The Man and Woman of the Year campaign consists of a select group of individuals, from different locations and walks of life, coming together for a greater purpose: curing cancer.

Candidates in this philanthropic competition form powerful fundraising teams to help them find innovative ways of fueling the goal of LLS. With their teammates behind them, this exceptional group competes in honor of two local blood cancer survivors for the prestigious title of Man or Woman of the Year.

Your team can become advocates for cancer patients everywhere, true champions of hope for those who need it most.
Thank you to this year’s top fundraisers for making a real difference in the lives of blood cancer patients everywhere.

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The money that we raise truly saves lives, and if I can’t share that enough, I don’t know what else I can do, because it saved my life.

—Amy Eberhardt
At the age of 2, James was diagnosed with High-Risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). James had been very sick, and after a day when he was too weak to even cry, his mom noticed red spots on his skin. Tests would reveal his red blood counts were zero. He was rushed to the hospital, where their cancer journey began. Today, James is 6, just completed kindergarten, and loves Minecraft, Legos, and Mario. James completed his treatment in December 2016 and is officially in remission!
The campaign is literally the most rewarding, challenging and amazing experience that I’ve ever been a part of.

— Scott Peterson
Get to know Ally Davis, our 2017 Girl of the Year

Ally is not your typical 11-year-old. She is someone who has a HUGE heart and cares for others. In January 2016, Ally started losing weight and having night sweats. After several months of tests and doctors’ visits, Ally was sent to the hospital where she had a chest x-ray and more blood work. Before the Davises had even left the hospital, they found out that Ally had a large mass in her chest, just above her heart.

After doing another PET scan, they found out that she had five tumors. A few days later, Ally was diagnosed with Stage 3 Hodgkin lymphoma. As you can imagine, the Davis family was overcome by shock, even more so because Ally’s diagnosis came just one year after her father, Preston, had beaten Hodgkin lymphoma. Nevertheless, cancer had picked the wrong diva to mess with. In September 2016, Ally finished her last treatment and is now cancer-free. Ally is now able to continue doing the things she loves—playing baseball, practicing Taekwondo, and being with her friends.
The fact that someone nominated me to take on this challenge meant that they believed that I could do this. I did not! But I surprised myself! ... It was the most amazing 10 weeks of my life and I urge you to believe that you, too, can do this!

—Virginia Sharitz
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