

Board of Directors 2010-2011

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure® board of directors functions to govern and advise in our efforts to support breast cancer research and community health programs including education, screening and treatment programs.

Alexine Clement Jackson, Chair
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Brenda Lauderback
Linda Law
Connie O'Neill
Dorothy Paterson, Affiliate Representative
John D. Raffaelli



Alexine Clement Jackson chairs the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® board of directors as it governs the world's largest breast cancer organization in fulfilling its promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever. A 23-year breast cancer survivor, Jackson has been a long-time Komen for the Cure advocate and public spokesperson for cancer prevention, early detection and quality health care for all. She has been an active volunteer in the Washington, D.C. and national community for more than 30 years, including a five-year term as National Board Chair of the YWCA of the USA. With the YWCA, Jackson was a member of the United States delegation to YWCA World Council meetings in Seoul, Korea and Cairo, Egypt and joined a 10-member World YWCA delegation for a fact-finding mission in the Middle East. She is currently on the board of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the Prevent Cancer

Foundation, Black Women's Agenda and Strathmore Hall Music Center among others. A *magna cum laude* graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., Jackson received her Master of Arts from the University of Iowa. She is also the recipient of an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Spelman College.



Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker founded Susan G. Komen for the Cure® on a promise she made to her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer. She led a relentless breast cancer information and awareness campaign and succeeded in breaching the silence surrounding the disease, fundamentally changing the way it is talked about and treated. She started the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® and also pioneered cause-related marketing, both of which have had a profound impact on the breast cancer movement. An outspoken champion of all people with breast cancer as well as those who are at risk for developing the disease, Ambassador Brinker takes her cause and her passion all over the world, seeking the fresh input and international partnerships essential to ending breast cancer forever.

Among her many leadership roles, Brinker served as U.S. Ambassador to Hungary from 2001-2003 and as U.S. Chief of Protocol from 2007-2009.



Eric Brinker is the son of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® founder and CEO, Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, and the nephew of Susan G. Komen. Before she died, Susan G. Komen made Nancy promise that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer, and Eric grew up watching (and helping) his mother fulfill that promise through Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the largest breast cancer advocacy organization in the world. He is one of Komen's most enthusiastic, and most senior, volunteers. When Ambassador Brinker was diagnosed with breast cancer herself, then eight-year-old Eric was a great source of solace for her, even when he was stealing her wig and running off with it. Currently, Brinker is owner and president of Metro Leasing Company in Peoria, Ill. His career has included stints in a variety of marketing and operational areas. He was part of the original JetBlue Airways marketing team and was instrumental in developing the airline's overall customer experience.



Linda Custard is a full-time volunteer with a wide range of experience in educational, cultural and social service boards. She has served as president of the Junior League of Dallas, vice chair of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Hockaday School, president of the Community Council of Greater Dallas and president of the Dallas Woman's Club. Presently, she serves as a Trustee of Southern Methodist University and as a Director of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation. She has served on the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® board since 1982.



Brenda Lauderback is a breast cancer survivor and brings a wealth of business acumen to Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The former group president of wholesale and retail at Nine West Group is skilled at instituting highly disciplined planning and product-development processes that enable fast implementation. She has distinguished herself in formulating effective merchandising and pricing strategies that capitalize on economic, competitive and consumer factors. Lauderback currently serves as a corporate director for the boards of Irwin Financial Corporation, Big Lots Corporation, Select Comfort, Denny's Corporation and Wolverine World Wide. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Career Women of Achievement Award from the YMCA of Cincinnati and Bragg Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Black Retail Action Group. Lauderback is active with community service organizations Jack & Jill of America Foundation and The Links, Inc.



Linda S. Law is the founding partner of Law & Associates, one of the only women-owned real estate development firms undertaking institutional-quality development in the United States. Ms. Law is an alumnus of University of California, Berkeley and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She is a founding member of the Harvard Real Estate Academic Initiative and is currently Chair of the Harvard Real Estate International Advisory Board (a venture between the Harvard Business School, the Harvard Kennedy School of Public Policy, the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Harvard Law School and Harvard College). Ms. Law additionally serves on the national boards of ORT America and Silicom Ventures and is an advisor to Invirion Diagnostics. She is also an RNC Regent and a member of the Founder's Circle at Stanford University. Ms. Law lecturers at UC Berkeley and Harvard University and has recently designed a

Case Study Course for the Graduate School of Design's Executive Education Program.



Connie O'Neill has been involved with Susan G. Komen for the Cure® since 1992. She served as treasurer of the organization for two years and then chaired the National Awards Luncheon in 1994. In 2000, she was again appointed treasurer of Komen for the Cure and served for three years. In addition to her work with Komen, O'Neill serves on the boards of Children's Medical Center Foundation, Children's Health Services of Texas as chair of the audit committee, the SMU Alumni Association where she was past president, La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas and the Highland Park Education Foundation as vice president. She also serves on the finance committee of the Highland Park ISD. O'Neill is a member of the Leadership Dallas Alumni Association and the Crystal Charity Ball. She was

formerly president of the Junior League of Dallas and also has served on the boards of Presbyterian Hospital Foundation, St. Paul Medical Center Foundation and St. Mark's School of Texas Parents Association Board. O'Neill is a 1977 graduate of SMU and worked as a certified public accountant for Ernst & Young from 1977 to 1985. She is married and is the mother of four children.



Dorothy Paterson serves the Susan G. Komen for the Cure board as Affiliate representative, speaking for the more than 120 Komen Affiliates in the United States and around the world. Paterson was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998, and she was introduced to Komen for the Cure that same year when she participated in the Susan G. Komen Houston Race for the Cure®. In 2000, she retired from her 21-year career as a geologist in the oil business and became a full-time breast health awareness advocate. She is a long-time volunteer for the Komen Houston Affiliate, having served in many leadership roles. Paterson also has played an active role in expanding the Komen Race for the Cure Series globally by serving as International Race Ambassador. She was at the first Bosnia Race for the Cure and is involved in planning new Komen Race events in

Republic of Georgia, Greece and Egypt. In addition to her involvement with Komen, Paterson volunteers for M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council and the Pink Ribbons Project. She is married and has two college-age children.



John D. Raffaelli brings to Susan G. Komen for the Cure more than 25 years of experience in federal policy and policymaking. He is a founding partner of Capitol Counsel, LLC and prior to that was a founder and former chairman of The Washington Group, a government relations firm in Washington, D.C., where he represented a wide variety of business, tax and trade clients on Capitol Hill and before executive branch agencies. Raffaelli also spent four years on Capitol Hill as counsel for tax and international trade to Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX).

Raffaelli has been nationally recognized by outlets such as the Washington Post as one of the most effective lobbyists in Washington and is respected by both Democratic and Republican lawmakers for his knowledge of the legislative process and his ability to develop public policy solutions to client issues.