# LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY°

# FY '20 Austin Board of Trustees

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

### 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.

### 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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#### Amanda Adams

Amanda Adams, a native Texan, comes to LLS with over 20 years working in the nonprofit sector. Most recently she was the Director of Ticketing and Patron Services at ZACH Theatre in Austin. Amanda attended The University of Texas' School of Communications. Amanda's involvement with the LLS started when she was a participant for the 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. 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.

#### **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 AA-RO, 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.





#### 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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### **Danielle Church**

Danielle Church is the Director of Strategy & Regulatory Affairs for Ascension's Texas Ministry Market. Danielle joined Seton's Insurance Services Division in 2014. Prior to joining Seton, Danielle spent four years as a practicing healthcare attorney in Austin, Texas. Danielle holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin. In 2011, Danielle received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Texas School of Law. Additionally, in May 2018 Danielle received her MBA degree from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin.



## **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 followup 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.

### 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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## 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.

#### Liz Hocker

Liz Hocker is Senior Vice President at Texas Capital Bank. With more than 17 years of business consulting experience, Liz joined Texas Capital Bank in 2017 from vcfo where she was Executive Vice President and Managing Director of two consulting divisions across the U.S. Liz was a 2018 MWOY candidate and raised over \$65,000. Liz ran her campaign in honor of many friends and family members who have suffered from cancer. Specifically: her dad, Mike Pettit, who is currently battling cancer, her Uncle Bob Pettit who suffered from Lymphoma, and her dear friend Carol Brockhouse who is currently under hospice care and just celebrated her last birthday.





#### **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.

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### **Molly Sherman**

Molly H. Sherman is the director of community affairs for the Central Texas Division of St. David's HealthCare where she is responsible for identifying, negotiating and securing corporate sponsorship opportunities with local non-profits and community partners. Prior to St. David's HealthCare, Molly spent 24 years as a nonprofit fundraising professional, devoting 17 years as the director of development at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Molly has had the privilege of serving, both professionally and personally, numerous local and statewide nonprofit organizations. She has been involved with the West Austin Youth Association, American Heart Association, Elizabeth Ann Seton Board, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Molly became involved with LLS in 2018 when her twin daughters ran and won the Students of the Year campaign raising over \$250,000. In FY'19, Molly served as the Students of the Year Leadership Chair, with her leadership the campaign fundraised over \$720,000.





### **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.

#### Wilson Stoker

Wilson Stoker is an employment law counselor who is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for Cokinos I Young. Wilson has been involved with the Townlake YMCA as a Youth Coach. Wilson has been a board member for the Austin Human Resources Management Association and has serves as Vice-President of the Legal Committee for the Barton Hills Neighborhood's Executive Committee. Wilson first got involved with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in 2018 when, he was a participant for Team in Training's Austin Marathon. Since then he has been a mission speaker at various events for Light the Night, Team in Training & Students of the Year. Wilson is originally from Buffalo, NY, and currently lives with his wife and two daughters in Austin.





# 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.

## **Amy Whited**

Amy Whited is the director of state government relations and public affairs at UCB, Inc. Amy manages lobbying and government relations activities for the company across the southwestern United States. Amy lives in Austin with her husband, Chad Whited, MD, and their daughter, Alla June. Ten years ago, Amy participated in her first LLS fundraising event, Team in Training. She remains excited about the groundbreaking research and cures that have come about from LLS-funded research and was proud to mark the decade since her first event as a candidate for the 2018 Woman of the Year raising \$109,000. She is currently serving on the MWOY Leadership Team helping to recruit 2019 candidates.





# **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.