picture of my mother, Teresa Quiroz Cardenas, who passed away in December of 2010. My sisters and I have been walking in the Breathe Deep events since 2011 in her memory. She had the kindest heart and what we miss most is her laughter – you could hear it a mile away!
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in memory of

David Cook

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in memory of

John A. Cronin Jr.

This year marks 10 years that he passed away, September 2, 2012. We walk for him in his memory under Team #35’s Angels

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In memory of my Grandmother “GLORIA CRUZ” who passed away on October 7th, 2014. She passed away battling stage 4 lung cancer.

in memory of
Gloria Cruz

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in memory of
Shirley Ann Davis

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In memory of Shirley Ann Davis of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and Friend! Shirley “Nanny” as we called her, lost her 4 year battle to lung cancer in August 2015. She is missed dearly.
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In loving memory of my mom JANICE DIXON-WALKER
Continue to watch over/protect me.. love your daughter Michelle

in memory of
Janice Dixon-Walker

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in memory of

John A. Dorsey Sr.

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in memory of

Clyde “Ferg” Ferguson

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in memory of

Geraldine Foote

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in memory of
Helen Foote
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in memory of Deborah "Debbie" Fries

Team Debbie is in honor of my beautiful amazing active mother, Deborah "Debbie" Fries, who passed away from lung cancer on May 24, 2019. My mother was an avid pillar of justice and integrity. She was an avid runner, swimmer and biker. She lived in Wilkes Barre PA for many years with the love of her life, her husband. She was an amazing mother, wife, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, mother in law, and friend. We walk/run and continue to live for her! We all miss her dearly! Team Debbie!

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in memory of

Kathy Fusco

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in memory of
Florence Gibbs

Team Florence walks every year to honor the memory of this very special woman. She was that person who was always there for you - her sense of humor, warmth, and loving nature is dearly missed.

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in memory of
Fred Gontarek

Team Fred walks In memory of: Fred Gontarek

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Beautiful in every way. We miss you Cher. Team Grace.

in memory of Cheryl Grace

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I breathe deep in memory of my sister, Dr. Lisa Grandinetti who tragically passed away in February 2015. Lisa started Team LG when she was diagnosed and all of her family and friends have been walking in her memory ever since. Being a doctor herself, she was always looking out for others in need. Lisa was a force of life and loved by all who knew her. She will be forever in our hearts.

in memory of

Lisa Grandinetti

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As team captain, I Breathe Deep for the Hlavacek family (Jeff, Antonio and Francesca) who lost their wife/mother to lung cancer this past year. We are walking in memory of Erika Hlavacek who died in April 2022 at the age of 47. She was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs and her family still lives in Wilmette, IL. Erika will be remembered as a tireless fundraiser, passionate advocate, and loving wife, mother and friend. Many knew Erika as the founder of yEAHbestlife, a local nonprofit that sold “Best Life” apparel to raise funds in support of lung cancer research and awareness. A professional pilot, Hlavacek was also integral in the foundation of a child-focused nonprofit, Pickles Group, as well as a champion for special-needs education and a contributor throughout the community. All of us who were lucky enough to have Erika in our lives knew her to be smart, funny, loud, easy to laughter, fun, outgoing, tenacious, and an amazingly loving mother, wife, sister and daughter. She leaves an outsized void in the world and is so greatly missed.
This is in memory of my friend KT. Though I only knew her through social media she was one of my closest “cancer friends”. Katie was the first person who reached out to me when I shared my diagnosis and we would frequently talk about the struggles with being young, nonsmokers battling Lung Cancer. Earlier this year Katie passed shortly after receiving her 20th round of chemotherapy.

I am lucky enough to have gotten to know her, even if it was for a short while. She has given me strength everyday to keep fighting and to keep a positive attitude.
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I continue to miss you Mom and everything about you — your hugs, laughs, joy and time together. I will always treasure memories of your love, compassion, and spirit. I will forever hold you in my heart. I love you Mom. God Bless you forever. - Love Karen

in memory of
Philomena D. Laguatan
In memory of my dad Emanuel LaMonaco who I miss more each day. He fought so hard and never once complained no matter how much pain he was in. I lost a piece of my heart when he passed and vowed to do something in his memory. I founded BD NYC in 2009 and have been a member since.
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in memory of

Jackie Libett

“We miss your smile, laughter, hugs and more but know that you are always with us, through our patience and love for family and others, our compassion for furry friends, our good deeds, and all those moments in our lives where we say “Mum would love this”...you are always with us. You never stopped going, doing, moving or walking; so on November 5th, we are going, doing, moving AND walking for you Jackie.”
We Breathe Deep TOGETHER

I breathe deep for my mom, who passed away on September 8, 2022 after a nine year battle with lung cancer. She was (and still is) the strongest woman that I know! My mom, Loretta was diagnosed in 2016 and lost her nine year battle very recently. My sister and I, as well as her three grandsons were her biggest accomplishments so we are walking to honor her and keep her memory alive!

in memory of
Loretta G. Mabardy

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In memory of Annette Marino of Nesconset, NY passed away the day after her 70th birthday after a 13 month battle with NSCLC. She was a loving mother, sister, friend and fought hard till the very end. She loved being around her family and friends, traveling, gardening and going to the beach. She was a bright light and was taken too soon from this nasty disease.
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in memory of

Jean Mellars

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in memory of
Brian Miller

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The Papa Mills! Team breathes deep for Brian Miller and we walk in memory of him always. Papa Mills was a true legend and is deeply missed.
I am submitting a picture In memory of my father Rudolph Miranda. We are representing Brooklyn New York. “How can the dead be truly dead when they still live in the souls of those who are left behind?” Forever and always, Daddy.
Thomas Patrick Neary was an amazing father, husband, brother, and friend. He passed away from stage 4 small cell lung cancer in 2015, 8 months after being diagnosed. His words of wisdom and grand smile are always missed. He touched the lives of so many people and would have done anything for his loved ones. We walk to honor him and his memory.
My Nanny was Edna Orr. At 86 she had half of her lung removed to leave her cancer free, declining any further chemo or radiation for just in case. She lived 2 years longer, passing in July 2015 just 6 months prior to my diagnosis.
I Breathe Deep in memory of my husband Phil. His diagnosis of Stage IV lung cancer led us to LUNGevity. I participate in Breathe Deep DC and Breathe Deep TOGETHER to continue the support Phil and I started together.
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in memory of
Vivian Portner

I Breathe Deep in memory of my mother-in-law Vivian Portner. She was a kind, caring woman who always had time for her family and friends.

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in memory of
Bolola Rojas

Our team is “La Doña” we have been doing Breathe Deep since 2011 when we lost her to lung cancer. Our mom, abuelita was an amazing, strong, caring and loving person. We miss her every day.
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I am walking in memory of my mom, Frances Romasco, who passed away 3 years ago. I breathe deep for MOM! I miss her and love her every day!

in memory of
Frances Romasco

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in memory of
William James Edward Smith
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I Breathe Deep for my late husband, Jerry Sorkin. He founded Breathe Deep in 2009 to raise money for lung cancer research and to give survivors and loved ones a place to gather and to remember. He would be thrilled that the event is in its 14th year!
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in memory of
Howard E. Stevens, Sr.

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in memory of

Stephen “Bubba” White

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in memory of

Malinda Wilson

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Calling all advocates who want to have a positive impact on lung cancer

Are you looking for a way to get involved this Lung Cancer Awareness Month and beyond? We are looking for people like you who want to have a positive impact on the lung cancer community. You can help us take real steps towards improving lives and outcomes for people with lung cancer.

By joining the LUNGevity Action Network, you’ll quickly become an effective advocate with our simple and accessible tools. Through the Network, you can help raise public awareness by sharing your story, posting on social media, completing surveys, and more. You can also learn about important issues, sign petitions, comment on regulations, and write your legislators about what matters to you.

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