

COUNTRY SQUIRES PRESENTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

UNEXPECTED LESSONS LEARNED

“No! Not us! Our Battle with Childhood Cancer”

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One hour your child is fine, the next you begin the fight for his life.

Barbara presents lessons learned from fighting the battle against cancer, with implications relevant for all diseases. She and her husband were suddenly faced with their son’s life-threatening brain tumor and the overwhelming need for immediate, crucial medical decisions. Lacking a background in medicine or medical treatments, and as the parent who would be living in the PICU with six-year old Luke, Barbara had a crash course in reality. This included dealing with potentially lethal hospital errors and quickly grasping how to navigate the medical system. The tumor’s renewed aggressive growth seven years later intensified her insights.

Barbara A. Harper, Ph.D., musician and author, has been the recipient of a Fulbright Grant, served on the faculty of the University of Washington, and was the Department Chair of Music Education at both the University of Richmond and Southern Methodist University. She and her husband have two adult children.