



Mary Ann Wasil
Founder, President and CEO
The Get In Touch Foundation

Biography

Mary Ann Wasil is the inspirational founder, president and CEO of the non-profit Get In Touch Foundation. As a breast cancer survivor and health activist since 2004, she seeks to find humor in the face of challenge.

Spurred by this optimistic outlook and her passionate commitment to providing free global breast health education for girls, Wasil established The Get In Touch Foundation with her daughters in mind. Ages 12 and 13 at the time of her diagnosis, she determined the need to introduce breast health as a part of their lives for the rest of their lives.

Wasil formulated the foundation with a cornerstone mission - the Get In Touch Girls' Program and Daisy Wheel. The Daisy Wheel is an unparalleled breast health initiative educating girls in grades 5-12 on the importance of and instruction for breast self-exams.

Since its inception in September 2009, Wasil has guided the Get In Touch Girls' Program to implementation in each of the 50 states, Washington, D.C. and 23 countries. She also spearheaded the development of the program's complementing free Daisy Wheel app, which has been downloaded in 79 countries since launching in June 2011.

Wasil has realized the addition of the Get In Touch Girls' Program to the curriculum in the Milford, CT, and New Haven, CT, public school systems at no cost to the districts or the students. Her direct efforts in the schools also extend to her leadership among school nurses.

She has served as the keynote speaker at various school nursing conferences. A sought after presenter worldwide, Wasil was featured at the Overseas School Health Nurses Association in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and the International School Nurses of Asia Conference in Malaysia.

Domestically, Wasil has been a multiple-year speaker at the National Association of School Nurses Conference and has shared her message at the Connecticut School Nurse Supervisor's Conference, the Virginia Association of School Nurses Conference, the New England School Nurses Association Conference and the Virginia Summer Institute for School Nursing.

In 2010, Wasil was honored as the winner of Maria Shriver's California Women's Conference publishing contest, one of the WNBA New York Liberty "Women Who Inspire" and a winner of the Oprah Magazine CoverGirl "Giving Beautiful Back Award."

Despite being diagnosed with a relapse of breast cancer in May 2011, Wasil remains vigilant in her efforts to change the world one girl at a time. Her memoir, "A Diary of Healing: My Intense and Meaningful Life with Cancer" was released on the first day of spring 2013.

Wasil resides in Milford, CT with her three children. She is a former Connecticut police officer and actress, having spent nearly 10 years on the soap opera "All My Children."