

# Cancer Health Magazine Announces Inaugural “Cancer Health 25” Awards for 2020

Special issue honors “Change Makers” who give back to the cancer community

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Cancer Health magazine, the award-winning print and online brand for people living with and affected by cancer, today announced the inaugural “Cancer Health 25,” highlighting individuals who are making a difference for others living with cancer.

Our first annual list focused on an extraordinary group of individuals whom we have dubbed “Change Makers.” They have each experienced cancer, either personally or through someone they love, and it has changed them, made them want to give back and given them a mission.

“People affected by cancer often give back in extraordinary ways to help other people affected by cancer,” said Cancer Health editor-in-chief Bob Barnett. “All of these Change Makers have emerged from their own personal cancer experience with a greater sense of purpose. We are thrilled to celebrate them as we announce the first-ever Cancer Health 25 honorees.”

Among this year’s list, in alphabetical order, are Jamie Ennis Bloyd, whose 5-year old son’s Stage IV Burkitt’s lymphoma inspired her to create an extraordinarily effective campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancers, which, in turn, led to Kentucky’s first-ever pediatric cancer legislation; Mike Dubron, the LA County firefighter-paramedic who created the organization Firefighter Cancer Support Network, which leads the charge to fight cancer in fire services around the world; Daniel G. Petereit, MD, whose Walking Forward program brings lifesaving care to American Indians in the Northern Plains region; Amelie Ramirez, DrPH, who has worked for over 30 years to investigate the causes of and solutions for cancer disparities among Latinos; Kelly Shanahan, an ob-gyn with metastatic breast cancer who has devoted her life to improving research resources for metastatic cancer; Jeff Taylor, HIV-positive since the 1980s and later diagnosed with anal cancer, who works tirelessly to improve the lives of people with HIV, a population at higher risk for certain cancers; and Willie Underwood, MD, a Buffalo-based urologist and prostate cancer survivor whose research highlights racial disparities in prostate cancer.

Go to [cancerhealth.com/25](https://cancerhealth.com/25) to see this year’s complete list.

CancerHealth.com launched in 2017. The first print issue of Cancer Health magazine published in 2018. The brand was developed in response to the growing need for educational and interactive services for people living with cancer and to provide an array of services, including comprehensive basics, treatment news, conference coverage and community forums.

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