

My Blue Dots

For those who have not faced cancer, the striking hand-blown globe ornament by Palo Alto based non-profit My Blue Dots might appear a dot short of a polka-dotted party dress. But for cancer survivor Sue McCollum, creator of My Blue Dots, and those personally touched by the cancer epidemic, it is a positive spin on a symbol taken directly from the thick of combat. The signature dot design is based on the tattoos technicians use to direct the radiation beams during cancer therapy. "I'm not a doctor. I'm more of a cheerleader for hope and encouragement. Healing takes place on so many levels," McCollum says of the impact that My Blue Dots has had. "The concept is to mix science with art and create hope;

for creative thinking to start a spark of hope." The ornament is available in numerous Bay Area gift shops as well as online. All proceeds from the sale of these ornaments and from McCollum's numerous books go directly to cancer research and prevention. New on the horizon, a collaboration with nationally celebrated glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. A large scale sculpture, inspired by the My Blue Dots ornament, is set to be unveiled in September at the Lorry I. Lokey Stem Cell Research Building at Stanford University. **Learn more about My Blue Dots at www.mybluedots.org.**

