

Blood Cancer United

Dr. Thomas Dowlearn Participates in Visionaries of the Year to Advance the Fight Against Blood Cancers

We are proud to highlight the extraordinary community leadership of our member, **Dr. Thomas Dowlearn**, who is participating in the 2026 **Visionaries of the Year** philanthropic campaign benefiting *Blood Cancer United* (formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society). Through this initiative, Dr. Dowlearn is helping Blood Cancer United fuel vital research, provide free information and support services, and protect patients' access to quality, affordable, coordinated care.

For Dr. Thomas Dowlearn, joining the fight against blood cancer is deeply personal. Shortly after he and his wife moved to Santa Rosa, close friends Andrew and Kim became part of their chosen family. In 2022, Andrew was diagnosed with Stage IV Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Thomas and his wife witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of the disease as Andrew—once an ultramarathon runner—suddenly struggled to walk, ultimately requiring emergency surgery when tumors were discovered on his spinal cord.

After six rounds of chemotherapy, Andrew defied the odds and has now been in remission for nearly three years. Witnessing his resilience, generosity, and unwavering positivity through such a life-threatening diagnosis profoundly changed Thomas and reinforced how fragile—and precious—life truly is. His participation in Visionaries of the Year is driven by gratitude for Andrew's survival and a commitment to ensuring more patients have access to timely diagnoses, effective treatments, and the chance for a future beyond cancer.

Colleagues, friends, and community members are invited to support Dr. Dowlearn's campaign by donating here: <https://pages.lls.org/voy/gba/bayarea26/tdowlearn>. Every contribution—large or small—helps fund groundbreaking research, strengthen patient support programs, and move us closer to a future without blood cancer.

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Dowlearn's leadership and generosity, and consider supporting his Visionaries of the Year campaign before **May 16** to help make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families affected by blood cancer.