

1st and 2nd Quarter-2016 WunderGlo Newsletter – July 20, 2016

Dear, Gloria Borges Angel Fund Investors, Advisory Board, Event Sponsors, and Volunteers,

As we march into the second half of 2016, I am proud to share an up-to-date summary of WunderGlo “happenings” that have kept us extremely productive over the first six-months of the year:

Foundation News

To round out 2015, we had a successful turnout on November 14th for our first annual WunderGlo-Duke Men’s Basketball Chalk Talk event. Huge thanks to WunderGlo Director, Debbie K. Savarino for making this event even possible and to Sarah Stogner who chaired the event. Debbie provided Scharf Hall for our guests along with 100-tickets into the Duke Men’s Basketball 2nd season 2015-game. Our guests were jumping in the student section along with the Cameron Crazies, cheering the team to victory. Debbie arranged floor seats for Jim & Cat Gainey and their sons who experienced the magic of Cameron Indoor at the floor level.

December 2015 Year End giving: In honor and celebration of Gloria’s 34th Birthday, through our “\$3,400 for 34” Facebook campaign, we raised over \$3,500. Along with our WunderGlo Season’s Greetings letter that inspired year-end contributions, the generosity of donations exceeded \$26,000. I am filled with gratitude.

In January, we contracted with Alpha Grant Solutions to design our new WunderGlo Foundation/Wunder Project website that has a July 28th completion date. We are very pleased with the results, thus far.

In February, Yogasmoga-Fashion Island hosted a “portion of the proceeds benefit” entitled: “Find Your Inner Warrior”. WunderGlo Life Coach-Blogger, Orly Levy taught this empowering and peace-filled evening.

During March-CRC Awareness month, invitation letters were sent for The Gloria Borges Angel Investor Fund, which attained 50% of our goal. Heartfelt thanks to Kate Hirrell, Ross & Maureen Thomas, Ben Logan, Will Palmeri, Mike & Becky Keller, Madhu Pocha, Willie Palmeri, Fram Virjee, Bo Pearl, Cheryl Khoury, Kip Pastor, Luke Liss, Morgan Worth, Vinnie Nevarez, Gloria & Mac Nevarez, Florence Keller & Fran Waterbury.

At the Annual Colorectal Cancer Patient Reception at USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center on March 12th, The WunderGlo Foundation addressed the audience, presented our Wunder’s Warriors Film, and represented at two exhibit tables. Also in attendance with WunderGlo was a gifted artist, Arpi Krikorian, who has created a Baydsar Guardian Angel Warrior Line of products in which 100% of the proceeds will be directed to The Wunder Project. A direct link to purchase these products is available on our new website.

Through guidance from our incredible O’Melveny attorneys, ensuring that all state requirements are in place, The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation Reiki and Guided Meditation Program successfully launched at the Los Angeles Athletic Club on Monday, March 7th. This program has and will continue to be provided to all cancer patients and their caregivers on the first Monday of every month for free. After five months in operation, to date, the attendance and feedback from the patients have been phenomenal. Contract negotiations are in the final stages of establishing The WunderGlo Foundation as a USC Business Associate to provide our Reiki program for cancer patients on-site at USC-Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Also in March, we established an on-line secret Facebook support group called “WunderGlo Chat”. This is a forum for those impacted by colorectal cancer: patients, caregivers, and survivors to openly share their ex-

periences, while developing friendships and a strong network of support. What makes our group different from other support forums is that the doctors affiliated with The WunderGlo Foundation will address topics for discussion based on questions that we will pose to them directly from this group. I continue to assist patients in obtaining first and second opinions with the amazing GI Oncology department at USC-Norris.

On "April's Fool's Day", O'Melveny-Los Angeles hosted our 3rd Annual Flush Colon Cancer Poker Tournament on the 18th floor of their beautiful building. Everyone enjoyed an exciting night of "Loving Life" while raising \$7,300.00 for WunderGlo. The top ten players won amazing prizes and Will Palmeri was awarded the Championship Trophy. We are grateful to our generous sponsors, Anthony Federico and Douglas Yachich, and to our tournament donors, Rachel Levitan Dillon, Christopher Stellar, and Robert LeMoine.

In April, Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz shared some incredible news that through WunderGlo funding, new biomarker patents have been filed at USC-Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. The Lenz lab had over 40 peer-reviewed publications in 2015 including New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet Oncology, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Annals of Oncology, Clinical Cancer Research and Molecular Cancer Therapeutics.

On April 20th, friends and family of our Wunder's Warrior Briel Zagarow hosted a benefit in Georgia called: "Wunder Dinner- Atlanta" that raised over \$7,500 for The Wunder Project in Briel's honor. This benefit was held at The General Muir in Atlanta, Georgia, who generously donated the venue, the food, and drinks along with Triniti Consulting who provided wine, payment to servers, and additional food. 100% of ticket sales at \$150/person were donated to WunderGlo due to the generosity of the in-kind donors. Great thanks go to Molly Spruill Coustan and Beth Kearns for organizing this benefit to honor our dear Briel Zagarow.

On April 24th, WunderGlo traveled to Durham, NC to host our 5th Annual "Go To Hell Cancer" 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Duke University. We awarded the first place trophy to repeat champions: "Lame Squad" and gave them the prize of signed 2015-2016 Duke Men's Basketball Team Posters, that includes the autograph of the 2016 No.#2 NBA Draft Pick, Brandon Ingram, our newest Los Angeles Laker! We are grateful to our "Senior Blue-Devil" Sponsors, Luke Liss and Will Palmeri, Penny Fleming for your donation, Advisory Board event chairs-Rosie Canizares and Mike Keller, and scorekeepers, Sarah Stogner & Lazaro Gonzales. The spirit and devotion that Gloria felt about her beloved Alma-mater will always bring us back.

In Madison, Wisconsin on April 28th, the children at Our Lady Queen of Peace School participated in "The Fun Run" - a fundraising event for the school and a few organizations. Helen Moylan, the niece of Jim Gainey, was instrumental in raising \$1,250 for WunderGlo. During her interview with the Wisconsin State Journal, Helen talked about her Uncle Jim, WunderGlo President, Becky Keller, The WunderGlo Foundation and about how proud she is to raise awareness and efforts to one day find the cure for colon cancer. Helen's spirit, dedication, and philanthropy are exemplary and we are proud that she is a WunderGlo advocate.

On May 14th, at the Pasadena Club of California, the family of Felicia Federico raised over \$10,000 in her honor by asking for donations for The Wunder Project in lieu of presents for her father, Tony Federico's 80th Surprise Birthday Party. Felicia is one of our WunderGlo Legacy Warriors; she is one of the amazing people who our foundation pays tribute to, will always remember, and whose inspirational life lends great purpose to always working towards "the cure". We are so grateful to the Federico family for their thoughtful and purpose-filled actions and we hope that Tony enjoyed an incredible 80th Birthday Celebration.

During May, Advisory Board and family member, Vivian Carmody, from Potomac, Maryland raised over \$700 for WunderGlo in a 5K run with her two daughters in honor of their cousin and our founder, Gloria.

In June, I traveled to Chicago to attend the 2016-American Society of Cancer Oncology (ASCO)- "Collective Wisdom" conference. This is the largest Oncological conference in the world that brings together over 30,000 oncology professionals. Educational sessions feature world-renowned faculty discussing state-of-the-art treatment modalities, new therapies, and ongoing controversies. Science sessions present the latest research in oral and poster format. Our brilliant co-founder of [The Wunder Project](#), Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz was the chair of the Clinical Science Symposium and, together with his team, had 25-presentations at ASCO.

I was proudly awarded with a \$1,800 scholarship to attend ASCO from The Conquer Cancer Foundation. While there, I focused on posters and presentations regarding GI cancers, Rectal Cancer, and new MSS, and MSI high clinical trials and discoveries. I was very interested in Lynch Syndrome and other hereditary/familial gene presentations and was impressed by the diversity and scope of research presented. In addition to learning about the clinical advances in the field of colorectal cancer, I also had the invaluable opportunity to meet with other patient advocates and organizations during my time at this annual meeting.

I was also honored to be present to witness Vice President, Joe Biden, as he delivered remarks about the Cancer Moonshot Initiative - the Vice President's ambitious project to double the pace of progress against cancer in coming years. ASCO worked with the Vice President to support and offer guidance on the Moonshot Initiative's comprehensive approach to accelerate the discovery of new cancer treatments, including issues related to enrollment in clinical trials, access to care, federal funding, and information technology.

Three of [The Wunder Project's Dream Team Doctors](#) participated at ASCO, Dr. Lenz who co-chaired "The Clone Wars" Session, Dr. Sabine Tejpar, PhD-from Belgium, and Dr. Alberto Bardelli, PhD-Italy who presented during a ticketed-session: "The Liquid Biopsy: Breaking out the Key Components". Dr. Stephen B. Gruber, MD PhD from Keck School of Medicine of USC also presented "Panel Testing, Somatic Sequencing, and Genetic Implications" during the ASCO Genetic & Genomic Testing in Oncology Care Education Session.

On June 25th, we successfully hosted our 4th Annual Tee Off Against Cancer Golf Tournament at Brookside in Pasadena. Congratulations to our Championship-Foursome: "Team Ascotch", led by OMM Alum, Anthony Arnold. We enjoyed a wonderful day making new friends and raising money (\$7,000.00) to further our mission to end colon cancer forever. We are grateful for the continued partnership of our "Warrior-Level" sponsor, O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, as well as to our "Supporter Level" sponsors, Luke Liss, William Dorroh, and Fritz & Angie Miller. Thank you for always caring and believing in our mission. We are thankful for our generous prize donors: Kevin Carlin, Gordy Krischer, Robert Siegel, Derek Yamamoto, Michelle Liffman, Nicole Romano Lamb, Wendy Watson, USC-Keck; and to our event chair, Director- Tracy Scott, Assistant Secretary & photographer, Mandy Lem, and advisory board members, Marie Palmeri and Mike Keller.

New Advisory Board Members

Please join me in welcoming two amazing people to our WunderGlo family and acknowledging someone who has accepted a new position within the Foundation:

Diane Hardesty is a patient speaker and advocate for hereditary cancer awareness, in particular, Lynch Syndrome since 2010. Similar to the BRCA Gene, Lynch is a familial/inherited syndrome that can increase your lifetime chance of getting colorectal cancer by **82%**. Diane has lost ten family members to cancer, in-

cluding her mother, and seven of her family members have had colon cancer. Because of her knowledge and awareness about Lynch Syndrome, Diane is a **"Previvor"** a word describing someone with a hereditary cancer mutation who has not ever had cancer. Diane brings a very important support and awareness aspect to The WunderGlo Foundation by sharing her knowledge through our Website and in WunderGlo Chat.

Carlton Rand is a business strategist and lawyer. After obtaining his JD from Duke Law School, he worked with Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP; Goldman Sachs; and Bridgewater Associates to develop and implement practical solutions to complex problems. However, he thrives at "the speed of life," and values opportunities that help him continuously learn and grow. Upon meeting Gloria as a Class of '04 Duke student, Carlton was fascinated by her ever-positive spirit; well-rounded personality; and strong commitment to helping people in need. He is still moved by Gloria's soul, today, and strives to live/love as generously and earnestly as she did. Carlton is excited to assist WunderGlo in our mission to save lives and support cancer warriors!

Next is our "triple-threat" and devoted member of the WunderGlo family, **Nancy Lynberg**. As a Wunder's Warrior and Advisory Board Member, Nancy has now accepted her new Officer Role as Assistant Treasurer. With a background in accounting, she will handle all financial accounting work for WunderGlo and will work with our CPA for our Tax Filing. Nancy is proud, honored, and excited to serve as our Assistant Treasurer and to carry on Gloria's visionary Wunder Project Mission. And we are lucky to have her!

Welcome, Diane and Carlton for joining our WunderGlo Team and thank you, Nancy, for accepting your 3rd WunderGlo role. We are honored, delighted, and grateful to have all of you.

Wunder's Warrior News

On January 11th, at age 34, **Jim Gainey** - our brave and courageous Superman and beloved Wunder's Warrior, passed away. Jim had honored Gloria on the 1-year anniversary of her passing by tattooing her "Every Day Is A Chance" poem on his leg and he lived that truth. Jim's devotion to his family is unparalleled and he lived every single moment rejoicing in his many gifts of family, friendships, and life-itself. One week after Jim's passing, Cat found a letter that Jim had written to their sons in the prior months that simply says: *"Never be a victim. Be a leader. You have love wherever you go. All you need is within you."* Jim taught us all so many important life lessons, our hearts will forever be changed, and we all miss him dearly.

Mike and I flew to Wisconsin to be with who we consider to be our family, Cat, her boys, Shamus & Finn, and all of the Gainey family during Jim's Celebration of Life on January 22nd. His Celebration was a beautiful-love filled tribute that included balloons for all of the children. WunderGlo is currently in the planning stages to honor Jim's devoted and meaningful life with a program that will forever be his legacy within our foundation. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to share these plans with Jim while together in 2015.

Briel Zagarow, our youngest Wunder's Warrior passed away on Jan. 26th at the age of 30. At our September Gala, we honored Briel for her take-charge spirit, who purposefully "gave back" throughout her life, with a gentle grace and quiet strength. Briel carried with her Gloria's "Every Day is a Chance" poem. She said, "I try to channel this poem and really let the meaning sink in every day. Every day is NOT a burden, it's an opportunity to be happy and do something good, maybe even something great IF the mood strikes. I won't lose to cancer by dying young. No matter how my story ends, I will beat cancer by living every day to its fullest potential."

Upon learning of Briel's Celebration of Life date, I immediately booked my flight to Jupiter, FL to support Briel's parents and sisters: Linda, Herb, Nicole, and Calais, and her husband, Jeremy. Two weeks before her memorial tribute on April 21st, I was honored to learn from Linda, that Briel had named me to be one of the speakers- placed near the top of the list, immediately following her husband, father, mother, and sisters. The venue was Oceanside, complete with love-filled stories, lots of "pink", toasting with Prosecco, all of her favorite foods, and sparklers on the deck. Always selfless, Briel directed all donations to WunderGlo and over \$20,000 in dollars were received in Briel's honor. It was my privilege to attend, to be chosen/included by Briel, and to honor her angelic and flawless life. Together with her family, we have plans to create a very special annual event in Briel's honor to serve as her legacy with WunderGlo.

On March 17th, our radiant Wunder's Warrior, **Patsy Huggins Petzold**, moved on to her eternal home at age 37. She is survived by her dear husband and children, Ryan, Will, Samantha, & Olivia; her loving parents, Sandy & Edwin Huggins; siblings, Eddie and Stacy, among others. After receiving life-altering news at age 34 (Stage-4 colon cancer), Patsy chose to live each day filled with love, gratitude, and faith and she chronicled her journey in her inspirational blog entitled: Grace In The Middle. On her last New Year's Eve, Patsy wrote: "We will make goals. Plans will be penciled in. Specific hopes will be wished for. The piece we have to remember is that sometimes our plans don't work out how we intended. We might fail miserably at the goal we set. There might be a time we stray from our path or purpose. But there's more! We are loved and forgiven and redeemed. As I look ahead, I'll definitely set some new goals. I think I'll mostly focus on how I can let my light shine. May you reach all of your goals! And when you fail miserably, may you get back up and try again!" Patsy's "light" will forever burn brightly in her children and in every one of our hearts.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our Wunder's Warriors, yet we are so thankful that our lives were graced by these amazing souls. Please keep Jim, Briel, and Patsy's families in your hearts and prayers. We continue on with our work to one-day find "the cure" in their honor.

I think that if we could figure out a way to bottle and sell our Wunder's Warrior, **Dr. Tom Marsilje's** energy and drive, we would raise every penny needed to fund The Wunder Project. Not only has his blog: "The Adventures of Living Terminally Optimistic", been translated into five languages, he recently started writing a column for The Philadelphia Inquirer: "Stage-4 Life", with his second entry published on July 18th entitled: "Taking charge when medical teams disagree." As a 20-year oncology drug discovery scientist, Tom is an integral part of our WunderGlo Chat support group as he shares his knowledge and explanation of current and upcoming clinical trials and treatments. On May 1st, while undergoing bi-monthly chemo treatments, Tom raised funds for a clinical trial for UCSD-Moores Cancer Center by participating in a Team Triathlon with Tom doing the running leg, always inspiring the CRC community. On July 14th at The University of Michigan Medical Center, Tom underwent a CT-guided lung biopsy to determine the RNA-sequencing important to his personalized immunotherapy project. Tom has an endless generosity of courage, knowledge, and good will, inspiring countless on a daily basis; we are grateful to have him on our WunderGlo Team.

Another one of our feisty Wunder's Warriors who has an endless cup of energy is **Phuong Gallagher**. First diagnosed with Stage-3 colorectal cancer at the age of 29, like the true "prize-fighter" that she is, Phuong has gotten into the ring with cancer several times over the past 8-years and always comes out on top. In remission now for 3-1/2 years, at age 37-and almost to the day when she was first diagnosed, she was told last month that she has a recurrence in her liver. On June 22nd, she started first of four doses of Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) accompanied by a steroids regimen to coincide with the radiation for ten days. And what is Phuong's reaction to all of this you might ask? -"Zap-zap-zap, we hit the tumors, and then we con-

tinue to monitor with quarterly scans. In between, we get to thumb our noses at cancer by living our lives each and every day. Go celebrate.” Phuong spent the past year actively celebrating her daughter, Taylor’s last year of high school and relished in every one of the festivities alongside her devoted husband, Eddie. Then, she moved residences from Northern Cali back to her hometown City of Angels immediately after her treatment was completed. Our Wunder’s Warriors are the most amazing and incredible people around.

Our dear Wunder’s Warrior-**Julie Garrabrant** from St. Louis, Mo has also been spending some quality time here in So. Cal. After her initial consultation in April at USC-Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center rendered her a candidate for surgery, Julie traveled back this month to meet with her doctors/surgeons and to run additional tests. Diagnosed in 2010 at age 45, Julie is no stranger to surgeries. After flying back home to complete 4-more chemo treatments, Julie will make L.A. her home again in late August when she undergoes surgery at USC-Keck Hospital and remains here for up to three weeks in recovery. We are visualizing Julie dancing up to the podium in perfect timing to receive her Cancer Warrior Award at our Gala in September! Please keep Julie in your prayers. Always positive, always joy-filled, Julie always inspires us to be grateful.

Upcoming 2016-Events

Friday, September 23, 2016 -The WunderGlo Foundation will hold our **5th Annual annette cook Cancer Warrior Awards Dinner and Silent Auction at the Hilton-DoubleTree Hotel in Los Angeles.**

We are still seeking event sponsorship and silent auction donations – Please contact me if interested.

Honorees that will be receiving Cancer Warrior Awards on September 23, 2016 will be:

1. **Dr. Tom Marsilje** – Gifted Oncological Researcher/Writer/Advocate, Stage IV Colon Cancer Patient
2. **Phuong Ly Gallagher** - Stage IV CRC Survivor, Relentless Advocate, Inspirational Woman of Action
3. **Julie Garrabrant** – Devoted Wife/Mother/Luminous & Joy-filled Stage IV Colon Cancer Patient-Advocate
4. **The Cocktails & Chemo Foundation** – A Spirited-Fast-Growing Non-Profit Support for Caregivers
5. **Robert Pastor** - (Posthumous) Academic, Humanitarian, Philanthropist, Carter Administration-U.S. National Security Council’s expert on Latin American Affairs: **The Gloria Borges Life of Excellence Award.**

This incredible evening begins at **7:00pm**; Hosted valet parking; Ticket prices are \$160/person. (We have a few special surprises planned!) Get your tickets today at: classy.org/cwa2016

Ongoing - Monthly WunderGlo Reiki Program with additional dates soon TBD on-campus at USC-Norris
October 2016 -The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation's 1st Annual “Love Life” Movie Night

(Date TBD) at Vintage Los Feliz Theatre, 1822 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027

November 2016-The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation-Duke Men's Basketball 2nd Annual Chalk Talk

Conclusion

As this 3rd quarter of 2016 moves quickly forward, I continue to see the mission of my life’s journey in a similar manner that my beloved daughter did upon receiving her Stage-4 colon cancer diagnosis at age-28:

“There are many things I’ve learned during this fistfight with cancer. Patience, constant gratitude, how to ride the waves of physical challenges and triumphs, et cetera. But with Pierre and this new chapter, I’ve learned that tough times may come, that things may not always be as easy as they’ve been in the past. But I’ve also learned not to count myself out. Ever. Because I don’t give up, I don’t put my head down, and I don’t despair. I endure. And that fact has been the most self-affirming one of them all.” Gloria Borges on September 14, 2013

As earth-shattering and unwelcome that anyone would feel about a cancer diagnosis at any stage of life, like Gloria, I clearly see the path that my life is destined to follow and I am grateful to all of you who walk alongside me. On many days my heartbreak can knock me to the ground, but like my daughter, I always get back up. *"I endure"*. Nothing meant more to Gloria than working to get better and more effective treatments - and ultimately "the cure"- for her peers: colorectal cancer patients in the trenches. She knew what her life's path entailed regardless of the obstacles, and no matter how hard my daily workload is, I know that I must continue for the same reason. I have also learned *"not to count myself out. Ever. Because I don't give up."* I thank every one of you for giving me the opportunity to share this foundation's work and goals with you and for caring enough to truly believe in "WunderGlo". Cancer, Your Time Is UP!

In Sincerity and Gratitude Always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca B. Keller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Keller
President and Executive Director
The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation