



Dr. Mary Kay Cooper, Board Chair

With degrees in English, applied theology, and higher education, Dr. Cooper is currently the senior director of alumni relations at Trinity University. In her free time, she acts as triathlon and marathon coach for LLS's Team in Training as well as a fundraising mentor and team assistant. Dr. Cooper enjoys swimming, cycling, and spending time with her husband, Eric, another Team in Training triathlon coach. She still hates running.

Charles Harthan, Immediate Past Chair

Charles (Chuck) Harthan has been on the board for six years. Charles owns and operates a management consulting firm, Harthan Consulting Group LLC, that focuses on strategic planning and operational improvements. His son, Chad Harthan, is a leukemia survivor and is also active in various LLS events such as TNT, Light the Night, and Man & Woman of the Year, which Chad earned the title of this year's Man of the Year.



John B. Abeyta, CRPS*
Vice President at Morgan Stanley

William Behnke

William G. Behnke is Founder of The Behnke Group. A passionate sales leader in direct sales, marketing, sales management, and business development with a specialization in the health care market, he has more than 20 years experience selling to C-suite executives and to boards of directors of health insurance companies and hospitals. He currently serves on the National Board of Directors for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



2017 San Antonio Board of Trustees



Donald Bonacci

Donald Bonacci is Sr. Manager, Managed Services for Allscripts, a large, international clinical software provider and has served as a Sr. consultant for Dell Healthcare, Chief Information Officer for WellMed Medical Management, and Director of Technology for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. But the first thing in his life is his family. Don graduated with a BA and MHA from Trinity University.

Christopher Callanen

Christopher serves as the Assistant to City Council for the City of San Antonio. He initially became involved with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in 2010 when he joined Team In Training to raise funds in honor of his sister, Courtney, who is now cancer free from AML! He is married to Leticia and together they are blessed with two beautiful daughters, Lindsey and Cristiana. Joining in the fun are their two pugs, Bruno and Mamie.



TJ Caplinger

TJ has been involved with LLS since June, 2006 through various campaigns. He started through Team In Training in 2006, where he met his wife Melissa. Mr. Caplinger has played a major fundraising role in every campaign and recently ran for MWOY. When not working with LLS or playing with his children, he owns and runs Child's Play, a pediatric nursing, speech, occupational and physical therapy facility.

Kelly Cunningham

Ms. Cunningham is employed as a loan officer for CLM Mortgage and has almost 20 years experience in the home building industry. Kelly began her involvement with LLS in 2010. She started a family Light The Night Team called "Lymphoma NOT Welcome Here", raising over \$3000 the first year. In 2016, Kelly was the Co-Chair for the Light the Night walk. Kelly's dream is to find a cure so that the devastation that cancer brings is never felt again.





Joan W. Edelen

Joan W. Edelen, CPA, is a Summa Cum Laude graduate from McMurry University where she earned a BBA in Accounting. Joan's career experience includes serving as CFO, Controller, and Vice President of Finance at several national companies with revenues exceeding \$100 million. Joan co-chaired son Daniel's 2013 Man of the Year campaign for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and their "Daniel's Be Hopeful" team broke the national record by raising \$466,000. Mrs. Edelen currently holds the role of Treasurer on the Board of Trustees.

Dawn Hamilton

Dawn Hamilton has served on the board for four years. She has chaired the Man & Woman of the Year campaign and been an active committee member for Donor Development and Marketing. With more than 20 years' experience marketing insurance and financial services, Dawn provides strategic business insights and counsel to various organizations. Dawn enjoys traveling, reading, scuba diving and sharing time with her twin daughters.



Francesca Mannix

Francesca Mannix is educated in the arts and has had a business selling antiques, art and accessories for over 20 years. Presently, she is editor for Scout Guide San Antonio and Chair of the Board of Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum. Francesca is also serving as a qualified National Flower Show Judge. She was the 2011 Woman of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman of the Year campaign.

Steve McHugh

Steve graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He completed his externship and began working in New Orleans. He worked his way up to John Bosh's restaurant August, where he worked tirelessly after Katrina to clean the restaurant and feed FEMA workers. Steve moved to San Antonio to open Besh's new restaurant Luke. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2010. He has since opened a restaurant of his own at the Pearl called Cured.





Jennifer Nack

For over 15 years, Jennifer has helped many San Antonians either find the home that is right for their lifestyle and investment or sell their home to the right buyer. A business background in marketing provides Jennifer has a strong foundation to properly evaluate market conditions. Jennifer is a member of the San Antonio Board of REALTORS (SABOR), the Texas Association of REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS. She is also recognized as a Relocation Specialist and a USAA Preferred Agent.

Brandy Ralston-Lint

Brandy is the Public Relations Program Manager at Security Service Federal Credit Union. She is responsible for all media and community inquiries concerning the operations, events and patients at the children’s hospital. Brandy was a Reporter with KENS-TV in San Antonio for 10 years. Her son, Connor, was the 2013 Boy of the Year for the Man & Woman of the Year campaign.



Bobby Rios

Bobby is the Chief Financial Officer at Bartlett Cocke General Contractors. He attended the University of Texas in Austin where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He has a 12 year old daughter named Alix. Bobby served as the Light The Night’s Corporate Walk Chair in 2013 and joined the Board of Trustees in 2013, where he is the lead of the Corporate Development Committee.

Anthony Rouse

Anthony Rouse is the Vice President of Strategic Planning & Market Analysis for Valero Energy Corporation. He has over a decade of experience analyzing and forecasting key industry trends impacting the downstream business. Mr. Rouse has a Masters in Business Administration from Rice University and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology.





Laurie Saunders

Laurie Lewis Saunders was born and raised in San Antonio and graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Marketing, School of Business. Laurie is a lymphoma survivor and her family has been fundraising for LLS since 2010 and is committed to helping find a cure for cancer and for helping others who are undergoing cancer treatments and therapies. Because of her love for antiques, Mrs. Saunders owns the décor and antique shop, Rooms and Gardens.

Bryce Seki

Bryce is the Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary at Pioneer Energy Service Corporation. Bryce has been involved with LLS for many years and has been active in various events such as TNT and Light the Night and ran for our Man Of the Year in 2014, raising over \$130,000.



Kim Tindall

Kim became involved with LLS in 2011, when she ran for Woman of the Year, raising over \$50,000. She also ran and won the All Star Woman of the Year in 2014, raising over \$100,000. Kim Tindall was awarded the 2015 Women's Leadership Award by the San Antonio Business Journal and named one of San Antonio's most Inspirational Women in 2016.

Ken Trainer

Ken began his career with Chesmar Homes in 2009 after a distinguished 20 year career with a large national home builder. He has also served on the Board of Houston and San Antonio Builders Associations, the San Antonio Economic and Development Foundation, UTSA College of Business Real Estate Finance and Development and Texas State University Construction Advisory Board. Mr. Trainer co-chaired the 2016 Light the Night Walk and joined the Board Of Trustees in 2017.





Christen Vasquez

Christen is the owner of Get Christened, which opened in 2015. Over the years, she has, and continues to bring large corporate events and weddings to San Antonio. Christen is active in the South Central Texas Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, serving on the Donor Development Committee and the Man & Woman of the Year Campaign from 2011 to present.

Judith Wheeler

Judith Kemple Wheeler has been involved with LLS for the last 12 years and a member of the Board of Trustees for 5 years, serving as the secretary of the Board of Trustees. She is actively involved with the Leadership and Development Council and Man Woman of the Year committee. Judy is active in the San Antonio community serving on the NEISD Student Health Advisory Council, Hollywood Park Homeowners' Association Board and is a Hidden Forest Elementary



Jasmin Wynd

Jasmin Wynd is a Senior Process Engineer in the Financial Advice & Services Group at USAA. Previously, Jasmin worked as a Transformation & change Management Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton. She graduated with a MBA in Management and a MA in Industrial Organizational Psychology from St. Mary's University. Jasmin and her husband, Scott, routinely serve as mentors on the Team In Training (TNT) Triathlon Team and together have raised over \$18,000 for LLS.

Tony Zertuche

After 35 years in Houston working NASA programs to include Space Shuttle and International Space Station with over 24 of those years at Booz Allen Hamilton, Mr. Zertuche's role as a key technology leader has now led him back home to San Antonio where he is lead principal and responsible for Air Force Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance related projects. Tony also continues to serve NASA clients where he provides his technical expertise to the Marshall Spaceflight Center.

