Meet the Board

Janet A. Peters, M.A.
Assoc. Director of Academic Tutoring & Assoc. Dean of Curricular Support
Brown University
Board Chair (2025-2027)

Janet serves on the Rhode Island Leadership Board for the American Lung Association and stepped into the Chair role in July 2025. She is also a LUNG FORCE Walk committee member and team captain for the Buzzin' Bees team. In addition to her involvement in the local Walk, Janet is a longtime volunteer for the Fight For Air Climb and Autumn Escape Bike Trek events and was very involved in the planning of the Providence LUNG FORCE Expo in the fall of 2019. Her connection with the Lung Association's Rhode Island office came shortly after the sudden loss of her wife and life partner of 23 years to lung cancer in March 2019. The support received from Lung Association staff in Providence was incredible and Janet knew this was how she could initiate change and bring greater awareness to lung disease and the importance of lung health.

Nominated as a LUNG FORCE Hero in 2020, Janet has met with Rhode Island's congressional leaders on LUNG FORCE Advocacy Day, encouraging them to support funding for the Lung Association's research while sharing a piece of her story. She is passionate about promoting lung health, equitable healthcare practices, and building connections and awareness initiatives with underserved communities.

Janet earned her B.A. in Psychology from Rhode Island College and a Master of Arts in Higher Education from Louisiana State University.

Kelsey is an experienced service consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the banking industry. She is the current Vice Chair for the American Lung Association's Leadership Board in Rhode Island.

Kelsey came to the Lung Association after her mother, Martha, was diagnosed with lung cancer in February 2018. Following Martha's diagnosis, Kelsey became a fierce advocate for lung cancer awareness and early detection, participating annually in the LUNG FORCE Walk with her team, Martha Matters. Every year, the team comes together to raise thousands of dollars to support lung health and lung cancer research. Kelsey and her team continue to walk in Martha's memory following her passing in February 2025.

In addition to the LUNG FORCE Walk, Kelsey participates and volunteers in as many events and committees as she can, serving on the Fight For Air Climb and LUNG FORCE Walk committees. She has also participated in the Autumn Escape Bike Trek along Cape Cod.

Kelsey Theroux
Experienced Service Consultant
Vice Chair, Chair Elect (2025-2027)

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Julie Andoscia has been in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years. For the majority of her career, she has represented medications that treat a wide variety of respiratory diseases. Due to her passion for helping people that suffer from lung disease, Julie has been active with the American Lung Association for many years. In 2015, she joined the Lung Association's Local Leadership Board in Rhode Island, serving as Vice Chair and then Chair from 2021 to 2025.

Julie is a great supporter of local Lung Association events, leading a team of her colleagues to participate in several events spanning multiple states. For many years, she has led a team for the Fight For Air Climb in Providence, RI and spearheaded a regional program to have AstraZeneca teams at local LUNG FORCE Walks throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. In addition to promoting this regional effort, Julie personally captains LUNG FORCE Walk teams in Rhode Island and Connecticut and volunteers at various Lung Association events throughout the year.

Julie is a native Rhode Islander. In her spare time, she enjoys making jewelry and sharing her work with others at craft shows. She loves spending time with her family, husband Terry, teenage daughter Ava and friends.

Julie Andoscia
Sr. Biologic Sales Specialist
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

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To save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education and advocacy.

Regina Bartlett
Research Administrator
Ocean State Research Institute, Inc.

Regina Bartlett is a speaker, blogger, marathoner, and author who broke a 30-year battle with her weight and lost 250 pounds now shares her inspiring story about getting to the heart of who you are to discover why you eat. Regina speaks on the highs and lows of her weight over the years and how five simple things helped her beat the odds and cross the finish line of the New York City Marathon.

Regina began working with the American Lung Association as a guest speaker at a local LUNG FORCE Expo and representing the organization at LUNG FORCE Advocacy Day to share her story of how lung disease has impacted her life.

Regina is currently a Research Administrator for Ocean State Research Institute, Inc. as well as the Founder of Navigating Weight Loss. She was a featured speaker at TEDxNewport in March of 2018, sharing her moving talk: These (Jiggly) Arms -Self Value and Life-Saving Weight Loss to a sold-out crowd in Newport, Rhode Island.

Regina resides along the gorgeous Rhode Island coastline where she spends her days with her amazing husband Jeff. They filled their empty nest from their combined family of six adult children with two very tiny, adorable Chihuahuas named Sid Vicious and Taxi Fitzgerald.

She's active in her church, sings on the praise team, and is amazed every single day at how God has totally changed her life. After completing her marathon goal, she set her sights on another childhood dream: becoming a Black Belt in Shorin Ryu Karate. You can read about her adventures in life on her blog and order her book, Food, Sweat, & Fears, at ReginaBartlett.com.

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Stephanie is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Boston, with a degree in Business Management and concentration in Leadership and Organizational Change.

Stephanie is a certified payroll professional with over 15 years of experience, specializing in managing and optimizing payroll operations across global and multi-state environments. Stephanie has won multiple awards for her exceptional leadership and transformation projects. She is very involved in the payroll community where she sits on many volunteer committees and is currently serving as the President of the Greater Boston Chapter of Payroll Professionals.

Stephanie's connection to the American Lung Association began in 2016, 5 years after losing her non-smoking father to stage 4 lung cancer. Seeking a way to both honor her father and give back to the community, Stephanie participates in the LUNG FORCE Providence Walk and volunteers on the walk planning committee.

In her spare time, Stephanie can be found traveling the world and being the BEST Auntie to her nieces and nephews.

Stephanie Buccieri
Payroll Professional

Members of the Board at the Lung Association's Community Connections event

Michael T. Crawley, CPA, MBA, MST
Partner
Citrin Cooperman

Michael T. Crawley is a partner and the audit practice leader in Citrin Cooperman's Providence, Rhode Island office with more than 20 years of experience. Mike provides attest services for privately-owned businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities. He directs all phases of the firm's engagements, including client relationship, planning, fieldwork, and financial reporting in the construction, manufacturing and distribution, telecommunications, utilities, education, and restaurant and hospitality industries. Mike also provides CFO consulting services to clients.

Mike's connection to the American Lung Association's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease began when he was 12 years old and lost his uncle to an asthma attack after his uncle was jogging to catch a bus in New York City. The experience left Mike, also a lifelong asthmatic, eager to 'do something' in his uncle's memory. That opportunity arrived years later when a colleague approached Mike about getting involved on Lung Association's Rhode Island Leadership Board. Shortly after joining, Mike served as Chair of the Rhode Island Leadership Board for two years and Chair of the Providence Fight For Air Climb planning committee during its first eight years. Mike continues to participate in the Lung Association's local fundraising events and serve the organization on its Rhode Island Leadership Board, Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Regional Board, and National Finance Committee.

Mike's experience with the American Lung Association unlocked a passion to make a difference in others' lives. Mike highly values his family and friends and enjoys sports. He spends the majority of his free time planning or attending fundraisers for the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA), American Lung Association, and other organizations. Mike leads FARA's largest volunteer grassroots fundraising organization and met his wife Marissa at a FARA fundraiser. Mike and Marissa live in Cranston, RI with their daughter Ella.

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Brenda Figueroa

Senior Grant & Contract Administrator
Office of Sponsored Projects, Brown University

Brenda Figueroa is a Senior Grant and Contract Administrator in the Office of Sponsored Projects at Brown University since 2017 and has been in Research Administration since 1998. Her main focus is negotiating and issuing subawards under Brown University prime agreements and she works in close collaboration with a number of partner offices on and off campus to help ensure the overall effective coordination of research administration services, systems, policies, and processes. Brenda has been involved with the Lung Association since 2004 and has been a long-standing Board Member, past Chair, and has been involved with Fight For Air Climb planning committee, LUNG FORCE Expo Planning Committee, Volunteer Development Committee and other community outreach events, as needed.

In addition to her work with the Lung Association, Brenda is involved as a member of other community Boards and Committees. Brenda holds a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University and a Bachelor of Science from Roger Williams University.

Anthea Gomes

Talent Growth and Development Leader
Deloitte Tax

Anthea Gomes leads Learning and Development for Deloitte Tax in the US and India. A seasoned talent development professional, Anthea has extensive global experience in spearheading learning strategies and solutions that align with organizational goals. She has designed and implemented a variety of data driven, technology-enabled learning solutions that drive business performance and innovation.

Her mission is to foster a culture of learning, innovation, coaching, and mentoring while championing diversity and inclusion to enable talent to grow and excel in their careers.

Prior to working at Deloitte, Anthea held a variety of talent roles at McKinsey & Co in the US and in India.

Anthea has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Mumbai and a master's degree in education from Harvard University. Anthea is passionate about the importance of lung health. A volunteer and participant in the Providence Fight for Air Climb, she is also a member of the climb committee and represented her home state of Massachusetts at the 2024 Lung Force Advocacy Day in Washington DC.

Anthea lives in Attleboro, MA with her husband Viren D'Sa and their sons Noah and Lucas.

Jennifer Hyde

Head of Marketing
BankNewport

Jennifer Hyde is the Head of Marketing for BankNewport. Jennifer's career has focused on Marketing and Customer Engagement with positions at Citizens Bank, Capital Design (Providence) and Spire (Boston). Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Marketing from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Science in Corporate and Organizational Communications from Northeastern University. She resides in Rhode Island with her husband and two children who both have asthma and inspire her passion to support those impacted by lung disease.

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Hina Khan, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Brown University,
Warren Alpert School of Medicine

Dr. Hina Khan is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brown University. She is a Thoracic Oncologist at the Lifespan Cance Institute at Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Khan leads several clinical trials across all phases of drug development, in addition to her work in translational research in lung cancer. Her ongoing translational work focuses on enhancing responses to immune checkpoint inhibitors in preclinical and lung cancer organoid models; and build on the role of Chi3L1 in response to immune checkpoint therapy in metastatic lung cancer. In an international collaborative effort, she has studied the effects of COVID-19 on lung cancer and its outcomes. Dr. Khan also has a truly informed commitment to addressing and improving disparities within the lung cancer population. In Rhode Island, she has also studied the burden of Radon exposure and its genomic imprints on lung cancer. She is identifying areas with significant exposure and studying ways to improve patient outcomes. She leads a comprehensive program of public education and nodule management to increase Lung Cancer Screening in the Underserved Populations of Rhode Island. She is a recipient of the Robert A. Winn/BMSF Diversity in Clinical Trials award to lead her project; working within the RI community to increasing lung cancer screening rates by implementing a community-based navigator program.

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To advance the American Lung Association's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease in the local community through revenue regeneration, advocacy, and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in our practices, programs, and processes.

Linda Mendonça has been a registered nurse for 42 years practicing school nursing for 25 years, overseas and in five states as a military spouse. Her school nursing career includes experience with pre-K to high school students in many states. She has vast experience with current best practice and new initiatives in school health, including the need for data collection in school nursing practice to best meet the needs of students and facilitate their academic success. With the practice of school nursing in the arena of public health, Linda pursued education and certification in public health nursing. Linda earned her Master of Science in advanced public health nursing and her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Transformative Systems Leadership from Rush University in Chicago. She has served on school nursing organization boards on the state and national levels. Dr. Mendonça is President of the National Association of School Nurses (2021-2023) and a Fellow in the National Academy of School Nursing. Her current professional roles include being an Associate Professor teaching community/public health nursing at Rhode Island College School of Nursing and providing consultation in school nursing for the Rhode Island Department of Health.

One of her passions is environmental health and she was selected to participate in a year-long fellowship with the Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment 2019-2020. Throughout her career, Dr. Mendonça has made time to volunteer with the American Red Cross and disaster medical assistance teams with medical reserve corps.

Linda Mendonça,

DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, NCSN, FNASN
Associate Professor,
Community/Public Health Nursing
Rhode Island College
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Hamid Torabzadeh

Student Ambassador
Brown University

Originally from Long Beach, CA, Hamid is a student in the Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME) at Brown University currently pursuing an AB in Public Health and MPH in Health Services. He is an aspiring physician leader passionate about creating a high-value healthcare system which achieves the triple aim of improving patient experience, improving population health, and reducing costs. His service focuses on addressing the unique social determinants of health facing populations including helping lead the Brown Health Connect for Health program, linking 1,500+ Rhode Islanders with social care to address their health-related social needs. He is passionate about building community health through his service with the American Red Cross as former Vice Chair of the National Youth Council and Advisory Board Chair for the READYteens Program, Medical Affairs Chair for the Brown University chapter of the American Cancer Society, and Evidentiary Review Committee Representative for the American Public Health Association. He has interned across government and the private sector at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, SCAN Health Plan, and Blue Shield of California, working to scale value-based care solutions. He conducts research with the Center for Advancing Health Policy through Research at Brown's School of Public Health, identifying how consolidation and private equity impact undeserved Americans' healthcare experience and in the clinic at the Brown Health Cancer Institute, focused on social support and quality of life among patients with cancer undergoing chemotherapy. Hamid's connection to the American Lung Association is inspired by his upbringing in Long Beach, home to one of the largest ports in North America. Growing up, Hamid was exposed to high asthma rates, air pollution, and other environmental effects prominent in a port city and is passionate about the ALA's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

Peter N. Woodberry is the Dean of Business, Science and Technology, Emeritus at the Community College of Rhode Island. He was awarded an AB in Psychology from Syracuse University, an MPA in Public Policy Studies from New York University and a Ph.D. in Adult Learning and Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut. Peter joined the American Lung Association Local Leadership Board in Rhode Island in 2016 and for the past two years has served as Board Chair. In 2017, Peter became a member of the Lung Association's Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Regional Board.

Peter became active in the Lung Association along with his wife Helen Scotte Gordon when she was diagnosed with stage 4 non-smoker's Lung Cancer in 2013. He and his dear wife Scotte recruited a team to participate in the first Rhode Island LUNG FORCE Walk fundraiser. Scotte playfully titled their team "The Cole Avenue Clunkers." Upon his wife's passing in 2015, Peter has continued to assemble the Cole Avenue Clunkers each spring to raise funds to support the important mission of the Lung Association in remembrance of Scotte.

In 2017, Peter represented his wife, a LUNG FORCE Hero, in Washington, DC for LUNG FORCE Advocacy Day. Mr. Woodberry has also served on numerous staff-led planning committees related to the LUNG FORCE Expo, LUNG FORCE Walk and Fight For Air Climb and served as the Board Chair from 2020 to 2022.

Peter has many hobbies and interests including beekeeping, sailing, wood-turning, encaustic painting, traveling and daily exercise.

Peter N. Woodberry, Ph.D.

Dean, Emeritus
Community College of Rhode Island

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Seanna Zimmerman
DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE

VP & Chief Nursing Officer
Brown University Health
The Miriam Hospital

Dr. Seanna Zimmerman is the Chief Nursing Officer at The Miriam Hospital, where she leads nursing practice, patient care delivery, and strategic initiatives that advance clinical excellence, workforce engagement, and high-reliability outcomes. A seasoned nurse executive with extensive leadership experience, she is deeply committed to strengthening the health, well-being, and dignity of every patient and community she serves.

Dr. Zimmerman holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Executive Nurse Leadership from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, as well as dual master's degrees in Nursing and Business Administration from Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Her leadership portfolio includes oversight of complex hospital operations, development of innovative care models, and the mentorship of emerging nurse leaders across the healthcare continuum.

She also serves as the President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, where she champions professional development, leadership excellence, and advancement of the healthcare executive community across the state.

Her personal connection to the American Lung Association's mission is deeply rooted in the loss of her father-in-law, who was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer and passed away shortly after. This experience profoundly shaped her determination to advocate for lung health, expand access to prevention and early detection, and support families affected by lung disease. As a lifelong nurse, her mission centers on elevating patient outcomes, reducing health disparities, and fostering compassionate, patient-centered care for all.

In addition to her support of the American Lung Association, Dr. Zimmerman is actively involved in several community boards and committees, where she contributes her expertise in healthcare quality, population health, and workforce development. She resides in Rhode Island with her husband and their sons, Hayden, Jake, and Matthew, and remains dedicated to advancing the health and vitality of the communities she proudly calls home.

Are you looking for an opportunity to support our mission and grow your professional network?

Email Daniel Miramontes, Executive Director in Rhode Island and Connecticut at Daniel.Miramontes@Lung.org to learn more about our open Leadership Board opportunities.

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