



**Mrs. Bridget Lyons / Associate Board Member and Survivor**

Bridget Lyons is a survivor, a San Francisco Police Officer Wife and a product of numerous law enforcement generations. Specifically, she is the only daughter of Officer James Francis Dougherty, SFPD EOW 1/10/00. She is the wife of Charlie Lyons, retired with 31 years of service with the SFPD. And lastly, she is fully available to her family ties with additional retired SFPD: Bridget is the niece of the late Roger Liljedahl, and the cousin to Lynette Hogue.

Over the past 16 years she has represented her family on the field for Law Enforcement Appreciation night at the San Francisco Giants game, participated in Law Enforcement nights for the Golden State Warriors, and the dedication to the new memorial wall at Southern Station. She says, "I appreciated the communication and support over the years, from letters and phone calls and being asked my opinion regarding the design for the new memorial wall." One thing has always remained consistent, she saw people taking care of every detail and reminded her that her family, her Dad, and all the officers, had not been forgotten.

"I will never forget how I felt when I attended my first funeral 16 years ago, for my Dad. The "solos" came to my home, in the pouring rain, and made sure my family arrived to all the places without any delays. Somehow the Solos managed to understand me, comfort my daughters and make them feel safe in the spot light." She recalls how "Geary Boulevard became a parking lot" how the year from 2000-2001 was full of memorial events and how my girls were given teddy bears for comfort."

Bridget Lyons will bring her family values, previous experience and ability to relate well with others to enhance the experiences with law enforcement personnel, their families and/or those who assist them as a BALEAF Board Member. She wishes to support and empathize with other law enforcement families who have had an experience in their lives and need the support from BALEAF.

“I enjoy working behind the scenes and making a difference, volunteering with my time and energy is what I have been doing for years; now, I am ready to help BALEAF.”

Her many volunteer contributions are long and include serving as a Parents and Families Council Member for California State University, Sacramento (4 years); Carousel Fund Events Coordinator to support families with children of terminal illness (2 years) and Facilitator for Trevor Smith Memorial Foundation ó Grass Root Funding (2 years).