

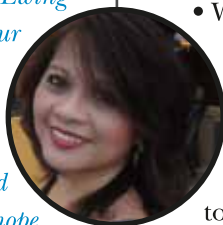
# About Our Foundation



We provide resources for cancer patients who have been told they have no other options, but who are not yet done with their journey in life and refuse to give up now.

## Denise's Story

*"At the age of 30, I was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. I had four operations, 18 months of chemotherapy and 70 days of radiation. Nothing helped. I had just about given up hope when Lazarex Cancer Foundation made it possible for me to receive a promising new treatment—and gave me another chance at life."*



## Josh's Story

*"Our 9 year old son Josh battled brain cancer for 6 years with chemotherapy when his doctors reached the 'end of their rope.' Lazarex helped us with a clinical trial, it's been 2 years and he's doing great! Without Lazarex and their generosity I don't think we could have thrived as a family."*  
– Carmela, Josh's Mom



## What We Do

At Lazarex Cancer Foundation we improve the outcome of cancer care, giving hope, dignity and life to end stage cancer patients and the medically underserved by providing assistance with costs for FDA clinical trial participation, identification of clinical trial options, community outreach and education.

- We help patients of all ages, from all walks of life, with all forms of cancer.
- We help patients take advantage of medical breakthroughs today, because they may not have a tomorrow.
- We believe that the size of a patient's checkbook should not stand between them and the choices they make or the treatments they need.
- We present clinical trials as an alternative to hospice care for those who want to remain engaged in their fight against cancer.
- We aspire to improve cancer survival rates through screenings and early detection with a focus on the medically underserved to address health disparities.

## History

Lazarex Cancer Foundation President, Dana Dornsife, first became involved in cancer patient advocacy in 2003 when her brother-in-law, Mike Miller, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Mike and his wife Erin had three children, the youngest of whom was only four years old. Dana searched for options for Mike that would give their family some additional time together and found a clinical trial. Mike participated in the clinical trial, responded well and lived long enough to help his sons prepare for their future and for his daughter to remember him. Since then, Dana has fought tirelessly for patient advocacy and the expansion of available resources on behalf of those cancer patients who have been told there is no hope left. In 2006 Dana founded Lazarex Cancer Foundation.

## How You Can Help

You can give the gift of life to cancer patients in need by making a monetary donation, giving your time, sharing your talent or providing in-kind gifts. Your generosity will go a long way toward helping patients and their families receive the care and attention they need.

*Make a donation today at [Lazarex.org](http://Lazarex.org)*

# Give the Gifts of Hope, Dignity and Life

## When You Believe

by Dana L. Dornsife, President



**I have been blessed.** I have been presented with an opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with a team of dynamic individuals. Our mission is clear: To create a cancer revolution that gives every cancer patient the opportunity to live.

**We build with each other.** We believe that together we are worth far more than the sum of our individual parts. We are a group of patient advocates from all over the globe who believe it is our duty to use the gifts we have been individually given to collectively serve mankind. Our goal is to build a bridge to hope, dignity and life.

**We believe in the process.** Our mission is grand, but we will not allow it to dissuade us. Our purpose has been questioned time and again, yet we continue to make progress. We find ways to bridge the gap between when a patient is told there is no hope and when they are truly done with their journey in life. There are people with us today — who would not be here without our efforts — because hope breeds possibility.

**We have witnessed miracles.** We have helped cancer patients recapture their quality of life. We have seen a grandmother hold her first grandchild and a dad coach Little League Baseball for one more season. We have watched pain-ridden, emaciated souls return to fulfilling lives with family, friends, passion and love.

**We will prevail.** Have we saved them all? No. Have we changed the course of their lives and given them moments of grace that they otherwise would not have had? Yes. Have they changed the course of our lives? Definitely. You cannot witness human suffering and loss without being deeply moved. So, we will continue to work on behalf of our patients and join together to fulfill their needs. We will provide hope. We will provide dignity. We will provide life.

*We have collectively summoned our will  
and it is inevitable.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Dornsife". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

"So many dreams  
at first seem  
impossible, then  
they seem  
improbable, and  
then, when we  
summon the  
will, they soon  
become  
inevitable."

— Christopher Reeve

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