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# Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Newsletter

January 2020

## **BCAN Turns 15**

The start of 2020 marks an important and exciting year for the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) as we celebrate our 15th anniversary.

When John and Diane Quale founded BCAN in 2005, there was so little attention being paid to bladder cancer and few treatment options available.

In 2020, BCAN is still the only national advocacy organization devoted to advancing bladder cancer research and supporting those impacted by the disease.



There have been many exciting milestones during those 15 years. Our first-ever Think Tank meeting was held in Colorado in 2006. The first edition of Bladder Cancer Basics for the Newly Diagnosed was published in 2008, and in 2010, BCAN awarded its first-ever research grant. The Bladder Cancer Genomics Consortium, whose



2020 is bringing plenty of exciting changes for us, and moving to a new office location is just one of those changes.

As of January 3, 2020, our new address is:

#### 4520 East West Highway

Suite 610 Bethesda, Maryland 20814

We're always open at **www.bcan.org**.



The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network's Lunch and Learn Live events are free, unique and designed by our goal is to develop an enriched understanding of the genomic profile of bladder cancer and secure more effective treatments, began in 2015.

We are proud of the progress that has been made in the years since. Today, our <u>Think Tank</u> is the premier bladder cancer scientific meeting in North America. To date, we have published more than 250,000 copies of <u>Bladder Cancer Basics</u>, and we have also provided grants for nearly \$5 million in <u>bladder cancer research</u>.

No matter how much we accomplish, we remain aware that with 80,000 diagnoses of new cases of bladder cancer per year, there is still so much more to do as we work toward a world without bladder cancer. medical partners to meet the needs of patients and families in their communities.

There are upcoming events in **Fairfax**, **Virginia** on March 12, 2020 and **in New York City** on March 14, 2020.

The events are free, but registration is required.



#### Patient Insight

Webinars bring bladder cancer experts directly to you. Learn about important topics related to diagnosis, treatment, research and quality of life.

Our next webinar is

Understanding the
Benefits of a

Multidisciplinary Team
and Integrated Care in
Bladder Cancer on
January 30, 2020.

Would you like to receive the most recent edition of the print publication, Bladder Cancer Basics for the Newly Diagnosed? **Sign up here** and we'll send you a copy in the Spring of 2020 when the new edition is published.

## **THANK YOU**

## for helping make 2019 an amazing year

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network exists due to the generous financial support of our donors.

We are amazed and humbled at the generosity demonstrated on #GivingTuesday and in year-end donations.

Thanks to your support, we will continue our important work in patient and caregiver support, advocacy and research and carry on providing critical resources for bladder cancer patients and their loved ones.

We are deeply grateful for all of those who donated to BCAN.

Thank you.

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