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## Healing NETwork Newsletter

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**IN THIS ISSUE:** Tell Your Story! Cindy Parcell (NET survivor) and Cindy Lovelace (NET survivor and HNF Executive Dir) tell their stories on a global basis.

**NET Cancer Awareness Day is November 10th**

Dear Healing NET family,

**Tell Your Story!** If you are a NET patient, you know how unique you are. No one can tell your story like you. If you are a caregiver, no one else can explain how your loved one's struggle has affected you. If you are a physician or health care professional, you know how important it is to understand each patient's case individually.

Our vision is to help share your unique NET story among our HNF growing community. During **NET Cancer Awareness Month** (November), we want to feature a new story every day. Can you help us give hope, education, inspiration, and awareness? Can you help us touch someone who needs to know? [Tell Your Story!](#)

In Telling Your Story, you can give hope, education, and inspiration to another patient or caregiver; you can bring awareness to another colleague; you can make a big difference in fighting NETs. You never know who your story will touch.

### NEW WAY TO HELP HNF's MISSION!

We have launched a new donor database system—NEON. It will help us create a better relationship with YOU! If you want to support our mission, you can fundraise for HNF wherever you are by creating a [Social Fundraising page](#)! Tell Your Story, upload a Photo, and get started! Maybe you are doing a walk-a-thon or 5K run, ride motorcycles or a bike, or maybe you like to cook and will create a gourmet meal for a top fundraiser....think creatively and set up your own [Social Fundraising page](#) to help HNF [Tell Your Story](#) and fight NET cancer!

Read the story of [Cindy Parcell](#) and how her run in the Denver Half-Marathon will help the NET community!

**\*New Address\***

**Healing NET Foundation**  
200 Hill Avenue, Suite 4  
Nashville TN 37210

**2016 National NET Cancer Patient Conference in New Orleans!**

Healing NET Foundation was proud to be a sponsor at this event with over 20 NET experts sharing their knowledge. Non-stop networking with people (Zebras) who understand what each other is going through and listening to patient support group leaders. [Click Here](#) to see pictures!

### Patient Newsroom

Click [HERE](#) for various news articles, such as information on Gallium Ga 68, latest videos from the 2016 LungNET conference in Denver, interviews, documents and other resources regarding neuroendocrine cancer treatments and therapies, and the Healing NET Foundation.

## Cindy Lovelace Hero Of Hope 2016

Healing NET Foundation Executive Director Cindy Lovelace is a 2016 finalist for the Hero of Hope™ Patient Award given by CONQUER: The Patient Voice™ magazine in partnership with the Academy of Oncology of Nurse & Patient Navigators® (AONN). Cindy is a NET survivor (PNET) and tells her story in the latest issue of CONQUER, and in the video on the CONQUER website below.

Cindy was nominated based on how she has taken her cancer battle and turned it into a mission for the NET community when she and Dr. Eric Liu co-founded The Healing NET Foundation. Cindy also shares her nomination with another NET survivor, Maryann Wahmann of NCAN. What an opportunity to give NET cancer a national forum!

Please vote for Cindy through the link below and the winner will be announced at the AONN+ national conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 19. The winner will receive a plaque for their commitment to the cancer community and a \$1,000 gift to their charity of choice.

"I'm so honored to receive this nomination and thrilled to share this spotlight with another NET survivor. I appreciate your vote, and hope we can get the attention of the community at large about what NET cancer is and the many patient needs across the country." Cindy Lovelace, Executive Director, The Healing NET Foundation

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We're excited to introduce our Lung Neuroendocrine Tumor (LungNET) Support Community, a resource developed in partnership with Inspire and NCAN to help patients and caregivers affected by lung NETs share support and information. Inspire is a company that builds and manages secure and moderated online support communities for some 800,000 patients and caregivers. Click the link to join the LungNET conversations today! <https://Lungnet.inspire.com>



**Cindy Lovelace**  
Neuroendocrine Cancer Survivor

Cindy Lovelace, Nashville, TN

In 2005, Cindy was diagnosed with breast cancer, a well-studied cancer. But her second cancer, **diagnosed in 2011, was a rare and little understood cancer.**

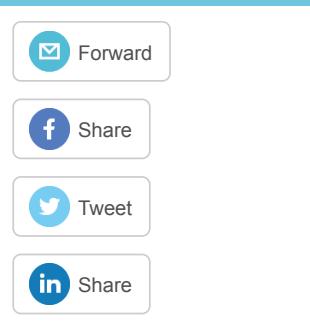
A lung scan done to assess blood clots revealed a suspicious shadow in Cindy's abdomen; after many tests, an endoscopic ultrasound **showed a tumor on her neuroendocrine cells, leading to a diagnosis of a neuroendocrine tumor (NET).** Surgery showed that the tumor was in the tail of the pancreas, which meant it could be removed by surgery.

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When Cindy was diagnosed with the second cancer, she couldn't find much information **on NETs. After Steve Jobs died of NETs, Cindy searched again for information and found Dr. Eric Liu, a surgeon specializing in NETs.** Dr. Liu was able to shed some light on Cindy's condition. Using a new type of CT scan (called Ga-68-dotatate PET/CT) for diagnosing NETs, Dr. Liu found 2 tumors in Cindy's liver that didn't show on MRI.

One of the tumors was removed, and now Cindy receives a monthly octreotide injection to control the growth of NETs in her liver.

**In 2013, Cindy and Dr. Liu teamed up to launch the Healing NET Foundation ([www.thehealingnet.org](http://www.thehealingnet.org)), a nonprofit organization providing education and resources on NETs to physicians, while encouraging patients to connect their physicians to these resources.**

"Other organizations are already doing great advocacy and fundraising. The void we need to fill is in educating front-line physicians," Cindy says.

**In 2016, the foundation held its first international summit, in partnership with the Association for Value-Based Cancer Care.** "The goal was to bring together leading researchers and clinicians to examine how patients with NET are diagnosed and treated," Cindy says.

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