LUNG CANCER VOICES SUMMIT

March 23-25, 2021  WASHINGTON, DC
Advocacy for Lung Cancer is Personal

What an impact our community can make! In March 2021 we brought together survivors, patients, caregivers, family & friends, healthcare professionals to listen, learn, share, and tell their members of Congress about the needs of the lung cancer community and demand action.

After learning about advances in early detection and treatments, the intersection of COVID-19 and lung cancer, and healthcare delivery adaptations to improve access to care, we eloquently educated Congress on lung cancer. After all, “It’s Personal” for our community.

Bonnie J. Addario
Co-Founder, Board Chair

Laurie Fenton Ambrose
Co-Founder, President & CEO
The Numbers

320 Lung cancer advocates, including 131 patients/survivors

160 meetings with House Representatives and Senators

34 States represented

458 advocate letters sent to Congress

1,550 Social media engagements

5,500 social media impressions
We Asked Congress to Act
Advocates told their personal stories in congressional meetings to underscore the need for increased spending in lung cancer research and heightened focus on the question of why younger women are being diagnosed with lung cancer at an increasing rate.

Our Congressional Requests
- $26 million in the FY2022 Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the stand-alone Lung Cancer Research Program.
- Encouragement that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) continue to fund important research request through “Report Language” on lung cancer.
- Support as a co-sponsor for the bicameral and bipartisan legislation known as the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act, which seeks to answer the questions of how and why lung cancer advances in younger women and never smokers.
Education Galore

Advocates benefited from the conversations of experts on a variety of important topics, including lung cancer screening, new advancements in research and treatments, and the impact of COVID-19 on patients with lung cancer and the healthcare environment.

To all our experts: thank you for sharing your expertise!

Patients/Survivors and Advocates

- Elizabeth DeJong
- Bob Nicklas
- Francis Spruit

GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer Staff Members

- Laurie Fenton Ambrose, Co-Founder, President and CEO
- Bonnie Addario, Co-Founder, Board Chair and Lung Cancer Survivor
- Elridge Proctor, MPA, Senior Director, Government Affairs
- Danielle Hicks, Chief Patient Officer
- Jennifer C. King, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer
- Andrew Ciupek, PhD, Senior Manager, Clinical Research

Healthcare Professionals

- Douglas E. Wood, MD, FACS, FRCSEd, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair Department of Surgery, University of Washington; member of Scientific Leadership Board, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
- Christine M. Lovly, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Chair, Scientific Leadership Board, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
- John Minna, MD, Professor & Director, Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research, Internal Medicine, Pharmacology, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Harpreet Singh, MD, Director, Division of Oncology 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Johanna Ralston, Chief Executive Officer, World Obesity Federation; member, Board of Directors, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
- Narjust Duma, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Thoracic Oncologist, The University of Wisconsin
- Christian Rolfo, MD, PhD, MBA, Director of Thoracic Oncology Program, Director of Early Clinical Trials, Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Maryland, School of Medicine

Please visit our website to view the opening talks and other educational videos from the event.
Our Advocates Were Loud and Clear

Voices Summit attendees and others used our toolkit to create a buzz on social media about lung cancer disparities and research needs.
Congratulations to Our Awardees

An event is not complete without highlighting individuals who have made a difference. Congratulations to the awardees in Congress!

MICHAEL G. OXLEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

- **Congressman Brendan Boyle (D-PA)**, Chair of the Congressional Lung Cancer Caucus, supported by GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer; Sponsor of the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act.

- **Congressman John Rutherford (R-FL)**, Co-Chair of the Congressional Lung Cancer Caucus in the 116th Congress, supported by GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer; Original Co-Sponsor of the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act.
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LUNG CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR AWARD
- Cecilia Izzo, Lung Cancer Survivor

2020-2021 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY AWARD
- Terri Ann DiJulio, Two-time Lung Cancer Survivor and Advocate 2020 Awardee

RAYS OF HOPE AWARD
- Terri Ann DiJulio, Lung Cancer Survivor
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