

Lynn Bozof

Lynn Bozof is Executive Director of the National Meningitis Association, a nonprofit organization founded in 2002 by five parents whose children have died or live with permanent disabilities from meningococcal disease to help educate families, medical professionals and others about the disease and prevention approaches.

In 1998, Lynn's son Evan, a college junior, died after a 28-day battle with meningococcal disease and meningococemia. During the 28 days, he had both arms and legs amputated, as the infection had spread throughout his body damaging his organs and limbs. Lynn and her family were not aware that a vaccine was available that could have potentially prevented his death or that certain adolescents and young adults are at increased risk for contracting meningococcal disease.

In hope of saving other lives, Lynn and her husband Alan worked with the Dean of Student Affairs at Georgia Southwestern University to introduce a resolution regarding meningococcal disease education in late 1998. The "Evan Bozof Resolution" encourages administrators of Georgia public colleges and universities to educate students and parents about the disease and immunization.

Lynn, a resident of Marietta, GA, is determined to increase meningococcal disease awareness among other parents and students so they are able to make an informed decision about vaccination, which may potentially save lives.

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