

Early April update from Elaine, 2019.

Beloved family, dear friends, fellow advocates and loyal pals,

I am writing to tell you that, after months of struggles with my small intestines clogging up, a long hospital stay, countless doctor visits and lots of thought, I have entered Hospice Care and stopped treatment. It is time for me to bid you a sad but very fond and grateful farewell.

We are saddened, but at peace with this step. This comes earlier than I hoped, but I have felt my life energy slipping away for some time. I get weaker every day from minimal liquid calories so visitors are now too difficult.

Adding comfort to my journey:



- Staying home with my wonderful Daniel (married 35 years)
- Achieving kitchen remodel, which gives me peace that Daniel will have an easier-to-manage space in which to move about and cook
- Seeing a riot of blooming bulbs in our magnificent garden
- Having time and grace to say fond and grateful farewells to treasured friends and family

***I need your help:* Please contribute to my Legacy Fund campaign for the LTA**

- I received a generous pledge of \$50,000 "matching funds donation" for my legacy fund campaign to help pass the LTA this year, enabling your gift, however small or large, to be DOUBLED starting April 3rd through the month.
- My new goal is \$50,000. With that amount DOUBLED by matching funds, we can hire expert lobbyists with access to leaders in both the House and the Senate.
- Our amazing grassroots volunteers garnered 451 cosponsors in the 550-member Congress, yet the LTA did not pass because we lacked access to the leaders who determine what WILL pass. A few key leaders blocked us.
- But we have some new leaders and a new chance this year.

***Why?* Because adversity given to us helps us create our passions and goals.**

Twenty years ago, when I was diagnosed with lobular breast cancer and got hand and arm swelling from treatments, I chose to make a difference for lymphedema patients. We've built a tremendous volunteer community of patients and advocates, helping them find their voices. Please extend my reach. Contribute to this goal to push the LTA the rest of the way. Copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/march-madness-for-the-lta/elaineegeman>

Please continue my efforts and my legacy.