



The Belinda Sue Fund[®] **for Ovarian Cancer Awareness & Research**

Happy New Year to All of Our Supporters!

Dear Friends,

As this Holiday Season comes to an end, we hope each of you have a chance to reflect on the successes of this past year and, are looking forward to the promise that 2023 brings. This is the first year in the last several, where you hopefully were, again, able to see your family and friends, face to face, to celebrate the Holidays.

What an unprecedented time in our lives, the last three years have been. No one could have ever imagined, how COVID-19, affected so many lives in such a tragic way. But, thanks to the vaccine and subsequent boosters, we have been able to establish a new sense of normalcy, albeit with caution. That being said, we were finally again able to host the Belinda Sue Fund Zoo Walk at the Detroit Zoo on September 25, 2022. With threatening skies nearly 400 supporters braved the rainy weather to attend the event.

As luck would have it we did see some sunshine as we began our walk.....clearly those souls “above” were looking down upon us, with a smile! Included in the 400 attendees, we had over 25 teams registered, walking those who were newly diagnosed with Ovarian CA, many survivors and, some who have gone before us. I believe, also each walker feels the love and support from others in the same fight. This was personally very overwhelming for me, but incredibly gratifying at the same time! Each Zoo Walk has displayed its own unique brand of fellowship and compassion.

The Belinda Sue Fund celebrated its 11th anniversary this past November. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we continue to receive donations and support. We truly understand your focus on family health and wellness during this post-COVID time and, realize that comes first. We have minimal day to day operating expenses, with no paid staff and, our partnership with Henry Ford Health System, allows us continue to advertise our cause in the HFHS “Game on Cancer” program. We will continue to spread our mission in 2023.

We are looking at an alternative event to the Zoo Walk as, expenses to host this type of event are increasing. Higher inflation, not only affects us but, is impacting all of our supporters as well. We will keep you apprised of our progress in this effort.

As we begin 2023 and, grieve the personal loss many of you have suffered, our hearts go out to you. We hold the deepest compassion for those women suffering from Ovarian Cancer. We believe that we have made a difference in increasing public awareness of this dreaded disease. Saving just one woman's life, via increased awareness, is what we have strived to do, and we believe we have been successful.

I wish you and your family a wondrous and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Nantais', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas S. Nantais

Founder

Chairman and Treasurer

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