



## 2009 Walk Dates

- Northampton, MA: September 13th  
Look Memorial Park
- Boston, MA: October 15th  
Boston Common
- Nashua, NH: September 26th  
Greeley Park
- Wakefield, MA: October 18th  
Lake Quannapowitt
- York, ME: October 3rd  
York Beach Ball Field
- Worcester, MA: October 25th  
Assumption College



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## Mission Moment

### Meet Our 2009 Honored Heroes...

March  
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Newsletter

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Fighting Blood Cancers



#### Richard Carey

- Richard is 25 years old and is a Acute Promylecytic Leukemia (APL) survivor.
- Diagnosed in October 2004, Richard immediately began his “induction” phase of chemotherapy. After an extensive hospitalization and notable side effects, he began his consolidation or “maintenance” treatment followed by oral chemo. Richard went into remission on December 4, 2004 and has remained in remission ever since.
- Richard lives in Falmouth, Maine where he works as a nurse. He has a twin brother as well as a set of younger twin brothers.
- He first participated in the York Light The Night Walk in 2008, walking with “The Carey Clan”.



#### Avery Forrestall

- Avery is 8 years old and is currently in treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).
- Since being diagnosed in November 2006, Avery’s treatments have caused numerous complications. He is currently still in treatment, taking medications daily and visiting the hospital on a monthly basis.
- Avery has two younger sisters, Delaney (age 5) and Kadie (age 3).
- He loves the Jonas Brothers and is a huge fan of *any* superhero movie! He also enjoys rooting for the Boston Red Sox!



#### Deana Horne

- Deana is 38 years old and is an Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) survivor.
- She is a 9-year survivor (diagnosed in March 2000) who has received a brand new perspective on life as a result of her cancer diagnosis and the healing process that follows.
- Deana lives in Manchester, NH and has a Jack Russell named Cammie and a tabby cat named Vegas!
- Deana first participated in Light The Night in 2000.
- She LOVES lobster and Crème Brule (mmmm...).



#### Paisley MacNeil

- Paisley is 6 years old and is currently in treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).
- She has completed all phases of her protocol according to plan. She begins a new cycle of chemotherapy every 3 weeks and receives lumbar punctures every 9 weeks. She will be done with treatment in July 2009 if all goes according to plan.
- Paisley has a dog named Owen, a rabbit named Jazzy and a fish named Cupcake!

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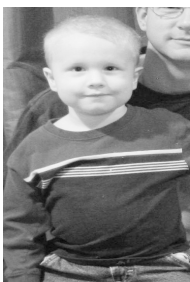
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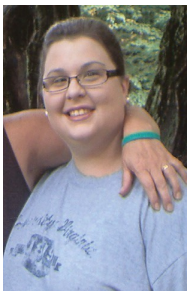
### Elisa Lynch

- Elisa is 22 years old and is a Hodgkin Lymphoma survivor!
- Diagnosed in November 1989 at the age of 3, she endured over a year and a half of treatment. She is currently in remission and is considered cured!
- Elisa is currently attending Salem State College, majoring in Psychology with a minor in theater.



### Jack Guindon

- Jack is 5 years old and is currently in treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).
- He was diagnosed in July 2007 and has since been on an intense regimen of chemotherapy and testing.
- Jack is in the Self Defense Club at school and enjoys playing soccer and doing arts-and-crafts!



### Laura Beauchemin

- Laura is 28 years old and is currently in treatment for Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML).
- Diagnosed in January 2008, Laura initially struggled to find a treatment plan that worked due to severe intolerances to several of the drugs. She has finally found one she can tolerate and she takes it daily.
- She is a huge fan of *any* movie that stars Matthew McConaughey and could listen to Norah Jones all day!



### Kymm Connell

- Kymm is 31 years old and is currently in treatment for Pre-B Cell Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL).
- She was diagnosed in November 2007 and has since achieved remission thanks to her treatments!
- She is a huge fan of Nintendo Wii as well as country music and football (GO Patriots!).



### Chris Ashby

- Chris is 8 years old and is a Pre-B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) survivor!
- Diagnosed in August 2004, Chris underwent over 2 years of chemotherapy and treatments. He is currently in remission!
- He loves to snack on nachos and chocolate chip cookies, and is a fan of his X-Box.



### Joanne Adams

- Joanne has recently finished treatment for Stage 4 Diffused Large B-Cell Lymphoma and is a survivor!
- Diagnosed in December 2007, her treatments began in January 2008 and lasted six months.
- Joanne started roller skating when she was 7 years old. During her adolescence, she became a competitive skater and competed in figure skating, partners skating and free dance skating competitions. She stopped competing at the age of 22 and put away her skates; she hopes to get back into the sport some time soon.

## Meet Your 2009 Light The Night Walk Chairs



Northampton, MA

**Gary Rome**

Owner of Gary Rome  
Hyundai of Holyoke



Boston, MA (Honorary)

**Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D**

CEO and Executive Chairman,  
ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.



Boston, MA (Honorary)

**Deborah Dunsire, M.D.**

President and CEO,  
Millennium: The Takeda  
Oncology Company



Nashua, NH

**Yuval Ramon**

COO, Elbit Systems of  
America



### Did you know?

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is celebrating its 60th Anniversary!

During the past 60 years of innovation, LLS has helped patients live better, longer lives.

- LLS funds more blood cancer research than any other voluntary health agency. Many LLS-supported advances help beyond the blood cancer patients for whom they were first developed.
- LLS is accelerating the development of new discoveries in its pipeline by finding and funding applied research, paving the way for FDA approval.
- LLS is partnering with biotechnology companies to facilitate the rapid development of new and promising blood cancer therapies that might otherwise go undeveloped.
- LLS is working to help overcome a key barrier in getting patients into clinical trials—developing novel models that bring trials into the communities where patients live.
- LLS created and implemented an innovative program to help smooth the way for children returning to school after cancer treatment, with education and tools for teachers and school personnel.

### Patient Services Programs:

#### Here to Help You and You to Help Others...

##### Advocacy Program:

LLS's Office of Public Policy is charged with pursuing the LLS mission through advocacy aimed at governmental decision makers. The LLS strategic plan for 2008-2011 identifies advocacy as one of the organization's core avenues to achieve its mission. Contact Lynne Morin at [Lynne.Morin@lls.org](mailto:Lynne.Morin@lls.org) if you are interested in becoming a LLS advocate.

##### First Connection Program:

The First Connection Program provides newly diagnosed patients, caregivers and families the opportunity to speak with someone who has "been through it" by talking with a trained Peer volunteer by phone. If you would like to become a First Connection volunteer or be paired with one, please contact Pam Healy at [Pam.Healy@lls.org](mailto:Pam.Healy@lls.org).

##### Patient Financial Aid:

LLS provides financial assistance to help patients with significant financial need cover some costs associated with transportation, drugs and treatment. A maximum of \$500 a year is available. If you believe your situation warrants financial assistance, contact Kathy Mendez at [Kathleen.Mendez@lls.org](mailto:Kathleen.Mendez@lls.org) to request a patient financial aid application.



### Like Hockey?

**What:** Lace Up for Leukemia is a tri-part event that includes a skate-a-thon, a survivor skate, and an exhibition hockey game between the Boston Bruins Black & Gold Legends Alumni team and "Team Lace Up", a group of fundraising participants who have pledged to raise at least \$1,200 to participate.

**When:** Saturday, May 2, 2009

**Where:** Northstar Youth Forum, Westborough, MA

**How:** Contact Rebecca Longworth, [Rebecca.Longworth@lls.org](mailto:Rebecca.Longworth@lls.org) or 508-810-1318

### Volunteers Needed!

Interested in helping the Light The Night Staff prepare for our 2009 events?

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with a variety of projects, both in our office in Natick and out in your communities.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rebecca Longworth at 508-810-1318.