

Lung Cancer Alliance

Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to providing information, support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease.

Our mission

Lung Cancer Alliance's mission is to lead the movement to reverse decades of stigma and neglect by empowering those with or at risk for the disease, elevating awareness, and changing health policy.

For further information and support

Lung Cancer Alliance
1-800-298-2436
www.lungcanceralliance.org



PHONEBUDDY

If you or someone you love has lung cancer, wouldn't it help to have someone to talk to – someone who has been through it before?

We think so.

That's why Lung Cancer Alliance created the Phone Buddy Program to connect people with lung cancer and their family members/caregivers with others who have been there.

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What is the Phone Buddy Program?

The Phone Buddy Program provides peer-to-peer support for people with lung cancer and their family members/caregivers. A Phone Buddy volunteer lends support and shares information and resources. For many, being able to talk to someone “who’s been there” can really make a difference.

How can having a Phone Buddy help?

People react to a diagnosis of lung cancer in many different ways. A person diagnosed with lung cancer may experience new and unfamiliar emotions. Family members/caregivers often have feelings similar to those of the person with lung cancer. Talking with someone who has been through a similar situation can provide support and empathy that written information and professional advice may not.

A Phone Buddy is sensitive to your situation and can help to prepare you for the future while sharing his or her experiences. By connecting you with a Phone Buddy volunteer, we hope to help you feel supported and to reduce your feelings of loneliness and fear during your journey with lung cancer.

“It gave me hope to know there were people out there that were reaching the same goal I had – living life after cancer came knocking.

Talking to an actual survivor was a big motivation to keep the faith!”

—Phone Buddy Recipient

Who are Phone Buddy Volunteers?

All of our Phone Buddy volunteers are survivors of lung cancer or have a family member who went through lung cancer treatment. Volunteers are carefully screened, and telephone training and support is provided. Our Phone Buddies have the ability to listen and communicate in an open and accepting way, and we make sure they understand the importance of confidentiality. Many of our volunteers were introduced to the program by being matched with a Phone Buddy themselves, so they really understand the power that phone support and information can provide.

Our Phone Buddy volunteers are not medically trained and cannot make treatment recommendations. Our volunteers also do not provide counseling. Lung Cancer Alliance can provide resources and referrals, so if you have needs a volunteer cannot fill, we are here to help!

How can I get a Phone Buddy?

Call Lung Cancer Alliance’s toll-free line at **1-800-298-2436**. We will talk with you about your situation and ask questions which will allow us to make a match. As much as possible, we will match you with a volunteer who has had experiences similar to yours: whether you are getting ready to start treatment, are currently in treatment, have just finished treatment, or are a family member/caregiver.

Lung Cancer Alliance is able to cover the costs of telephone calls for our Phone Buddies through outside assistance. This allows our volunteers to provide needed support to those across the country at no cost to the volunteer.