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ELIZABETH STAR WILL CHAIR THE 2016 BUCKET LIST BASH, HELD AT THE NAPLES GRANDE BEACH RESORT ON MARCH 4.

STAR Power

ELIZABETH STAR'S PHILANTHROPIC SUCCESS IS DRIVEN BY HER DEEP SENSE OF COMPASSION, A NATURAL INTUITION SHE'S FOLLOWED SINCE SHE WAS A YOUNG GIRL.

When cancer reared its ugly head twice in Elizabeth Star's immediate family, she made it her personal mission to help cancer.

"When I was a young girl, cancer changed my world," Star says. "My grandmother was diagnosed and passed away when I was 20 years old and in May of this year, my father lost his life to cancer. My love for both of them knew no limits. This changed me forever. I will do anything I can to help crush cancer in my lifetime."

In addition to her immediate family, Star says throughout the last decade, many of her close friends have been diagnosed with cancer. "I have personally experienced their triumphs and my own heartbreaking losses."

community for her philanthropy work, was asked to chair this year's American Cancer Society Bucket List Bash, her answer was an unwavering yes.

"The Bucket List Bash benefits the American Cancer Society, which raises necessary funds to enhance the lives of those with cancer," she says. "Donors can give in two ways. They have the opportunity to give to the organization broadly, allowing funds to be allocated where they are most needed, or to assign their funds to specific areas within the organization they are passionate about. Giving is personal and we want to provide a meaningful way for everyone to give and make a difference."

YOUNG STAR

Star's philanthropic tendencies started when she was a young girl growing up in Buffalo, N.Y. "As a child, I always had a compassionate heart. I always wanted to help someone else.

When Star, who is well known in the



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Elizabeth Star's vision for the American Cancer Society's Bucket List Bash is focused on four things:



1
Crush cancer:
"This is our strong and prevailing message," she says.



2
Raise more than \$800,000, which would break all Bucket List Bash fundraising efforts in the past.



3
Make it a community-wide effort: "Whether you can attend the event or not, you can participate in this noble cause," she says. "We are counting on each and every one of you to make your voices heard."



4
Honor loved ones: "Your experience at the Bucket List Bash Icehotel will be both dynamic and meaningful. This year we are building a personal and powerful honorarium. Just as the Icehotel in Sweden is built each year as a personal art form, we will be building our own walls where we can honor loved ones by having their photos displayed on our Walls of Triumph and Remembrance the evening of our event."

I always looked outward and observed," she says. "I had wonderful role models and mentors growing up. It felt good to help someone in need and this was incredibly gratifying for me. I guess one would say these are the roots of my philanthropy."

Star was a precocious and sensitive child. She recalls performing spontaneous, anonymous, random acts of kindness long before the phrase "pay it forward" became mainstream—and still does—"to bring a little unexpected joy into someone's life who I feel needs it, this brings me immeasurable happiness," she says. "I always perform random acts of kindness, especially when it is least expected."

Her support and dedication to charitable organizations in Southwest Florida is seen through her volunteerism with various boards and committees. She has served on the David Lawrence Foundation board and spearheaded and cochaired the planning and development of a future capital campaign. As a member of the English-Speaking Union Naples Branch board, she chaired the group's annual Churchill Dinner and hosted and chaired the Queen's Birthday soiree. Twice she has cochaired the Angel Ball and served on various fundraising committees for Youth Haven. She also supports The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Naples Community Hospital Magnolia Ball, Naples Botanical Garden and American Red Cross Tiffany Circle.

For now, she says, her major philanthropic efforts are geared toward the American Cancer Society and trying to crush cancer.

A 'COOL' CRUSADE

This year's bash is themed around the famed Icehotel in Sweden—both a work of art and a hotel carved out of a frozen wild river that's surely on many a bucket list. Star decided that the decor of this year's event will be inspired by the many forms that the Icehotel takes on: igloo, space tunnel, stark cathedral, glowing pillars.

As if Star hasn't been busy enough, she's also found time to write children's books. There are presently four books—all written in alliteration—in a series about important life lessons and a young girl named Patty Polpis, who is approaching her preteen years and is a wonderful role model: positive, perky and precocious.

"The books are fun, meaningful and whimsical, both for children and for the adults reading to them," says Star, adding that the books are currently being illustrated by a well-known fashion illustrator, and will soon be published.

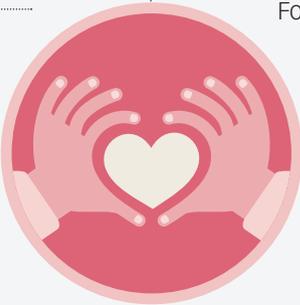
For now, Star says she will continue to do all she can to raise money for the American Cancer Society through the Bucket List Bash with her personal mission in mind to become the "Cancer-Crushing Queen." ❁

Elizabeth Star's words of wisdom for young philanthropists:

Remember that there are many ways to give.

Do your homework and explore all charitable options.

Align yourself with people of like minds and the same goals.



Don't be intimidated... jump right in.

Follow your instincts and your heart. Philanthropy is a wonderful journey, always changing and always rewarding and meaningful for both the giver and the recipient.