



## Fact Sheet

**Mission:** to improve the psychosocial condition of people living with metastatic cancers.

We fulfill this mission primarily by using the power and accessibility of the Internet to reach survivors and caregivers who may be geographically dispersed, disinclined to leave their homes, and particularly anxious about the diagnosis of an incurable or terminal disease.

### Primary Goals:

- To provide the benefits of online community, support, and resources focused on the unique psychological and emotional aspects of living with metastatic cancer.
- To provide creative and artistic online features that suggest new and better ways of feeling a sense of control, or expressing a range of emotions, for site users living with an incurable or terminal disease.
- To provide grants to other nonprofit organizations that can lead to content for **www.metacancer.org** while also serving the psychosocial needs of survivors and caregivers living with metastatic cancers.

### MetaCancer.org

Our website, **www.metacancer.org** is designed to provide the benefits of community, support, and resources, as well as creative and artistic online features, for survivors and caregivers living with metastatic cancers. The MetaCancer Foundation encourages metastatic cancer survivors and caregivers to “go meta:” to think about how they are living with cancer and how they can choose to take control of that experience.

### Mosaic

MetaCancer announced the launch of Mosaic **www.metacancermosaic.org** in October 2013, a support resource for the metastatic cancer patient and caregiver community. Mosaic is an online “oasis,” a social networking platform where members can post an image, inspirational quote or message of hope. Members can also respond to posts with words of support or encouragement. Mosaic is a simple, safe and supportive place to capture moods, thoughts and feelings that can be shared with the world, shared with friends, or kept private. Members can log in and post a color that reflects their current mood along a timeline that can change from day to day. The site is a free service of the MetaCancer Foundation.

### Grants

The MetaCancer Foundation has made grants to organizations such as the Breast Cancer Survivorship Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KS), Truman Medical Center (MO), Turning Point: The Center for Hope and Healing (KS), University of Pennsylvania (PA), The George Washington University Hospital (DC), and The Wellness Community.

## **Leadership**

President: Michael Lundblad, PhD

Vice President: Melinda Kelson O'Connor

Treasurer: Edward Prostic

Secretary: Laura Prostic

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## **Elizabeth Anne Prostic ~ The Inspiration for the MetaCancer Foundation**

Elizabeth Anne Prostic refused to let a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer extinguish the fire of her indomitable spirit. She chose to live strong and take charge of her experience. Despite her empowered attitude and her relentless drive, she could not ultimately defeat her cancer. She died on March 31, 2005, at the age of thirty-one. She left behind her husband Michael Lundblad and her daughter Harper, who was less than ten months old at the time, as well as an intimate and dedicated network of family and friends. Her spirit lives on through The MetaCancer Foundation and through the loving memories of all those inspired by her life.

The MetaCancer Foundation was founded by Michael Lundblad to honor the memory of his wife, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Prostic. Lizzie was a graduate of the Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City, the University of Pennsylvania (BA), and the George Washington University Law School (JD, posthumous). At the time of her death she was a managing director at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP in Washington, D.C. She had previously been appointed Chief Privacy Officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce, while serving as Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. Prior to joining the Commerce Department, she served as Professional Staff Member for the Senate Commerce Committee.

## **About The MetaCancer Foundation**

The MetaCancer Foundation provides online resources and support for cancer survivors and their caregivers. The online focus of the Foundation, through [www.metacancer.org](http://www.metacancer.org), has responded to the needs of thousands of persons struggling with different types of metastatic cancer, serving as a gateway for accessing resources, sharing information, establishing bonds and providing vital support. In a period where individuals and caregivers require instant access to information and support, the MetaCancer website offers an exceptionally important clearinghouse for information and a meeting place for support in ways that a decade ago would have been unimaginable. For the rural, urban and suburban cancer survivors and their caregivers -- irrespective of demographic -- the Foundation has been able to tap into and serve a vital need through its programs. As the leading source for persons seeking information unique to metastatic cancer, our challenge is to keep up with the rapidly growing universe of data and support this population requires. Opportunities abound for online support groups, linkages with health care institutions and organizations, and creating an even more vibrant "home" for those seeking information and support.

The MetaCancer Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:

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