



Elizabeth R. Griffin (1975-1997) Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear. -Shakespeare

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She gave her life.

But, YOU don't have to.

Elizabeth R. Griffin died in 1997 at the age of twenty-two as a result of contracting the macaque-borne B virus while conducting scientific research. But, Beth's death will not have been in vain if we can educate just one person on the importance of safety in the research arena. And, that's why we're here.

The Elizabeth R. Griffin Research Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit established in Beth's memory with a clear mission—the prevention and treatment of public health risks associated with zoonotic diseases. To this end, we have established the following goals:

- Assist research that clearly defines current public health risks associated with zoonotic diseases
- Provide a prevention/treatment/information network for professional organizations
- Provide a support network for individuals who have contracted or who are at a risk of contracting zoonotic diseases
- Promote safe and responsible scientific research involving the use of animals.

We will accomplish these three goals by working diligently with the scientific and professional community to define the risks of macaque-borne B virus and other

zoonotic diseases, by effectively disseminating prevention and treatment to appropriate audiences, and by acting as a strong support organization for survivors of the B virus. Through grants, we will financially support scientific research leading to the prevention and treatment of zoonotic diseases. And, we will be a strong advocate for safe research conditions where the contraction of these diseases poses a risk to research employees or the general public.

Our board of directors is made up of nationally renowned individuals dedicated to our mission. The Foundation has successfully sought and awarded \$140,000 in grants and internships toward our outlined goals. The Foundation serves as point-of-contact for those with possible B virus exposures and assists these individuals in obtaining sound professional advice.

About Elizabeth R. Griffin

Beth Griffin was born on May 1, 1975 to William and Caryl Griffin of Kingsport, Tennessee. Vibrant and intelligent, her interests ranged from dance to advanced biological studies. She distinguished herself at Dobyns-Bennett High School as an honor student, cheerleader and member of a national championship dance chorus. After her graduation in 1993, Beth went on to attend Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia. Her college activities included Studio Dance Theatre, Outdoors Club, Circle K International and Habitat for Humanity. Academically, she served as an extern at Zoo Atlanta, a volunteer research assistant at White River National Refuge, a volunteer research assistant at Yerkes Primate Center, and was the National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellow. She earned her B.A. with honors in the field of biology in 1997.



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Partnerships

Association of Primate Veterinarians (APV)
American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) Foundation
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Foundation (AALAS)

Internships

Agnes Scott College, The Elizabeth R. Griffin Research Internship

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