

# Melanoma Research Alliance

## MELANOMA RESEARCH ALLIANCE ELECTS MARY JO ROGERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Washington, DC, August 17, 2015 – The [Melanoma Research Alliance](#) (MRA) today announced the appointment of melanoma survivor Mary Jo Rogers to its Board of Directors. Rogers, who was diagnosed with advanced melanoma in 2011, has been an advocate for melanoma research and a supporter of MRA.



Mary Jo was first diagnosed with Stage 3 melanoma and began a clinical trial for immunotherapy after consulting with some of the top melanoma specialists. When her melanoma advanced to stage 4, she began another clinical trial for a different immunotherapy, which has produced great results.

“Mary Jo brings valuable insight and first-hand experience as a patient who has benefited from some of the groundbreaking therapies for advanced melanoma. We are thrilled to welcome her to our Board,” said Debra Black, MRA Co-Founder and Chair of the Board.

Mary Jo and her husband, Brian, have supported an MRA [Young Investigator Award](#), a signature program of MRA which aims to attract early-career scientists with novel ideas and approaches to melanoma research.

Mary Jo also serves as a peer to peer counselor for patients who are currently battling melanoma. In addition to supporting MRA, Mary Jo sits on the board of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore, as well as a local community association and other smaller organizations. Mary Jo graduated from Emmanuel College with a B.A. in Political Science. She currently lives in Baltimore with her husband, and they have three children, Hilary, Peter, and Sydney.

### About The Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)

MRA is a public charity formed in 2007 under the auspices of the Milken Institute, with the generous founding support of Debra and Leon Black. MRA is the largest private funder of melanoma research and has provided nearly \$68 million to research seeking to better prevent, diagnose, and treat melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer. Due to the ongoing support of its founders, 100 percent of every dollar MRA raises goes to support its melanoma research program. MRA’s ability to fund wide-ranging research in melanoma is amplified by unique collaborations and partnerships with individuals, private foundations, and corporations. Visit [www.CureMelanoma.org](http://www.CureMelanoma.org) for more information, or follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

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