

**Danielle Leach**  
**Director of Advocacy and Government Relations**  
**St. Baldrick's Foundation**

Danielle came to St. Baldrick's with over 20 years experience in the health nonprofit industry. Danielle has worked in leadership positions at the American Cancer Society, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and Strang Cancer Prevention Center in cancer control, program development and implementation. While overseas for six years in Latin America, she served as an international development consultant for American Cancer Society, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and PLAN International, working on AIDS and cancer-related programming and resource development training.

Danielle is also a dedicated volunteer and advocate for cancer and children's issues. She is the founder of the Mason Leach Superstar Fund at Children's National Medical Center and American Childhood Cancer Organization, in memory of her son, Mason, who died of pediatric medulloblastoma in 2007. She runs a yearly free event in partnership with Key School called Superstar Family Fun Day and the Mason Mile, which has raised over \$125,000 and increased childhood cancer awareness in her community. Danielle serves on several boards and committees related to children's issues and health in the community. She was the event coordinator for the St. Baldrick's 46 Mommas event in Washington DC in 2011, which raised over \$340,000 and coordinated an advocacy day with the Mommas to highlight pediatric cancer issues.

Danielle currently serves as the Chair of Alliance for Childhood Cancer as well as on the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Family Advisory Board at Children's National Medical Center. She also trains residents and nurses in partnership with Children's to highlight the needs of families, especially at the end of life. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree in Health Policy and Management from New York University.

Her expertise is bringing groups together for action, connecting individuals to others and to coalitions. She is driven by her desire to create change kids with cancer so no other family has to hear "there is nothing else we can do for your child." Pulling people together - whether it is managing volunteers, running coalitions, or organizing events, is a critical skill Danielle brings to our community.