



Dianne M. Lynch **Executive Director - One Summit, Inc.**

Dianne Lynch brings a unique perspective within the world of cancer to One Summit. A caregiver, patient, survivor and passionate cancer advocate, Dianne is driven by a deep sense of purpose and personal mission to leverage her experience and make a tangible difference in the lives of pediatric cancer patients and their families.

A 24 year veteran and accomplished leader in the non-profit, sports marketing and special events industries, Dianne began her career in event operations working with the Kraft Group, New England Patriots and New England Revolution and played an instrumental role in founding the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, serving as the first Associate Director. In 1997, she took on a national role as Vice President of Special Events and Fan Development for Major League Soccer in New York. After the September 11th tragedy, Dianne led the league's national fundraising collaborative, Soccer United Relief Fund, to assist the victims, families and first responders.

In 2003, Dianne took a professional leave to focus on the care of her then 20 month old son, Jack when he was diagnosed with stage IV neuroblastoma. Sadly, after 3 years of treatment at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering, Jack lost his valiant battle against cancer. Four months after his passing, Dianne faced her own cancer diagnosis. As a mother of two young boys, she underwent treatment for breast cancer at Mass General Hospital. When her health stabilized she chose to apply her experience in the non-profit industry, focused on cancer related programs, pediatrics and families. In her first role, Dianne served as Program Director for Golf Fights Cancer, a New England based foundation that raises funds for cancer research and initiatives through golf events. Forever tied to these organizations, Dianne served 10 years on the Board of Governors for Tufts Medical Center and is an active member of the Golf Fights Cancer Board of Directors.



Prior to joining One Summit, Dianne served as the Director of Special Events and Outreach for Family Reach, a national nonprofit dedicated to alleviating the financial burden of cancer. Playing an influential role in developing the Family Reach Financial Handbook, Dianne is a founding member of the Family Council, a collaborative of parents that provide insight and guidance to staff, industry leaders and strategic partners.



In her role as Executive Director of One Summit, Dianne's personal experience will provide crucial insight into the world of cancer. Along with overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization, she will lead a comprehensive research project into Post Traumatic Growth. In addition, Dianne will explore several new initiatives including expansion into mission-based publications, bereavement and sibling programs. Knowing first hand the impact of resilience on the human spirit Dianne taught her son Jack to fight and live every day as an adventure. Our Navy SEALs instill self-confidence, strength,

and courage in their mentees - their impact is immeasurable. Resilience supports a will to keep fighting, no matter the odds, success cannot be reached alone.

Dianne resides in North Andover, MA with her husband Ed and sons Aidan and Thomas.