



## FY '19 Austin Board of Trustees

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS's) Board of Trustees for FY'19 is comprised of distinguished individuals dedicated to LLS's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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### **Randy Cubriel, Chair**



Randy Cubriel is an Austin-based attorney. He advises and represents corporate clients before the Texas Legislature and state agencies. He also provides legal guidance and counsel to Austin-area businesses that have general business and transactional needs. Randy's involvement with LLS is directly related to his status as a survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Inspired by his wife's participation in LLS's Team in Training (TNT) and driven by a desire to give back, Randy trained with TNT in Charlotte, NC. In 2010 Randy was the #3 fundraiser in North Carolina for the winter season as he trained for the Kiawah Island Marathon. After moving back to Texas, Randy was the 2014 Austin Man of the Year, served as the FY'17 Chair for Man & Woman of the Year Leadership Team, and is currently serving as Chair for the Board of Trustees. Randy is a recent graduate of Leadership Austin and a former member of the Austin Young Men's Business League. Randy and his wife have two daughters.

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### **Pat Richter, Vice-Chair**

Pat Richter is Of Counsel in the Austin office of Jackson Lewis LLP. He received his B.S. in Economics from Texas A&M University and his J.D. from University of Houston Law School. Pat first got involved with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through Team in Training and ran his first marathon with TNT in 2010. His interest in helping find a cure for blood cancer comes out of his personal experience when his Father was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and a prognosis of 6-8 weeks to live. Pat has three children – Abigail, Samuel, and Benjamin. Pat is a member of the Capital City A&M Club, and he serves on the scholarship committee. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Sam's Troop, and has coached the kids at Oak Hill Youth Sports and i9 Sports.



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**Fayruz Benyousef**

Fayruz Benyousef is Founder and Principal of FB Consulting. As a seasoned certified fundraising professional, she over 23 years of experience in a variety of non-profit organizations. She served two terms as Board President for AFP. She has been awarded the Outstanding Fundraising Professional of the Year award by AFP Austin in recognition of her work. Fayruz is civically engaged with organizations including the Boards of the Sustainable Food Center, Trinity Episcopal School, Con Mi MADRE, The Texas Lyceum, and is a founding Board member of Libyan Hearts. She is also part of the Leadership Team for the Central Texas Women's Fund at the Austin Community Foundation. Fayruz was selected as a 2014 McBee Fellow by AARO – The Austin Area Research Organization, and was appointed in 2016 to serve as a Director of AARO, a highly esteemed civic and leadership group. In 2017 Fayruz was a Man & Woman of the Year candidate for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society where she fundraised nearly \$100,000. She was also named a 2017 Ethics in Business and Community Award Winner. Fayruz resides in Austin with her husband Malek Ben-Musa and their daughter, Yara.

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**Melinda Brasher**

Melinda Brasher is Director of Communications for Georgetown I.S.D. Previously, she served as general manager for the Georgetown Community Impact Newspaper, and as associate vice-president for communications at Concordia University. Melinda has had several family members and friends battle blood cancers and she honors them through her commitment to LLS. She ran the Disney Marathon in 2003 with Team in Training, was a Man and Woman of the Year candidate in 2012 and has served on the leadership and planning teams for MWOY and Student of the Year and has participated in Light the Night Walk. Melinda is a Pennsylvania native and a graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism. She lives in Round Rock with her partner Michael and enjoys hiking and travel.



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**Amanda Bush**

Amanda is a partner at St. Augustine Capital Partners, LLC, and serves as Of Counsel at Jackson Walker, LLP. Amanda was our local and national Woman of the Year in 2016. She ran her campaign in memory of Robin Bush, who passed away at three years old from leukemia. Amanda served as Vice-Chair of the MWOY Committee in 2017, and is serving as Chair in FY'18. Amanda lives in Austin with her husband, Land Commissioner George P. Bush, and their two sons, Prescott and Jack.



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**Courtney Clark**

Courtney Clark is a lifelong volunteer, and in 2009 she founded Austin Involved as a way to connect other young professionals to meaningful philanthropic opportunities. Prior to founding Austin Involved, at age 26, Courtney beat melanoma. But five years post-cancer, routine follow-up scans detected an aneurysm in her brain. Courtney underwent a series of brain surgeries in 2011, while still at the helm of Austin Involved. Courtney is now publishing her first book, about how trauma survivors can find healing through giving back to others. She serves as the board president of Animal Trustees of Austin, and is also on the board of the Austin chapter of the National Speakers Association.



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**Andy Cox**

Andy first got involved with LLS in 2015, through Robert Half's Light the Night team, where he was previously Vice President. He also served on the executive committee for the Light the Night Walk in 2015 and 2016. Andy gained a personal connection to blood cancers after he served as a bone marrow donor many years ago, saving that man's life. Andy holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University.



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**Holly Dary**

Holly moved to Austin from Madison, WI where she was actively involved in the Wisconsin Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Chapter. Her ties to LLS stem from her personal battle with AML in 2010. Today, she is in remission and is past her 5 year "cured" celebration. She is committed to supporting LLS because she believes they are a large part of the reason she survived this cancer and is here today. Holly relocated to Austin with Robert Half International where she has worked for over 13 years. Holly is the Director of Permanent Placement Services in Central Texas. Since Holly's diagnosis, Robert Half International has become a strong supporter of LLS across the US.



**Meredith Duncan**

Meredith Duncan serves as Executive Director for Aetna. Meredith held previous leadership roles at Kaiser Permanente, The Strategy Group, Dreyer's Ice Cream and Information Resources, and received a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters in Public Health from University of California Los Angeles. In addition to serving on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Board, Meredith also serves on the Board of LifeWorks.

**Dianne McCarty**

Dianne McCarty is the Director of Human Resources at RateGenius. Dianne is an avid supporter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; starting both her personal relationship and then corporate partnership in 2013. Dianne has a passion to help others and has found a special place for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Dianne enjoys spending her personal time with her family. Dianne is a native TEXAN and a proud graduate of the University of Houston and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

**Matthew McManus, PhD**

Matt McManus is the President & CEO of Asuragen, a global diagnostics product company, and served as our 2016 Light the Night Corporate Walk Chair. For the past two years Asuragen has sponsored and participated in the Walk raising a total of \$92,897. Matt has both personal and professional connections to LLS. He lost his mother in December 2015 to a blood cancer. This year, Asuragen received FDA approval for the first ever BCR-ABL kit that monitors the molecular response in CML patients—the first of its kind. Matt participated in the Executive Challenge for LTN in 2016, and raised more than \$50,000, allowing him to name an LLS research grant in his mother's name.



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**Clayton Stewart**

Clayton Stewart is currently TEXPAC Director for the Texas Medical Association. TEXPAC is the Texas Medical Association's bipartisan political arm, helping to elect medicine-friendly candidates at the local, state, and federal level. Clayton began his involvement with LLS in 2010 when he ran as a Man of the Year candidate. Since then, Clayton has been an integral part of the MWOY Leadership Committee most currently serving as Chair of the Alumni Engagement Sub-Committee.



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**Chad Stonecipher**

Chad is a District Leader for CVS Health. Previously Chad served as Registered District Manager, Pharmacy & Retail Operations for Walgreens, where he was employed for over 15 years. In 2016, with Chad's leadership, Walgreens raised over \$26,000 through their retail campaign. In addition, Chad personally raised \$12,000 as part of the Executive Challenge in honor of his father who passed away from a blood cancer in 2007. Chad served as the 2017 Light the Night Executive Committee Chair.



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**Rachel Zaney**

Rachel is a management consultant at Bazaarvoice. She has four years professional consulting experience with a focus in strategic communications, public affairs, media engagement and public outreach. She is a published writer with work appearing in major trade and industry publications. Rachel graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in marketing and a second major in Spanish. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity.

