

2016 Austin Board of Trustees

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS's) Board of Trustees for FY'16 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.



Chris Britton, Chair

Chris Britton serves as managing director for Caddo Associates, an Austin-based public affairs firm. Previously, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Perry as well as a staff member in the Texas House of Representatives. In the private sector, Chris worked for Accenture, a Global Fortune 500 Company, with the company's public service practice. In addition to the serving as Vice Chair of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Board, Chris serves as vice-chair of the Texas YMCA Youth and Government.

Amanda Adams

Amanda Adams, a native Texan, comes to LLS with almost 20 years working in the nonprofit sector. She is currently Director of Ticketing and Patron Services at ZACH Theatre in Austin where she has been for over 17 years. Amanda attended The University of Texas' School of Communications. Four years ago, she became active with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. For Amanda, LLS became the perfect opportunity to be an active participant while mentoring others and giving back to her community. In addition to LLS, she has been an active volunteer for the Animal Trustees of Austin for over 5 years. While not working or competing, Amanda is a world traveler and enjoys immersing herself in new cultures to learn about their food, language, and lifestyle.



Karen Atkinson

Karen Atkinson is Senior Clinical Oncology Specialist at Genentech BioOncology. Her experience in the medical area spans almost three decades with two decades devoted to oncology & hematology. Her employers have included Johnson & Johnson, Biogen Idec, and Genentech Bio-Oncology. Karen's community involvement includes: Dream foundation, First Descents, Livestrong, Healthcare Business Women's Association, American Cancer Society, and Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation. Karen has been involved with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society since 2005 and was Woman of the Year runner up in 2010.

Denise Bradley

As part of the St. David's HealthCare team, Denise is responsible for planning and executing corporate communication and public affairs strategies for the seven-hospital healthcare system. She has a deep, personal connection to the LLS mission, as the mother of a teenage survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Her daughter, Hunter, was diagnosed in 2011 and is now a survivor and a sophomore at Baylor University. Bradley also serves as a member of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Executive Leadership Team, a board member of Hyde Park Schools, as a member of the Concordia University School of Nursing Advisory Board and has been active in numerous other community organizations including the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and the American Cancer Society. In 2012, Bradley was named a Central Texas Woman of Influence by the Austin Business Journal.



Melinda Brasher

Melinda Brasher graduated from Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism & English in 1995. Mrs. Brasher was a Sales Representative at Herff Jones for 10 years, Associate Vice President for Communications at Concordia University for 4 years, and joined Community Impact Newspaper in January of 2015. Mrs. Brasher currently serves as the General Manager for Community Impact Newspaper in Georgetown, Texas. Mrs. Brasher's responsibilities have included day-to-day communication operations, including public relations, print publications, brand management, web and social media. Mrs. Brasher served as a 2012 candidate for Woman of the Year, served as a 2014 MWOY Mentor Chair, and has been on the MWOY Campaign Committee since 2013.



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.



Holly Dary



Holly Dary recently moved to Austin from Madison, WI where she was actively involved in the Wisconsin Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Chapters. Her ties to LLS stem from her personal battle with AML in 2010. Today, she is in remission and is inching closer and closer to 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 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.

Leo Dielmann

Leo M.J. Dielmann, III, P.E. graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1979 and from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Engineering in 1981. Mr. Dielmann worked for the URS Corporation for 25 years, and joined TRC in November of 2014. Mr. Dielmann currently serves as a Practice Area Resource Manager for TRC Environmental in Austin, Texas. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer registered in the State of Texas, Oklahoma, and Illinois. Mr. Dielmann currently serves as the chair of the Resource Management Commission for the City of Austin. In 2012, he served as the Corporate Walk Chair for the SCTX Leukemia and Lymphoma Light the Night Walk in Austin, Texas. He and his wife of 27 years live with their 3 sons in Austin, Texas.



Stacy Erb



Stacy Erb has been employed with Apple since 1993. She is responsible for building and leading a National Inside Sales organization comprised of 140 employees including Regional Sales Managers, Account Executives, System Engineers, Business Operations, Marketing Specialist, and Project Coordinator driving & supporting over \$3B in revenue with an emphasis on selling complex sales solutions in a relationship sales model into the Education market, direct and through Resellers. Stacy has been involved with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society since 2008 when she was Woman of the Year.

Dianne McCarty

Dianne is currently the Senior Regional Human Resources Business Partner for the Greater Houston, Central TX and DFW markets and she has been employed at EZCORP for over 15 years. Dianne McCarty 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 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.

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Beth Myler



Beth Myler grew up in Illinois and came to Texas for college. Beth received a B.A. from Trinity University, a JD from UT Law School, and is currently a candidate for a Master's in Social Work at UT. Beth practiced law with a big firm in Atlanta for a few years before returning to Austin. Beth's practice now is limited to general corporate and mediation work. Beth has served on the board of Any Baby Can, Make a Wish (Central Texas Chapter) and National Charity League (Lake Austin Chapter). Beth was also a founding member of the Central Texas Child and Adolescent Cancer Coalition. Beth has been married for 19 years and has two teen-aged children, one of whom is a leukemia survivor.

Pat Richter

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 and his wife, Jennifer, have three children – Abigail (13), Samuel (10), and Benjamin (8). 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.





Albert Springall

Albert Springall is a Franchisee Owner of Spring Start Systems Inc. He has over 15 years experience in sales and marketing having worked as a Senior Marketing Manager at Microsoft and Director of Sales at MessageOne. Mr. Springall also served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing at SmartBear Software.

Dorothy Trainer

Dorothy Trainer is a top performing, highly recognized Sales Professional with over 20 years experience leading performance driven teams in the hospitality market. Mrs. Trainer currently serves as the Cluster Director of Sales at White Lodging Services. Mrs. Trainer was a 2014 Austin Under 40 Finalist for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality division. Mrs. Trainer served on the Team in Training Executive Committee in 2012. Mrs. Trainer has been a Mentor, Fundraiser, Marathon Runner for Team in Training since 2009 and has raised over \$50,000. Mrs. Trainer was the 2013 Woman of the Year Runner-Up, raising over \$90,000. Mrs. Trainer lives in Austin with her husband Derek who is a Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Survivor.



Rachel Zaney

Ms. Zaney 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.

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