

## ***Translational Lung Cancer Research* is endorsed by the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation**

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With the same ideal, *Translational Lung Cancer Research* (TLCR) is endorsed by the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF) from January 15, 2015.

We are glad for the academic collaboration and hope through it we can contribute more in the academic venue and clinical practice.

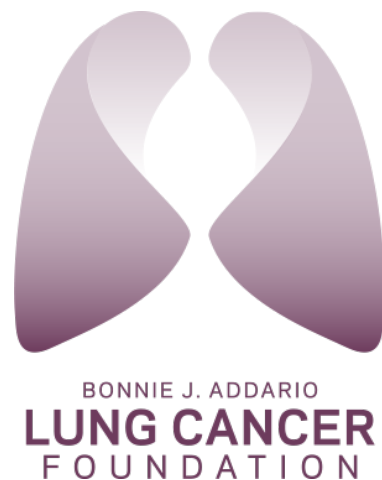
### **Introduction of Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation**

The Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF, [www.lungcancerfoundation.org](http://www.lungcancerfoundation.org), Figure 1), an IRS approved 501(c)3, focuses on the immediate goal of increasing survival rates and providing hope to those suffering with lung cancer. ALCF concentrates on research, patient support, education, empowerment, awareness and advocacy. We provide patients and families a road map to guide them and a support system to anchor them. In 2008 ALCF's partner organization was born, Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute (ALCMI), as a result of gathering worldwide Key Opinion Leaders (KOL) together. With KOLs understanding that if "money were no object", what would be the one thing ALCF could facilitate is to change the lung cancer landscape. The answer was to create a non-biased, collective, cooperative, open biorepository from which anyone could study.

### **The Mission/Goal/Vision of Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation**

**Mission:** *Increase survival*

Patients fighting lung cancer today and those diagnosed



**Figure 1** The Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF).

tomorrow are at the heart of ALCF's mission. Because this disease is the number one cancer killer worldwide annually, our most urgent imperative is to dramatically increase patient survival rate now.

**Goal:** *Transform lung cancer into a chronically managed disease by 2023 and ultimately a survivable disease*

ALCF will achieve our goal through providing programs and support services to empower and educate patients and families, funding cutting-edge research, raising public awareness and advocacy. We believe that personalized medicine is the gateway to success and patients must be given a seat at the table where treatment and care decisions are made.



**Figure 2** The photo of Mrs. Bonnie J. Addario.

***Vision: Be the global leader and largest source of non-profit funding dedicated to fighting lung cancer***

ALCF will make our vision a reality by building strategic collaborations and partnerships with leaders in oncology, technology, science, medicine, and philanthropy. We will power progress by involving all stakeholders: patients, donors, clinicians, pharma, biotech, payers, government, policy makers, public and private enterprise.

**Bonnie's story**

Long before its official start date, a single diagnosis led to the founding of the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF) when in 2004 Bonnie (Figure 2) was diagnosed with lung cancer. At the age of 56 she was a wife, mother and grandmother, the president of Olympian Oil Company and the Commercial Fueling Network, and one of 1.4 million people worldwide and 225,000 Americans newly diagnosed with lung cancer every year. Faced with a 5-year lung cancer patient survival rate of 15.9%, a statistic that has not significantly improved in 40 years, and a 5% survival rate for a Stage 3b lung cancer patient, which was Bonnie's diagnosis, the situation as told by these numbers was daunting and discouraging. Following a 14-hour surgery to remove one lobe, radiation and chemotherapy treatments that invaded her formerly predictable world,

Bonnie became a lung cancer survivor with a new purpose in life.

After her diagnosis, Bonnie became active in local lung cancer programs and quickly became frustrated with the lack of a leading patient voice, progress in lung cancer treatments, and overall survivorship. In 2006, Bonnie combined her business acumen with her desire to impact lung cancer care today, the result—the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF).

ALCF's goal is urgent—to significantly improve the inexcusably low survival rate of lung cancer patients. With Bonnie's vision and support of her family, the lung cancer community and you, ALCF has become one of the largest sources of non-profit patient-focused funding dedicated to changing lung cancer from a terminal diagnosis to a chronically managed disease by 2023, ALCF's vision and 10-year goal that was announced in 2013.

Having become a unifying voice among patients and thought leaders, establishing unique patient-oriented programs, a novel research consortium, and national outreach activities, Bonnie is turning to the international lung cancer community to work collaboratively towards personalized medicine/therapies.

The key to unlock the code is to cure resides in the patient. Currently their participation in clinical trials and specimen donations for research is very, very low. Patients must be valued and given a 'seat' at the table and a 'voice' in the conversation where all decisions are being made about their survival. If they are added to the 'solution' process we will be able to move much faster in finding cures for all diseases.

*"We are committed to involving our patients in every aspect of our work to cure lung cancer. With the patient in the center of the cancer paradigm, we can create 'transformational research' care that begins with the patient, leads to research, and rapidly returns new treatments to the patient."*—Bonnie

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