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EVERY MONTH IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Foundation Friends,

Our thoughts for all are that each is healthy and safe, and your family members and friends are also. Yes, life has been so tremendously different for each of us. During this time, we are coping with each day to, sooner rather than later, reach the days when each feels calmer and safer and our lives resemble “the normal”. We know we will arrive there. With respect to needs for changes, our Annual Fundraiser Dinner was postponed. I am filled with the thoughts of July 2021 when once again our 19th Annual Fundraiser will return to our Dinner with guest speaker evening as we have done for the previous years—and Meet and Greet at 6:15 pm to the background of beautiful music by Jack Wolfe’s trio.

Our mailing this time is inviting you to continue your kind and generous support of The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation. Last year was our best! Thanks to each of our supporters! Our disbursements, as always, went to phenomenal researchers who continue to support our mission “in the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer”. Disbursements were made to Dr. Jennifer Specht at The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington and her research is on Immunotherapy; to Dr. Brian Christmas and Dr. L. Tsukamoto Kagohara at The Sydney Kimmel Research Center/Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and their research is on Immunotherapy; and

Dr. Dennis Slamon from the U.C.L.A. Jonsson Comprehensive Care Center. I have included as our educational component of this mailing an updated bio written by U.C.L.A. about Dr. Slamon. We have supported his research from our beginning.

This past year, we also provided funds for a specialized surgery tool for Breast Surgeon Dr. Colette Magnant and Director of Breast Imaging Dr. Pouneh Razavi; requested gowns for the patients at The Sullivan Center for Breast Health where mammograms and a variety of other medical breast procedures are provided. Dr. Razavi, Dr. Magnant and I discussed perhaps our Foundation logo could appear on the gowns! We continue to support the research on Triple-Negative Breast Cancer at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine conducted by Dr. Carol Butt. Dr. Razavi has wonderfully agreed to be a member of our Medical Advisory Council. I feel very honored for her acceptance. Contributions for our 2020 Fundraiser are greatly appreciated; please send them by December 31, 2020. The form is included in this mailing.

Our Annual WALK TO WIN Fundraiser is on Sunday, October 25. EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! With needs for adjustments, we have set as the location to be WHEREVER YOU ARE or WHEREVER YOU SELECT! The flyer is in this mailing too! I am asking for the shirt size you are requesting. I will get it to you for your support and participation.

In July, I had the opportunity to attend a virtual conversation with Dr. Thomas J. Lynch Jr., President and Director and other leaders when they shared how Fred Hutch is navigating the challenges presented by the pandemic. This research center is heavily dedicated to virus research too. I was able to acquire a sheet from The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center about their involvement to accurately share some about what I learned. Fred Hutch is at the leading edge of cancer research as it is in its role with COVID 19. This is quoted from their sheet.

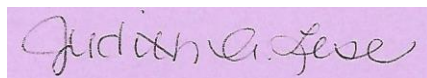
“The urgent need to contain the coronavirus pandemic has sparked an unprecedented wave of collaborative research, data sharing, and open science. Smart, dedicated scientists at Fred Hutch and around the world are working relentlessly to halt the spread of the virus, find treatments, and develop vaccines.

At Fred Hutch, we have been studying viruses for as long as we’ve been studying Cancer – because cancer and our bodies’ defenses against infections are closely linked. When the novel coronavirus began to spread in China, our experts responded immediately. When it reached our state, we were ready to take the lead – tracking the virus; protecting patients; expediting a test for COVID-19; and advising local, national, and global policymakers on how and where the virus is spreading and how to flatten the curve.

To end this pandemic and prevent future ones, we need multiple, concurrent approaches. Our expertise in immunology, infectious diseases, genetics, data science, and vaccine development makes us uniquely positioned to do the research needed at this time. Our plans include:

- *Developing and evaluating rapid testing and point-of-care tests to increase availability and speed results.*
- *Studying antibodies in people infected with the coronavirus to inform new therapeutics and vaccines.*
- *Conducting clinical trials of already-approved antiviral drugs and novel agents.*
- *Developing vaccines that will provide lifetime protection no matter how many times the virus mutates.*
- *Decoding how coronaviruses evolve so we can empower our immune systems to defend against them.”*

Our Foundation can do the important work it does as a result of YOU! YOU enable us to pursue with success our mission! I am with deep gratitude for YOU and YOUR support. Be well! Stay safe!



Judith A. Lese
Founder and CEO

Dennis Slamon, Director, Clinical/Translational Research



Dennis J. Slamon, M.D., Ph.D., serves as director of Clinical/Translational Research, and as director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program at JCCC. He is a professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and executive vice chair for research for UCLA's Department of Medicine. Slamon also serves as director of the medical advisory board for the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance, a fund-raising organization that promotes advances in colorectal cancer.

For 12 years, Slamon and his colleagues conducted the laboratory and clinical research that led to the development of the new breast cancer drug Herceptin, which targets a specific genetic alteration found in about 25 percent of breast cancer patients. To acknowledge Slamon's accomplishments, President Clinton appointed Slamon to the three-member President's Cancer Panel in June 2000.

Slamon has won numerous national research awards honoring his scientific endeavors. In 2019, Slamon was awarded the Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award for the groundbreaking development of Herceptin. The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation honored Slamon and colleagues H. Michael Shepard and Axel Ullrich for demonstrating that monoclonal antibodies were a viable and effective strategy to treat solid tumors, opening a new path to develop and deploy antibodies to treat cancer.

In 2000, Slamon was awarded the Translational Medicine Award by the USCD-Salk Institute as well as the Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology Millennium Award for significant achievement and leadership in breast cancer research. In 2001, Slamon was awarded the Wadsworth Center's Brown-Hazen Award for Excellence in the Basic Sciences, and in 2002, he received the Jeffrey A. Gottlieb Memorial Award from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. In 2003, Slamon received the Dorothy P. Landon-AACR Prize for Translational Cancer Research, an international award given by the Kirk A. and Dorothy P. Landon Foundation and the American Association for Cancer Research. In 2004, the American Cancer Society presented Slamon with the Medal of Honor, the top award bestowed by the organization. In 2005, Kent State University in Ohio gave Slamon the Fifth Aultman Cancer Center Award and he also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Medical and Biological Sciences Alumni Association at the University of Chicago. That same year, he received the William McGuire Memorial Award at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

In 2006, Slamon was honored with the American Society of Clinical Oncology's David A. Karnofsky Memorial Award and Lecture. Also in 2006, Slamon received the 18th Annual Donald Ware Waddell Award from Arizona Cancer Center; the European Institute of Oncology Breast Cancer Award; the 2nd Umberto Veronesi Award for the Future Fight Against Breast Cancer and the Lister Award for Translational Medicine from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. In 2007, Slamon received the 19th annual Warren Alpert Foundation Scientific Prize, awarded by Harvard Medical School. Also in 2007, he received the Friends of the National Library of Medicine Distinguished Medical Service Award and the Gairdner International Award, one of the most prestigious awards in biomedical science.

In 2008, Slamon received the Daniel Nathans' Memorial Award from the Van Andel Research Institute, and the following year, he was honored with the Medical Science Award by the UCLA Medical Alumni and Aesculapians, the Milken Family Medical Foundation Award in Cancer Research, and the Upjohn Award in Internal Medicine and the Outstanding Young Investigator Award. In 2019, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and Sweden's Sjöberg Foundation named him a co-winner of the 2019 Sjöberg Prize for his groundbreaking research in the development of successful targeted cancer therapies.

A 1975 honors graduate of the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, Slamon earned his Ph.D. in cell biology that same year. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics, becoming chief resident in 1978. One year later, he became a fellow in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UCLA.

The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.



Eighteenth Annual Fundraiser for 2020

Our mission “ *in the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer*” continues its support in these efforts with YOUR caring and generous giving to our Foundation.

You make the research contributions possible! You make the continued support at The Sullivan Center for Breast Health at Sibley Memorial Hospital possible! Through the years, you have enabled our Foundation to support a variety of important projects at research institutions!

We close our 2020 Fundraiser on December 31; we appreciate your support.

We are ever so grateful to be part of your caring. May you be well and stay safe.

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.
16012 Chester Mill Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

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Pledge/Sponsor Form

Name/Address Amount

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Please Send Us Your E-Mail Addresses

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: LeseCancerFdn@aol.com

Note: 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.

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**The Judith A. Lese
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the battle against breast cancer

**Eighteenth Annual 1.5K / 3K
Walk/Run**

Sunday, October 25, 2020

WELCOME ALL

Location:

**Wherever you are,
Wherever you select**

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

Contribution Tiers (Tax Deductible)	
\$5,000	Trustee Tier
\$2,000	Guardian Tier
\$1,000	Sustainer Tier
\$500	Shielder Tier
\$200	Protector Tier

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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:

- Due to Covid, the walking site will be your preferred location this year.
- Please submit this form and payment by Friday, October 23 to:

**The Judith A. Lese
Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.
16012 Chester Mill Terrace
Silver Spring, MD 20906**

- Rain date: whatever date you choose

Registration Information

Please photocopy for additional participants

Name

Address and Apt #

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Email

Registration Fee = \$50/person

Please circle your adult T-shirt size:

**Small
Medium
Large
Extra Large**