

LCFA's History

A leader in the advocacy and research lung cancer community, Lung Cancer Foundation of America's (LCFA) primary focus is funding research and attracting the best and the brightest to the field of lung cancer research.

LCFA was established in 2007 by two lung cancer survivors (David Sturges and Lori Monroe) and a lung cancer widow (Kim Norris). Although their life experiences varied greatly, they came to the same realization...increasing the survival of lung cancer would only happen with a dramatic increase in the funding for lung cancer research.

By pooling their personal and professional experiences, Kim, Lori and David discovered the world of lung cancer research. They spent several years meeting with top lung cancer researchers in the country, members of Congress, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and other cancer advocacy groups. They found that most people were simply unaware of the deficient state of lung cancer research.

Working with many of the top lung cancer researchers, clinicians and organizations in this country, Kim, David, and Lori have had front row seats in witnessing some of the most rapid discoveries to unlock the secrets unique to lung cancer. In the past 15 years, these discoveries have doubled the 5-year survival rate of people living with lung cancer and improved their quality of life. At the turn of the century, there were basically 3 types of treatments for lung cancer; radiation, chemotherapy and surgery. Today, there are over 50 FDA-approved treatments for lung cancerall because of research.

Now that the best and the brightest are joining the lung cancer community because of funding programs like LCFA's Young Investigator awards, people living with lung cancer have hope. The 5-year survival rate will continue to improve but only if research is funded in direct proportion to lung cancer's impact on public health. Although there has been significant success, there is still a long way to go in the prediction, detection and treatment of lung cancer.

It's all about research....