

Lana Clay
2017 Impact Award

Lara Clay is a peerless advocate on behalf of childhood cancer survivors. She tirelessly works at public speaking, campaigning, marathon running, and any other activity that will raise money or achieve anything else to improve the lives of her fellow cancer survivors.

Clay was diagnosed as a toddler and was given a dire prognosis. Against all odds, she is now in remission and celebrates August 8 each year as her second birthday. But it took more than four years of medications, physical pain, emotional despair and other traumas before she reached that status. She has since devoted her life to ensuring others can reach that status, too.

Justifiably proud of having overcome her own brutal illness, she accepts speaking opportunities to fearlessly share how leukemia ravaged her body and left her with brutal physical and emotional scars, because she can see the way her story inspires others. Some who listen regain hope, some remember to be grateful, and many are motivated to donate the funds necessary for even more young cancer patients to survive and thrive into adulthood.

Having overcome one staggeringly huge challenge, Clay has set herself another daunting goal: she is pursuing the education that will empower her to be an oncologist.

