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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! YOU have made the current year 2014 to be The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation's best year thus far in terms of its ability to contribute to the researchers, the clinical trials for opportunities for receiving treatment for breast cancer by the uninsured and underserved and to continue to provide/underwrite meaningful acquisitions for use by the dedicated breast cancer radiologists at the Sullivan Center for Breast Health at The Sibley Memorial Hospital – a center for all of us! Remember, with your help, we can continue to MAKE A DIFFERENCE – in saving lives, in raising awareness of this disease and in advocating for our own breast health!

Our July 2014 Annual Fundraiser Evening was so magnificent. It was attended by our greatest number of supporters and guests; this has been so exciting for this growth and productivity. Our guest speaker, the renowned Dr. Frederick P. Smith, Medical Oncologist (office in Chevy Chase, MD), has been a truly dedicated medical specialist causing changes in our medical communities to bring better medicine to us! Dr. Smith was so instrumental in developing the structure for cooperation among medical facilities in our area to be the locations for clinical trials. He spoke about the changes over the years in research, which promotes the treatments to be more targeted as each cancerous tumor can be analyzed and treated for its unique composition. He addressed how the family of treatments called the Arimidex group brought about the opportunities for different responses for care by the oncologists, and he provided names of many specific medicines and drugs. Dr. Smith discussed the various combinations that medical specialists use to prolong life. He praised the variety and combinations that are now being used, instead of the very repetitive program of years ago, thereby helping us realize even more how progress is the result of research, research and research! He praised the work of our Foundation as he addressed the importance of private philanthropy – that is US – grass-roots! It was a privilege, an opportunity and such an honor to have had Dr. Smith with us. We can never thank him enough!

The Foundation is a listed charity as a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the National Capital Area. The CFC is the only governmental agency that authorizes approved charitable organizations to solicit federal employees in their workplaces. We have been listed as a CFC member since 2013. In 2014, the first year that our Foundation received contributions under the CFC, we received a total of \$4,410.99. The Foundation continues to be listed, and we expect to receive contributions for the 2014 calendar year in the beginning of 2015. For CFC details on The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, refer to page 16 of the catalog (which is contained on our website: [www.judithalese.org](http://www.judithalese.org)). Our five-digit CFC code is #53302, which is the same as last year.



Our Annual WALK to WIN – the battle against breast cancer is Sunday, October 26, 2014 at the Cabin John Regional Park! It is off Tuckerman Lane near Westlake Drive. I have just had signs made so for the first time in our 12 year history, signs about the event will be out along area roadways! This is so exciting.

Another major exciting fact to share is that a charter supporter, John Cho, is underwriting and has accepted position of major sponsor for our annual WALK to WIN event this year. He is the owner of Bridgeport Benefit Advisors of Bethesda. I cannot praise him enough for stepping up into this supportive position. He IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE. Come meet John at the Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> WALK to WIN!

I have included two interesting articles about the Clinical Trials by the two specific researchers we support. Dr. Leisha Emens is at the Johns Hopkins – Sydney Kimmel Cancer Center in Baltimore, and Dr. Shannon Puhalla is at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. Below is a personal note written by Dr. Puhalla.

Again, please call me – let us put your ideas into reality to raise monies, disburse our funds and promote more research! Mark your calendar for The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Fundraising Event on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Once again, it will be held at Maggiano's of Chevy Chase.

Dear Ms. Lese,

I wanted to thank you for your ongoing generous support of my research. Your contribution provides needed support & I am very appreciative. I wanted to update you that one of the clinical trials that I have been working on for the past few years has been recently completed. We will now work in the lab to further study the tumor tissues collected in this study. Enclosed is a copy of the abstract presented at the ASCO meeting this year.

With thanks,

Shannon  
Puhalla.

Hoping to see the best crowd ever for this WALK to WIN – October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

With deepest appreciation,

Judith A. Lese

Judith A. Lese, President and CEO