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501(c)(3) Organization Fed. ID 20-0061083 Dear Friends,

Our Foundation is pleased to announce several new updates. We are making a priority to develop a Listserv. Our Treasurer as of January 1, 2014, Jay Hagler, is compiling this for us in an effort to improve our communications. The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation 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: <u>www.LeseCancerFdn@aol.com</u> and please note that 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.

Also, we are proud to announce that The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation is listed in the 2013 catalogue of the Combined Federal Campaign("CFC")for the National Capital Area. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management ("OPM") approved the Foundation as a qualified charitable organization and approved the Foundation's listing. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of Federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations. The Foundation's five-digit CFC code is #53302 and can be found on page 99 of the catalogue. You can access the catalogue on the Foundation's website: www.judithalese.org. Appreciation goes to our Vice-President, Larry Lese, and our upcoming Treasurer, Jay Hagler, for this wonderful acceptance to the CFC listings. With Jay's initiative and Larry's navigation of the application process – and repeated efforts – together, they made it happen! Thank you both for this collaborative effort of which we are so proud of. You did it!

Our summer's Tenth Annual Fundraiser Dinner was evidence of growth and continued success. With you all making it happen! Our fabulous guest speaker was Dr. Marilyn Jerome. She presented a most educational and informative talk about the role of genetics in better understanding one's risks. She is truly an educator and all of us gained greater knowledge and awareness about this component of breast cancer. Our date is set for next year's dinner fundraiser. Mark your calendars-WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th, 2014 at Maggiano's! Begin talking with friends and relatives to have them join you and become a part of our Foundation.

Two weeks ago at Maggiano's in Chevy Chase, The Annual "Knowledge Is Power" Breast Cancer Awareness Program was held. It began at 8:30 AM and ended at 3:00 PM. A variety of speakers provided (as they always do) opportunities to become better educated on different related topics. Medical professionals discussed Complementary Medicine and Oncology Research; a panel shared their personal experiences and reflections; a writer and a medical-specialist offered personal accounts of reality to cope and deal with breast cancer, a radical breast mastectomy and accompanying issues. Registration for these annual programs is at Sullivan Center for Breast Health's website. We did post and share about this program on our website.

Foundation is so proud to have provided the funds for special Eysis Work Stations for the dedicated breast radiologists at Sibley. All three tables are not yet in. For the current year, we are providing a major disbursement to The Patty Liberatore Fund for clinical trials at The Breast Center. Let me reiterate that these trials serve the underserved and uninsured. I include information about this Fund that enables individuals to become participants in the trials. There are about 32 different breast cancer clinical trials currently being conducted at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

As we reach the end of another year, I am filled with such special emotions about these next updates. We know change is inevitable! At the Sullivan Center for Breast Health, I need to share about the changes there. Dr. Rebecca Zuurbier, a phenomenal dedicated breast radiologist has moved on to be part of another medical facility. I am so grateful for having met her, having been treated and cared for by her and for her support and guidance, for these past ten years, for our Foundation and its work at the Breast Center. I have spoken with Dr. Pouneh Razavi, an amazing medical specialist who has become a dedicated breast radiologist, having been influenced by Dr. Zuurbier in her own career. I have had the honor and privilege to work, talk and share Foundation efforts with Dr. Razavi since she became a part of The Sullivan Center for Breast Health several years ago. She has graciously accepted to become an integral part of Foundation's Medical Advisory Council. This is all so very exciting. Read her bio on our website link to the Breast Center.

With years of dedication, commitment and generosity of giving of self, our Treasurer, Dr. Anne Regan, will be stepping down. We shared this news at our July dinner, and she spoke a few words. I can't thank her enough for all she has done in her office. I count my blessings! I have included a message that she has prepared for this newsletter. Also, I very recently learned that our mighty, mighty Nan Iuculano, Secretary, will be making a change in her role and participation with Foundation. Again, as I have told Nan repeatedly, her ten years with me right from the start have been a gift. I am so grateful for having had her continuous support, wisdom, guidance, unique talents with people and words! I have known these wonderful individuals for decades (taught their children many, many years ago), and our Foundation has grown as we four Executive Board Members worked so honestly, closely and comfortably in staying our course with staying true to our mission.

Jay Hagler will be stepping into the position of Treasurer officially as of January 1st, 2014. I have had the pleasure of knowing the Hagler Family for over 20 years. Yes, I taught and worked with his children two decades ago. Jay and his wife, Rita (a nurse who overseers a program at Children's Hospital) have been strong and loyal supporters of our Foundation since its beginnings. Jay is a Senior Engineer for the Department of Defense. He has held numerous manager, head administrator, treasurer and board member positions for several organizations. WE ARE VERY, VERY LUCKY. He is in his 38th year with our Federal Government. He also is a cancer survivor, having been treated for Hodgkin's in 2001 (one year before my battle). We both are quite lucky – we have been cancer free ever since. Both of his parents died from cancer, and his sister was successfully treated two years ago. So clear he is caring to help and be part! Foundation is the winner with Jay accepting the position of Treasurer.

OUR 11th Annual "WALK TO WIN...the battle against breast cancer" is in two weeks. Get everyone to join with us on October 27th at Cabin John Park – like last year. The Outback Steak House of Aspen Hill and Blu Water Day Spa are our sponsors. Let's make this the biggest and the best yet!!! As I always mention: Help us help save lives – organize an event – raise money for the specific researchers and projects Foundation supports. Looking forward to seeing all at our 11th WALK TO WIN – rain or shine. Visit our website (photo gallery still being completed-almost ready) at: www.judithalese.org

With Warmest Regards,

Judith Q. Lese

Judith A. Lese, President/CEO