

2nd and 3rd Quarter WunderGlo Newsletter-YTD November 13, 2015

Dear, Gloria Borges Angel Investors and WunderGlo Foundation Sponsors,

With fall in full bloom and the holidays approaching, our WunderGlo family continues to work diligently into the final quarter of 2015. I am proud to share an up-to-date summary with what has been keeping us busy for the past five+ months:

Foundation News

In June, Wunder's Warriors, Jim and Catherine Gainey brilliantly executed our very first "WunderGlo Painting For A Cure-Love Life Paint Night" in Madison, Wisconsin. It was a huge success, had over sixty people in attendance, and raised over \$2,000, one quarter of which were tips for the all-star bartender, Jim Gainey.

On June 27, we hosted our 3rd Annual Tee Off Against Cancer Golf Tournament at Brookside in Pasadena, CA. We had perfect weather, the best group of people, great WunderGlo spirit, and raised \$7,000 in our fight against cancer. Our players shot some "pro-ready"-style golf and everyone enjoyed an incredible day of "Loving Life". We are grateful for the continued partnership and sponsorship of O'Melveny & Myers, LLP.

On July 22, we completed our orientation at USC-Norris and Keck Hospital in preparation of starting The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation Reiki & Guided Meditation Program. Physical clearances and volunteer badges have been issued for our 7-Reiki Masters. Our program is scheduled to begin on December 7th.

The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation proudly dedicated the G.I. Oncology Lab of Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center for The Wunder Project to find the Cure of Colorectal Cancer. Our foundation's continued partnership with USC Norris will have added recognition in naming the G.I. Oncology Lab that allows us full and complete access to our funders through the lab, with research presentations upon request. This is an important partnership at such a prestigious medical center.

On September 18, 2015, The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation successfully hosted our 4th Annual Annette Cook Cancer Warrior Awards. With 180 people in attendance at the historic Los Angeles Athletic Club in Downtown Los Angeles, we raised nearly \$70,000 to help fund "The Cure" for CRC while honoring an incredible class of "cancer warriors" who inspired our audience with their own courageous life stories. Our honorees included three of our amazing Wunder's Warriors: **Debbie Jett**—Stage III colon cancer survivor and inspirational marathon runner; **Nancy Lynberg**—Colon cancer caretaker and devoted patient advocate/volunteer; and **Briel Zagarow**—Grace-filled, empowered advocate and 30-Year old Stage IV colon cancer patient. We honored **Suzanne and Ronnie Lindley**, founders of **Yes! Beat Liver Tumors**—Non-Profit that Celebrates "Hope" with CRC patients. We paid tribute to the namesake of our event, the late Annette Cook, especially highlighting her unique friendship with the founder of The WunderGlo Foundation, Gloria Borges. We honored the world-renowned CRC expert, **Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz** with **The Gloria Borges Life of Excellence Award**; a man whose tireless dedication to research for the cure drives his career as he sets "the" example for his family, patients, and peers, as a focused and generous humanitarian who lives every day with pure excellence. Dr. Lenz's gracious acceptance speech delighted our guests as he shared his knowledge, brilliance, and vision, while paying tribute to his patient, partner, and dear friend, Gloria. The night was both inspiring and fun - with live music provided by the talented pianist and musician, Ann Louise Christensen and a silent auction that offered over 160 great items and raised over \$24,000. The evening was filled with wonderful films and speeches that included that The Wunder Project's "Wunder's

Warriors” film that highlights the people, faces, and lives who inspire our work to fund the cure. We had a “Call-To-Action” that raised over \$5,000 in pledges for the 100-Mile Race that our Wunder’s Warrior, Debbie Jett, would be running on October 17th in honor of colon cancer patients everywhere and notably in honor of Stage IV-CRC patient and new Wunder’s Warrior, Patsy Petzold and her three children. We debuted a new and very special Gala tradition: our own beautiful and heartfelt **In-Memoriam film** that pays tribute to those important lives connected with The WunderGlo Foundation who have passed on; people who will always be the inspiration for our Foundation’s work and goals.

We unveiled our new **Gloria Borges Angel Investor Fund Logo**: funding that will continue to be used for the operational costs of the Foundation so The Wunder Project remains true to our promise that 100% of funds raised go to research for the cure. At the evening’s conclusion, we proudly gave one quarter of a million dollars in grants to two of The Wunder Project’s “dream-team” doctors: Dr. Christina Curtis from Stanford Medical School and Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz from USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. In four short years as an organization, The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation leads all other CRC Non-Profit Organizations in research funding with over \$800,000 in grants directed straight to research for “the cure”.

This night could not have been possible without our generous sponsors. Big thanks and our heartfelt gratitude goes to O’Melveny & Myers, LLP, Bayer HealthCare, The Hannemann Family Fund, USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center–G.I Oncology, Keck School of Medicine at USC, Canon Solutions America, Lockton Companies, Scheper Kim & Harris LLP, Genentech Inc., Coloplast, and The Fritz & Angie Miller Family/SEIA. We are also grateful for the over 150 organizations and individuals that generously donated to our silent auction and for our incredible WunderGlo Directors, Advisory Board, Wunder’s Warriors, and Volunteers.

In September, The WunderGlo Foundation welcomed Susie Fraley and her fabulous team from Alpha Grant Solutions to assist us with grant writing. We are also in discussions for future support with events, public relations, and research. Specializing in the resource development department for non-profits, we are delighted to partner with this wonderful group.

In the month of October, two of our Wunder’s Warriors took charge of their journeys by collectively raising over \$25,000 to “run” cancer off the planet. Details about their races are found in: Wunder’s Warriors news. Also in October, Nancy Lynberg and I traveled to the Colon Cancer Alliance Conference in Phoenix, Arizona to support their incredible patient advocacy program, personally meet cancer warriors who are connected with WunderGlo, and discuss future collaborative patient support programs for our Foundation. Over the past several months, some additions and other changes to our new WunderGlo Foundation website has left it’s unveiling in the “under construction” stage. With fingers crossed, our all-encompassing website should be “LIVE” by Thanksgiving. We are certain that when ready, all will agree that it was well worth the wait.

WUNDER PROJECT RESEARCH was published in Molecular Cancer Therapeutics-October 2015: Companion Diagnostics and Cancer Biomarkers - Polymorphisms in Genes Involved in EGFR Turnover Are Predictive for Cetuximab Efficacy in Colorectal Cancer. Grant Funding Support Credit: H.-J. Lenz was funded by the NCI (award number P30CA014089) and THE WUNDERGLO FOUNDATION.

New Advisory Board Members and Wunder’s Warriors

The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation is proud to announce the addition of seven, amazing individuals to our WunderGlo family, as well as a new role for an already existing member:

Please join me in welcoming **Angie Miller** to the Advisory Board. Angie's career and family business are in Financial & Insurance Services and Signature Estate planning. Angie has jumped right in by arranging personal connections in the fields of grant writing and philanthropic resources. She secured several silent auction items for our September Gala, recruited our very talented pianist for the evening, and was one of our sponsors for this event. We are thrilled to have Angie join the board.

Thanks to advisory board member Kip Pastor, WunderGlo has a new filmmaker on the team. The very talented **Philip Cisneros** joined us in July, just in time to prepare two beautiful films for our September Gala. Philip's family has also been affected by colon cancer and we are so lucky to have him on board with us.

Also new to the WunderGlo Family, I am proud to introduce **five, amazing Wunder's Warriors** who have joined our elite team: **Kristi Holcomb**, from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was diagnosed with Stage IIIB colon cancer at the age of 43 and later found out that she is a carrier of HNPCC - Lynch Syndrome. A survivor now at age 48, Kristi is an independent advocate on early detection and screening. She created an informational website called [Reaching Out and Spreading Hope](#) to those affected by colorectal cancer and/or HNPCC Lynch. Kristi's "no-nonsense" voice of positivity and support is the perfect WunderGlo fit. **Patsy and Ryan Petzold** are a faith-filled couple from Kansas and the purest definition of "role models" to their son Will (10-yrs), daughter Samantha (9-yrs), daughter Olivia (5-yrs). After receiving life-altering news at age 34 when diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer, Patsy chooses to live each day filled with love, gratitude, and faith and she chronicles her journey in her inspirational blog entitled: [Grace In The Middle](#). Ryan and Patsy are honored to join WunderGlo and help carry on the "take-charge" spirit and voice of our mission to "the Cure". **Eddie Gallagher** is the second half of the power duo that is completed by the lovely **Phuong Gallagher**. Earlier this year, Phuong became a Wunder's Warrior and it's only natural that we get Eddie, too! A 7-year survivor, Phuong was diagnosed with Stage III rectal cancer at the age of 29. Together, Eddie and Phuong have braved multiple surgeries and a progression to Stage IV with jubilation, courage, and laughter-filled adventures as they refuse to let cancer define them. To know them is to love them and we are beyond fortunate to have them on our team. **Dr. Tom Marsilje** is an oncology researcher of 20-years who was surprised with a Stage III colon cancer diagnosis at age 40. An eternal optimist, he writes a blog that details the twists and turns of his cancer path through his unique voice as an oncology scientist/patient. Aptly named ["The Adventures in Living Terminally Optimistic"](#), Tom, now 43, watches the incredible progress in oncology research while facing a "currently incurable" Stage IV disease. Tom feels honored to be a Wunder's Warrior and to be a part of such a legacy started by Gloria and continued by amazing fellow warriors. Tom's blog will be shared on our WunderGlo Foundation Website.

I am pleased to announce that advisory board member, **Mandy Lem**, has accepted the role as our Foundation's Assistant Secretary. Currently working at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy as secretary and assistant college counselor, Mandy is maintaining all of the foundation's recorded meetings, bylaws, and resolutions.

A big welcome to WunderGlo and **THANK YOU** to Angie, Philip, Kristi, Patsy, Ryan, Eddie, Tom, and Mandy!

Wunder's Warrior News

In April, Jim Gainey began the TAS-102 trial at Mayo-Minnesota. In September, he changed courses with a treatment called: Ful-Fox-Firi with Avastin, also known as "Everything including the kitchen sink". Two weeks ago, Jim's treatment moved to Stivarga, which is taken daily for 3-weeks with a 1-week break. Through it all, our Superman and his Superwoman, Catherine, watched their son Shamus start Kindergarten, helped their 3-year old son Finn through ear surgery, hosted the 1st WunderGlo Love-Life Paint Night

event, and celebrated their 8-year wedding anniversary. When Jim underwent his 50th round of chemo, he asked us to run a \$50 for #50 in 50-Facebook campaign for The Wunder Project. On November 2nd, Cat represented The WunderGlo Foundation by partaking in the ceremonial proclamation ceremony that made Wisconsin the first state to proclaim March 2016 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Jim, Cat, Shamus, and Finny, you are an amazing family who we love dearly.

On May 18th, Nancy Lynberg kissed the love of her life one final time on this earth as her beloved husband, Mike, moved on to his eternal home in heaven. At Nancy's request, a donation page was set up in his honor that raised over \$6,600 for The Wunder Project. At our September Gala, we honored Nancy with a Cancer Warrior Award, on the 4-month anniversary of Mike's passing, and she amazed our audience with her strength, focus, truth, and commitment to continue this important work that we started to get to the cure.

The always-joyful Julie Garrabrant had an unexpected surgery on September 12, when pain sent her to the hospital. A stent was successfully placed for a future CT-assisted surgical procedure in to remove a mass that was detected. On October 20th, Julie started her first treatment of targeted therapy: Vectibix. On October 12, Patsy Petzold received news that cancer had metastasized to her liver and she underwent a successful RENCA Macrobead Implants surgery the very next day. Since then, pain management has been an issue that doctors are working to get under control. Please keep Julie and Patsy in your thoughts and prayers.

On August 15, Briel Zagarow celebrated her milestone 30th birthday with her family and selflessly ran her own \$30 for #30-Facebook fundraiser for WunderGlo. At our September Gala, we honored Briel with a Cancer Warrior Award for her take-charge spirit to bring awareness to colon cancer, raise funds for the cure, and to selflessly "give back" throughout her life, with a gentle grace and quiet strength. Due to health complications that required hospitalization, Briel was unable to attend our event and we proudly accepted the award in her honor. On October 11th, a dear friend of hers, Jaime Kaiser, ran the Chicago Marathon for Briel and raised over \$10,000 for The Wunder Project via the support of over ninety of their mutual friends. My heart is deeply saddened to share the news that Briel is currently suffering from an irreversible blood infection and after multiple hospital stays over the past three months, she is now transitioning to hospice care. Please keep our beautiful Briel and her family in your hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

On October 17th, Debbie Jett embarked on a 100-Mile run to honor cancer warriors everywhere and to raise awareness and funds to help find a cure for colon cancer. At 1:00pm on October 18th, this amazing warrior crossed the 100-MILE Finish line in 30-hours and was fueled by pure heart, love, faith, and devotion. For over 6-1/2 months, Debbie trained for this run and allowed nothing to dissuade her. The obstacles before her were many and included severe back problems, knee issues, a sinus infection, and a car accident, to name a few. The magnitude of completing this once-in-a-lifetime journey is difficult to comprehend, but her devotion to "the cure" for her "colon cancer peeps", to God, and to honor all lives, past and present, could not alter her direction. Debbie raised \$15,000 in funds for The Wunder Project and she dedicated her 100-Mile run to the Petzold children. ***"From the lowest to the highest, I learned my truth in 100 miles. Your soul cannot be broken. Life can bring you to your knees, but with the grace of God (and man, did I pray), my soul would not give up on LOVE."*~Debbie Jett.**

On October 18, 2015, Tom Marsilje released the first foreign language version of his cancer survivor-scientist-advocate blog - in RUSSIAN. In one day, it received 1,500 hits from 35 countries on 6 continents. Tom said: ***"Cancer doesn't know political boundaries - and nether should our response to it!"***

Upcoming Events

We are proud to announce **The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation Reiki & Guided Meditation Program** will begin at USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center on December 7, 2015. Under the direction of Reiki Master, Kevin Ackad, The WunderGlo Foundation will be offering Reiki and Guided Meditation services to all cancer patients at USC Norris. This evolving program will take place on the first Monday of every month with plans of expansion of services that will include the patients of Keck Hospital of USC. Having had success in treating cases of anxiety, vertigo, Hashimoto's disease, frozen shoulder, cataracts, joint pain, among others, Kevin and his incredible team look forward to bringing hope, happiness, health and strength to the USC-Norris cancer community through the administration of healing energy and implementation of meditative practices. We are so excited and beyond ready to begin this wonderful program.

Our **1st Annual WunderGlo Foundation & Duke Men's Basketball Chalk Talk Event** will take place, this Saturday, November 14 at Duke University in North Carolina. This event begins at Scharf Hall where guests will be served some great hors d'oeuvres and drinks, while learning about The WunderGlo Foundation's mission, goals, and accomplishments through discussion and foundation films. A Duke Basketball Staff Member will then speak on scouting/preparation of the evening's game. This event will continue on into Cameron Indoor Stadium where all guests will enjoy the experience of watching the Duke Blue Devils vs. Bryant Men's Basketball game in the Cameron Crazy Section. We are beyond grateful to Advisory Board Member, Sarah Stogner and WunderGlo Director Debbie Krzyzewski Savarino for orchestrating this exciting event and to the Duke Men's Basketball Program for sponsoring our event in Scharf Hall, providing the game tickets into Cameron Indoor Stadium, as well as Duke Championship Memorabilia for everyone.

Conclusion

As this 4th quarter of 2015 steadily takes shape, families everywhere eagerly look forward to the holidays. Please keep all colorectal cancer patients and their families in your hearts as you are reminded of the many gifts that life has to offer for each and every one of us.

"I was called to this life. This was the life I was supposed to lead. And despite the physical struggles, which are but a passing thing, I wouldn't trade this life for anything. I love where I am, I love what I'm doing, I love my team of family and friends and colleagues and doctors and cancer warriors. I love my life. And I am so, so incredibly grateful to be living it." ~Gloria Borges "WunderGlo" - Sept. 18, 2013

I truly believe that This Foundation takes us all on such an important and prophetic journey. I thank you all for taking this journey with me. Together, we will change the world.

In Sincerity and Gratitude Always,



Rebecca Keller
President and Executive Director
The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation