

# JOIN THE **FORCE** TO END **LUNG** DISEASE

## Help fight the #1 cancer killer in men and women

When Jennifer Hall first told me about LUNG FORCE, she had my attention right away. Jennifer is Area Director of American Lung Association in NC, and she shared some alarming facts about the growing number of women with lung cancer. I had no idea

that more women and men die of lung cancer than any other cancer.

LUNG FORCE is the American Lung Association's initiative to unite women to stand together *against* lung cancer and *for* lung health.

LUNG FORCE Hero Angela Lee is a true inspiration to me and to all in the fight against lung cancer. I had the privilege of meeting with her and was uplifted by her courage, strength, faith and humor. Please read Angela's story as best told in her own words.



### Meet Lung Force Hero Angela Lee

"My name is Angela Lee (52 years old) and I was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in July, 2015. I had little to no symptoms and was very active, playing sports and going to the gym every other day when I was diagnosed.

My world became a foreign landscape in a matter of minutes as I was told I had Stage IV lung cancer. I went to MD Anderson in Houston for a second opinion which was confirmed as Stage IV non-small cell adenocarcinoma. I asked for a good lung oncologist doctor in Charlotte, NC and was told that the doctor who used to run the MD Anderson solid tumor department was at Levine Cancer Center in Charlotte, NC. I was able to get in to see that doctor. I did 4 rounds of carboplatin and alimpta and then 5 months of a maintenance infusion of alimpta by itself. My tumor actually shrank a bit with the chemo and then started growing again with the maintenance treatment. The next treatment was a Phase I human clinical trial of selumetinib and MEDI4736 (chemo and immunotherapy). I did that for 7 months and suffered liver function spikes towards the last 2 months so I am

now starting another treatment of immunotherapy called Tecentriq.

I am tapering now from the steroid treatment to reduce the high liver function levels. I look at this journey as constantly putting out fires with different treatment options. Most importantly, this has renewed my faith in God and taught me to walk by faith and not by sight. James 1:2-5 is tattooed on my wrist to remind me to be thankful for all of the trials in life, both good and bad, and that the testing of faith produces perseverance.. A positive attitude and surrounding yourself with positive people will help so much. I know there is a reason I am going through this trial and I plan on making the most of every day - which is 1440 minutes and 86,400 seconds. That's A LOT of time to be thankful every day. I know my cancer journey has made me a better person and I plan on inspiring others to know they can have a great story, too. It's a walk by faith and not by sight. God is good. If God be for me then who dare be against me. Cancer doesn't have a chance."

— Angela Lee

### Did You Know?

The number of women dying from lung cancer each year has nearly doubled over the past 30 years while the number of men has declined.

Every five minutes, a woman in the U.S. is told she has lung cancer.

LUNG FORCE and American Lung Association work to advance lung health – a life free of lung disease – for everyone who suffers from asthma, COPD and other lung diseases. They bring awareness about what it means to have lung cancer so that everyone understands the risks – raising their voices to support research for innovations leading to earlier detection. Become a LUNG FORCE Advocate to learn more about how you can Raise Your Voice. Visit lung.org and join the force..

### Get Involved

LUNG FORCE holds events across the country to raise awareness and support – from gatherings to seminars to fun fundraisers. The Turquoise Takeover and #ShowYourLUNGFORCE Pairing Event will be held at The Duke Mansion on May 18, 2017.



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