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## EVERY MONTH IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Foundation Friends,

Hello to each of you! Please know, we are hoping that all lives are/have been reintroducing family, friends and daily components of healthy routines and positive experiences involving school, work, visits, together connections and tasks that were missed during our extremely challenging year.

Our Foundation expresses deep appreciation for your continued support. Foundation disbursed 2020 funds to:

- The Sullivan Center for Breast Health which supported the purchase of waiting area privacy features and combined the previous year's monies towards Breast Center equipment.
- The Jackson Laboratory to provide continued support for Dr. Carol Bult's research on Triple Negative Breast Cancer.
- The UCLA-Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center to support Dr. Dennis Slamon's continued breast cancer research.
- The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins for continued support of Immunotherapy Research by Dr. Cesar Santa-Maria.
- The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for continued support of Dr. Jennifer Specht's Breast Cancer Immunology Research.

Our help promotes the phenomenal work researchers are doing to expand immunotherapies to unlocking treatments that are personalized and to enable more individuals to be helped more quickly. I am motivated by the message that **the end of breast cancer begins with research**. Again, our gratitude to YOU for your support to help fulfill this goal.

In the 2020-2021 publication BREAST MATTERS by the Fund for Johns Hopkins is a most informative article entitled THE PROMISE OF IMMUNOTHERAPY". On page 6 the first sentence is "Immunotherapy is one of the most promising new cancer treatments, as it is can turn the power of the immune system -- more powerful than any cancer drug -- against cancer cells."

This is why we have chosen to support researchers at Johns Hopkins and Fred Hutchinson in this quest.

YES! Our 2021 Fundraising Dinner Banquet is on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Maggiano's Chevy Chase (same as in previous years). We are looking forward to you, your family and friends sharing in this event. Come listen and learn about "Proton Therapy" by our guest speaker Dr. Jean Wright -- a tremendously accomplished medical professional!

Hoping to see all at our upcoming Foundation events: October 5<sup>th</sup> Dinner Banquet at Maggiano's Chevy Chase and our October 31<sup>st</sup> Walk to Win -- the battle against breast cancer at the Bethesda Crescent Trail. Be well!

With deepest of gratitude,

Judith A. Lese, Founder and CEO



## **Immune Therapy for Patients with Breast Cancer**

*(Research Update Prepared for The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation)*

April 2021

Vered Stearns, M.D., Evanthia Roussos Torres, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Elizabeth Jaffee, M.D., and Cesar Santa-Maria, M.D.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women and new treatments are urgently needed. Immunotherapy has been a game changer in some tumor types, but have been less effective in breast cancer perhaps due to breast cancer's ability to create an environment in the tumor that prevents the immune system from eliminating tumor cells, called an immuno-suppressive tumor microenvironment. Novel immunotherapies harness the body's immune system to fight cancer, holding great promise to prevent tumor recurrence and prolong survival. Over the last year our labs have been studying new strategies to decrease these suppressive signals within the tumor, allowing anti-tumor signals to successfully eliminate tumor growth. We are also investigating differences in anti-tumor immunity in early stage breast tumors as compared to breast tumors that have spread or metastasized to areas outside the breast such as to the lung and liver.

Characterization of these differences are helping to identify how we can overcome immune therapy resistance, critical in developing treatment strategies for patients with breast cancer, and building augment immune therapy to work better according to where the majority of a patient's breast cancer is growing. We have identified that breast cancer growing in the lung has more suppressive cells than that growing in the breast. Using mouse models we have been able to test new combinations of immunotherapy that target these suppressor cells in the lung and we are working to determine if this strategy will improve response rates to already approved types of immune therapy.

Building on the work from last year, we are currently investigating novel ways to overcome resistance mechanisms and bring our laboratory research to clinical practice. We have several ongoing and planned studies. We are excited to let you know that we are completing the enrollment of patients to the ImmunoADAPT study, which is investigating if CDK4/6 inhibitors can augment immune responses in patients with early-stage hormone receptor positive breast cancer, a subtype of breast cancer notoriously resistant to immunotherapy. We are also completing a study of entinostat and 2 immunotherapy agents and expect to report our results in the near future.

We plan on initiating our correlative analyses, which will include evaluation of immune cells in the tumor microenvironment, and functional assays to determine the mechanism of action. Another area of interest is how low oxygen states, hypoxia, can result in upregulation of immune evasion mechanisms particularly related to adenosine metabolism. The INDALA study, which will open to accrual this year will investigate if adenosine receptor inhibitors in addition to immunotherapy can overcome this resistance mechanism in patients with early stage triple negative breast cancer. In this study we are collaborating with internationally renowned scientists Elizabeth Jaffee and Gregg Semenza. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to sharing our ongoing and planned studies with you.

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**Cordially invites you to our  
2021 Fundraiser Dinner Banquet**

Guest Speaker

Dr. Jean Wright

Director of Breast Cancer Program

Department of Radiation Oncology and Molecular Radiation Sciences

Kimmel Cancer Center

Sibley Memorial Hospital

Presentation Topic

*Proton Therapy*

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**Maggiano's Little Italy**

5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Gabbiano and Francesca Rooms, Second Floor

6:15 pm Meet and Greet (Cash Bar)	7:00 pm Dinner	7:50 pm Program/Guest Speaker	8:30 pm Dessert
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Discounted parking rates with validated tickets for Chevy Chase Pavilion Garage

Select Contribution Tier plus \$55 Per Person (non-deductible); Each Additional Dinner Guest is \$55

**Please RSVP by Saturday, October 2, 2021**

Contribution Tiers

(fully deductible, except for \$55 dinner cost)

\$5,000	Trustee Tier + \$55 dinner cost
\$2,000	Guardian Tier + \$55 dinner cost
\$1,000	Sustainer Tier + \$55 dinner cost
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\$200	Protector Tier + \$55 dinner cost

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**2021 Fundraiser Dinner on October 5, 2021 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Washington, DC**

**Please RSVP by Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**Contributor's receipt for your personal records**

Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Memo: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach at this line and return lower portion

**Please send check to:** The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

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Contribution	Deductible (a tax receipt will be mailed to you)	<b>Contribution Tiers</b>		<b>Check Off Amount</b>
		Trustee	\$5,000	
		Guardian	\$2,000	
		Sustainer	\$1,000	
		Shielder	\$500	
		Protector	\$200	

Item	Deductibility Status	Dinner Attendees	Attendee Names (\$55/person)	Amount	Total
Dinner	Not Deductible	Self		\$55	
		Guest		\$55	
		Guest		\$55	
		Guest		\$55	
		Guest		\$55	
		Guest		\$55	
<b>Total Check Amount =</b>					

The minimum contribution is \$255, which includes \$55 for the dinner (plus \$55 per guest to cover dinner expense).

Sorry, I am not able to attend the dinner. Please accept my contribution of enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Pledge/Sponsor Form</b>	
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<p><b><u>Please Send Us Your E-Mail Addresses</u></b></p> <p>In an effort to improve communications, The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. is establishing an e-mail ListServ to provide you with the latest information on Foundation events and breast cancer education. To become part of our ListServ, please send your e-mail addresses to the Foundation at: <b>LeseCancerFdn@aol.com</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Your e-mail addresses will not be used for solicitations, advertising, mass mailings, or any other purposes unrelated to the activities of The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All contributions are tax-deductible</li> <li>• Checks payable to: The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.</li> </ul>	

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 against breast cancer  
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**2021 WALK  
 TO WIN**

the battle against breast cancer

**Annual 1.5K / 3K Walk/Run  
 Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Capital Crescent Trail**  
 Meet/park at the Bethesda Pool,  
 Little Falls Pkwy & Hillandale Rd,  
 Bethesda, Maryland

**WALK TO WIN the battle against breast cancer** is a 1.5K / 3K event sponsored by The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote awareness of this disease with accurate information and work to eradicate breast cancer by sponsoring fundraising events that support us in *“the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer.”* Over the years, monies raised have benefited: the Sullivan Breast Health Center at Sibley Memorial Hospital-Johns Hopkins Medicine; breast cancer research at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins; the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute; The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle; The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine; and the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles; and have provided funds for Sibley Hospital’s breast cancer prevention and treatment clinical trial program which enables uninsured and underserved women opportunities to participate in clinical trials.

Judith A. Lese, Founder/CEO

<b>Contribution Tiers</b> (Tax Deductible)	
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## **WALK TO WIN Fundraiser Event**

WALK TO WIN the battle against breast cancer is an annual Foundation fundraiser event by our Foundation. WALK TO WIN is held each fall commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

- Our Foundation is a Grass-Roots, Washington Metropolitan Area, non-endowed organization; founded 2003
- Monies raised support Sullivan Breast Health Center, which provides full service breast care, detection and diagnosis of breast cancer
- Monies raised support specific researchers working to eradicate breast cancer
- Monies raised support clinical trial participation for underserved/uninsured
- Monies raised promote awareness of this disease through speakers and literature

### **Entry Fee:**

**\$50/person (tax-deductible)** for the 1.5K / 3K event sponsored by Bridgeport Benefit Advisors, Bethesda, MD

### **Schedule:**

9:30 am: Registration\* begins at Bethesda Pool location adjacent to the Capital Crescent Trail

10:00 am: Welcome and Walk

10:00-11:00 am: 1.5K / 3K WALK TO WIN

\*SPONSOR-PROVIDED T-Shirt/Snack at Registration Table

Please RSVP by Saturday, October 30 to:

[LeseCancerFdn@aol.com](mailto:LeseCancerFdn@aol.com)

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(WALK-UPS WELCOMED ON 10/31)

## **Registration Information**

Please photocopy for additional participants

**Name**

**Address and Apt #**

**City, State, Zip**

**Daytime Phone**

**Evening Phone**

**Email**

**Registration Fee = \$50/person (tax-deductible)**

**Please make checks payable to The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.**

**I hereby release and hold harmless The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. and Capital Crescent Trail from any loss, liability, or claims I may have arising out of my participation in this event.**

**Photographs taken may be used on Foundation’s website or brochure. By signing below agreement is made with this. If you do not want your photo used please contact: Judith A. Lese.**

**Contact information is on Walk to Win flyer.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant (Over 18 yrs.)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant is under 18 yrs.