

The Mary Maguire Foundation

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The Mary Maguire Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Greater Cincinnati women dealing with life after cancer. The services and resources provided by the Foundation allow these women to focus on what's most important – getting well again.

“After treatment is over, it's not uncommon for the survivor to be flooded with unexpected emotions. While there is no doubt that she is thrilled that treatment is complete, she also may experience feelings of loneliness, apprehension, depression, guilt or fear. It's also very common for survivors to have thoughts of ‘now what?’” explains Maureen Riopelle, President & Founder of The Mary Maguire Foundation.

Inspired by the generous and courageous spirit of Mary Maguire Riopelle, The Mary Maguire Foundation was created to provide help, healing and hope to women with cancer. Mary's Circle of Hope exists to offer help, healing and hope to all our members affected by cancer. Through this program, the Foundation provides women with financial resources, fitness, health and nutrition assistance, access to reputable local and national resources, as well as lifestyle and social support that respects their unique needs.

A professional musician and mother of 11 children, Mary Maguire Riopelle courageously fought chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) for 12 years before passing away in June 2001. During her illness, Mary and her family realized that not all women have family members to care for them or resources to assist them in their fight against cancer. This revelation was one of the reasons The Mary Maguire Foundation and Mary's Circle of Hope was created. Mary's youngest daughter, Maureen, wanted to ensure that, regardless of a woman's personal situation she would have the support and resources needed to transition from being a cancer survivor to one who thrives as a result of her life-altering cancer experience.

Milford resident Maureen Riopelle is the youngest of Mary's 11 children. In December 2003 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following nearly a year of treatments, Maureen is doing well and celebrated her two-year post-diagnosis anniversary. She continues to share her story and build The Mary Maguire Foundation to help other women in Greater

Cincinnati in their fight against cancer.

“Each time our family was confronted by cancer I realized how incredibly lucky we were. We had the resources – emotional, social and financial – and the support of family and friends to get through,” explains Riopelle. “Other women and families are not so fortunate. The Mary Maguire Foundation was created so that other women and their loved ones would have the necessary support and resources as well.”

Maureen and the entire Maguire Riopelle family have established The Mary Maguire Foundation to ensure that a legacy of Help, Healing and Hope will result from their battles with cancer.

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Anne M. Maxfield has joined the staff of Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired as the Vice President of Fund Development and Community Relations. In this position, she will be responsible for providing oversight in the areas of fund development, marketing, communications and community relations. In addition, she will partner with the Board of Trustees and internal collaborators to increase funds for overall organizational outcomes.

Most recently Ms. Maxfield served as Division Director for the American Cancer Society's Mid-South Division. A significant scope of her responsibility included setting strategy, implementing tactics, and providing change management to position the organization to better achieve funding and program outcomes by working with all markets in a refined donor cultivation/sales process.

Ms. Maxfield's career expertise also includes managerial leadership and various aspects with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Ruth Partnership, Inc. and St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University.

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