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Dear Foundation Friends -- Our Wonderful Supporters,

What another fabulous year -- thanks to you, our loyal supporters of our mission. This past year, we were able to underwrite the Medical Surgery Bags initiative at The Sullivan Center for Breast Health. It is a project under supervision of Jennie Tarica, the Nurse Navigator. It was her vision and with our support, it has become a reality. These special medical bags have ready use for specific medical needs following a mastectomy. I received a most appreciative personal note from a patient at Sibley's Sullivan Center for Breast Health. Jennie will bring a sample of Surgery Bag to show us at our Annual Fundraiser Dinner on July 12th. This initiative is her creation!

Through your generous support YOU have enabled The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation to once again promote the search for ending deaths from breast cancer and work to support researchers to find new means of continuing with life as individuals confront this insidious disease. **YES, our Foundation is entering its fifteenth year!** This is so tremendous. I have strong hopes always for growth and progress each and every year. Foundation needs you to help. Please think of an event you could make happen to raise funds for our Foundation. Each year, we have a goal of increasing monies raised to distribute to phenomenal recipients from the previous year. We have established such high caliber sources to receive our support. We need YOU to help make this occur! Talk with your friends and business sources as they want to be part of community needs. When you evaluate your opportunities to be a greater component of our fundraising, YOU enable the differences we make to absolutely increase by your action. Our Foundation was very successful in making the idea of creating Breast Surgery Bags to take home following surgeries.

In February, once again I had the privilege to be a participant at Kennedy High School in the Panel Talk held for the student girls. I discussed being educated with accurate information and becoming aware of Breast Health and not letting fear become any barrier to being proactive in becoming your own advocate. Judith

Macon, the nurse from Suburban Hospital/Hopkins Medicine, again spoke to educate the young women as to how to conduct monthly breast exams. These "AWARENESS CHECK-UPS" have a goal of getting each to know her own body and becoming proactive about any changes, while feeling comfortable in increasing her personal health care. Our Foundation purchased for her a new model chest in recent years. The young students asked questions.

In early May, the Foundation Board Members attended a presentation at The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. We had the opportunity to be introduced to Kenneth R. Cooke, M.D., the Director of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Program. He is a Physician Scientist who thrives on the translational work accomplished at Hopkins. He likes the “bench to bedside” model that is afforded to him there. He mentioned how at Hopkins he is part of leading the changes in developing new protocols. His area of interest includes making changes in meeting the unique needs in serving the AYA (Adolescent/Young Adult) patient. Please read more about him at his website. He truly represents dedicated researchers wanting to make a difference being driven by HOPE!

Let me introduce to you a new recipient of our Foundation. It is the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Nancy Davidson was appointed Director in December 2016, and we continued supporting specific research once again. I have included an information sheet in this mailing for you. This is all so very exciting for us. Let me share a statement in one of their publications. The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center ‘s Mission is “ the elimination of cancer and related diseases as causes”. This was from their brochure entitled, “Translating Discoveries Into Cures”. I feel grateful to be connected to such a center.

Laurence S. Lese, Vice-President’s Updates: Recently, we received notification from the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area that the our Foundation’s application was approved for inclusion in the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign. This is very good news in that the contributions we have received from Federal employees have become an important part of our Foundation’s fundraising activities. Additionally, Duane Morris LLP, my former law firm, has advised me that Duane Morris is in the process of having our “TEARS and HUGS” logo, created and designed by our very own Founder/CEO-Judith A. Lese, filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to obtain a Federal trademark for our logo.



Jay Hagler, Treasurer’s Updates: When 2016 closed, our Foundation had received over \$32,000 in donations for the year. When added to all the donations since our beginning in 2003, we have now disbursed over \$275,000 to various organizations that are making a difference in the battle against breast cancer. For all your continued support, THANK YOU. As we had announced last year, we now have two online options to donate - **JustGive.org** and **AmazonSmile**. For details and links to these donation site, please go to our Foundation’s website (<http://www.judithalese.org/>).

Jay Hagler, Secretary’s Update: Our 15th Annual Fundraiser Dinner will be held at Maggiano’s Little Italy, Chevy Chase on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Our guest speaker is Dr. Victoria Croog from The Sullivan Center for Breast Health at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Her topic will be **Survivorship After Radiation Treatment**. Please refer to the invitation in this mailing for details.

Please also mark your calendars for Sunday, October 29, 2017 for our 15th Annual “WALK to WIN – the battle against breast cancer.” Details to follow on this walk; however, event day registration will be at 9:30 am, with welcoming remarks and the walk beginning at 10:00 am.

Looking forward to seeing you and all your guests on July 12th!

With the deepest feelings of gratitude I remain,

Judith A. Lese, Founder/CEO



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About Us

TRANSLATING DISCOVERIES INTO CURES

OUR HISTORY. Fred Hutch research changes the world. Since 1975, our discoveries have transformed cancer care and prevention, saving untold lives.

RESEARCH PIONEERS. As an independent research institution, Fred Hutch is home to a diverse group of innovators united under the vision of President and Director Dr. Gary Gilliland: to save lives from cancer and related diseases, as quickly as possible.

The Hutch's success in winning federal grant funding speaks to our scientific excellence: no other cancer center brings in more NIH funding. But our most significant accomplishments have only been made possible with private support from donors. These include:

Bone marrow transplantation. This Nobel Prize-winning accomplishment has boosted survival rates from nearly zero percent to 90 percent for certain cancers.

Immunotherapy. Translational research discoveries at Fred Hutch were among the first to recognize the remarkable cancer-fighting power of the immune system, and we are now pioneering immune-based cancer treatments.

Cancer-fighting vaccines. Our research laid the groundwork for the cancer-preventing HPV vaccine, which could save millions of lives worldwide. As many of 1 in 5 cancer cases around the world are linked to infections, and our researchers are identifying new ways to prevent them.

Tumor paint. Researchers at the Hutch developed an experimental molecule derived from scorpion venom that illuminates brain cancer cells so surgeons can see tumor margins more clearly.

WORLD-RENOWNED SCIENTISTS. Our internationally acclaimed scientists have been honored with numerous prestigious awards and appointments including:

- Three Nobel prizes
- Ten members of the National Academy of Sciences
- One Albert Lasker Medical Research Awardee
- Six Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers
- Eight members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Thirteen members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- One MacArthur Foundation fellow
- Twelve current and former Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigators
- Nine members of the National Academy of Medicine



“We will have curative therapies for most if not all cancers in the next 10 years.”

—Dr. Gary Gilliland, President and Director of Fred Hutch



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POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS. As an academic, teaching and research institution, Fred Hutch works closely with researchers in more than 60 countries to develop lifesaving, leading-edge therapies. Our collaborations include:

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA). One of the leading cancer treatment centers in the United States, SCCA was founded in 1998 by Fred Hutch, UW Medicine and Seattle Children's. In 2016, Fred Hutch opened the Bezos Family Immunotherapy Clinic at SCCA, a first-of-its-kind clinic dedicated to providing innovative immunotherapies for cancer patients in clinical trials.

Fred Hutch/University of Washington Cancer Consortium. A National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, the Consortium accelerates cancer research by bringing together more than 500 faculty with cancer-related research interests in basic, clinical and public health sciences.

Women's Health Initiative. This ongoing, landmark study uncovered the risks of combined hormone therapy for menopause symptoms, a discovery that has prevented up to 20,000 cases of breast cancer a year in the U.S. alone.

HIV Vaccine Trials Network. The HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) is the largest clinical trials program devoted to the development and testing of preventive HIV vaccines worldwide.

CURES START HERE. Support Fred Hutch and save lives. It's that simple. Contributions from individuals and private foundations fund critical areas of need that may otherwise go unsupported. Donations directly support:

- Innovative studies that push the boundaries of science but for which federal funding is not available
- Early-career investigators who launch the cures of the future
- Technology, facilities and other resources that enable our investigators to work collaboratively and efficiently

Private support is critical to fund new ideas and innovations in research as they emerge, accelerating our ability to pursue discoveries and save lives.

FRED HUTCH FACTS

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research divisions to decode cancer and other diseases, from cause to cure

15

acre campus in Seattle's "Innovation District"

30

biotech companies launched as a result of our innovations

250+

clinical trials available in cooperation with our partners

500+

secondary school teachers have received mentorship and resources at the Hutch to enhance their teaching

2800+

highly skilled scientists and staff employed by Fred Hutch

1 million

people worldwide who have participated in our public health studies

1.3 million

square feet of laboratories and offices