SCIENTIST & SURVIVOR:

DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM SCIENTIST & ADVOCATE PARTNERSHIP

Everyone Will Have a Cancer Experience:

The odds are that every person you know will either have cancer or know a friend or loved one with cancer.



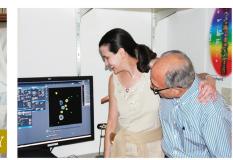
"As part of an incredible lab team, I see close-up the scientists' dedication, focus, and drive to eradicate cancer. I feel it is my responsibility is to convey this to the community."

It benefits everyone for Advocates to work alongside Scientists

Why I Became an Advocate:

BIANCA LUNDIEN KENNEDY





I survived breast cancer in 2001 and in 2012. My only sister survived breast cancer in 1994, 1997, 2001, and 2008. I lost a dear friend in 2013 to breast cancer. She was only 35.

After enduring loss, difficult surgeries, and rigorous treatments, I gained a passion to help end cancer. My passion is now shared with the incredible team of scientists I work with at Salk Institute.



Building a Partnership:

GEOFFREY M. WAHL, Ph.D.





As an Advocate, I...

Put a human face on what was previously the theoretical

Provide the breast cancer patient's perspective & concerns

Provide a sense of urgency and immediacy

Ask questions and interject testimonials

Collaborate in the grant application process by reviewing and editing the lay abstract for clairty to the lay person

Convey to the community the scientists' commitment

Spread the word about the work being done

Speak to the need for cancer research funding

Help shape legislation and public policy

Become a part of cancer research

As a Scientitst, Dr. Wahl ...

Provides an atmosphere of mutually supportive learning

Encourages continual interaction with his team of scientists

Shares his passion and commitment to ending cancer in our lifetime

Mentors me in learning the science of breast cancer

Asks me to join him at media events to speak about cancer research

Introduces me to others in the science community

Educates me on the delicate nature of scientific experiments

Instills hope by demonstrating an around-the-clock work ethic Provides the perspective & concerns of the science community

Graciously invited me to be an authentic member of his illustrious lab team, for which I am forever grateful

Real Results:

THE WAHL LAB TEAM



As a Lab Team, We...

Provide mutual inspiration and motivation to persevere in the fight against cancer

Attend lab meetings together and interact on a regular

Have gotten grant applications we have collborated on accepted for funding

Support each other's efforts by attending each other's cancer-related events

Educate the public about the advances made in cancer medicine and the need for continued cancer research funding

Have formed and fostered personal friendships