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EVERY MONTH IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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To all, thank YOU for your wonderful support during our past year. It was a wonderful year in which we had some new opportunities to be together to help raise monies that enable our mission real, truly active and make a difference. Last October, we held our 16th Annual Walk to Win-the battle against breast cancer on the last Sunday always in October. Many were there enjoying the fabulous weather walking the Bethesda Crescent Trail for several hours. It is such a joy to see our familiar faces that make this an annual event along with new individuals young and old. I just hope each year each participant will return and bring another or others too! That is how we grow! John Cho, our event sponsor, has joined us and again I express my deepest gratitude for his continued support.

October 3rd gave The Judith A. Lese Breast Foundation a tremendously exciting new event. It was the Beauty Symposium sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue in Chevy Chase on Wisconsin Avenue. Everyone that was able to come from our Foundation, and in combination with Saks Fifth Avenue's invited guests, thoroughly enjoyed their experience that afternoon. My deepest gratitude once again to the General Manager, and the other Saks Fifth Avenue Directors and Make-up Managers for partnering with our Foundation to be part of our mission "in the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer". I am hopeful that our relationship with Saks Fifth Avenue will continue into the future.

In January, on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, our fundraising event brought the fun of dining at the California Pizza Kitchen restaurant at Montgomery Mall. I had such a great time seeing all who came from noon to nine that day! The food was enjoyed as their meals provided support to our cause. Again, we look forward to perhaps arranging this again!

As friends and supporters of The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation prepared their taxes for 2018 we included a message in our fall 2018 newsletter before the end of 2018 from our legal consultant Reid Avett, Esq. We just want to encourage and hope friends will consider donating appreciated stock directly to our charity. More details again about this from Reid Avett. Contact Laurence S. Lese to connect you with Reid. As individuals move along in their life journeys, new opportunities may present for other ways of your donating to Foundation. We are grateful for ALL!

In May, the Executive Board Members attended a luncheon at The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. We were welcomed by William G. Nelson, M.D., Ph.D. He is the Marion I. Knott Director and Professor of Oncology at Sidney Kimmel. The educational remarks were made by Otis W. Brawley, M.D., Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Associate Director for Community Outreach and Engagement, and Director of Cancer Health Disparities at Sidney Kimmel. We walked away with this message: MOST CANCERS CAN BE PREVENTED! He shared about different regions in our country having tremendous differences -- disparities differ state by state. Another thought he stressed was the economic imbalance and tobacco usage as being the ingredients for most causes of cancer in the U.S. We must get better at cancer screening! Since the 1990s, deaths from cancers have decreased. The end of cancer really begins with RESEARCH, and The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation continues to be a strong supporter of this effort.

Laurence S. Lese, Vice President's Updates: This past October 2nd, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a certificate which registered our Foundation's "tears and hugs" logo. Our application was expertly prepared, filed, and shepherded through the USPTO by our pro bono counsel Duane Morris. Since October we have used our trademarked logo on correspondence, our website, and all other Foundation items. Also, in January we completed our application for the 2019 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area. The CFC is an important part of our fundraising activities and will open for donations from Federal employees in the fall.

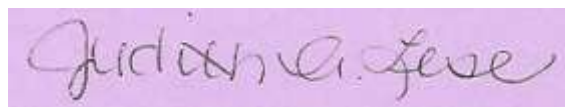
Jay Hagler, Treasurer's Updates: 2018 was one of our best years for donations, and we **THANK YOU** for your continued support. Additionally, we had a record pledge amount from the 2018 CFC. We also want to remind all of the two great ways that you can contribute to our Foundation online. These are via **PayPal** and **AmazonSmile**. For details and links to these donation site, please go to the Contributions page of our Foundation's website (<http://www.judithalese.org/Donate.htm>)

Jay Hagler, Secretary's Update: Our 17th Annual Fundraiser Dinner will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy, Chevy Chase on Wednesday, **July 10, 2019** (with reservations due by July 6). Our guest speaker is a member of the research team at Johns Hopkins which we support. Come meet and learn from Brian Christmas, Ph.D. Please refer to the invitation in this mailing for all the details.

This year, the major portion of our contributions went to support researchers at Johns Hopkins (come learn more specifics at our dinner July 10) and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Learn more about the researcher and the work there by the educational page prepared by them for our Foundation and is enclosed in this newsletter. We continue to underwrite the very helpful surgery tote bags given to mastectomy patients at the Sullivan Center for Breast Health at Sibley Memorial Hospital. In addition to these tote bags, we made possible the purchase of an attachment for their mammography equipment to improve this screening procedure experience for many.

Just remember, I always do -- WE COULD NOT DO THE GOOD WE DO WITHOUT YOU! I look forward to seeing all July 10. May your commitment to Foundation's mission become even greater during this coming year. The greater our efforts are, the greater the differences we can make in "our pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer".

With my deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for yor continued generosity and support!



Judith A. Lese
Founder and CEO

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**Cordially invites you to our
*Seventeenth Annual Fundraiser Dinner Banquet***

Guest Speaker

Brian Christmas, Ph.D., Instructor
Department of Oncology and Cancer Immunology
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center
at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore

Presentation Topic

Unlocking the Potential of Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Maggiano's Little Italy
5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20015

Gabbiano and Francesca Rooms, Second Floor

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| 6:15 p.m. Meet and Greet (Cash Bar) | 7:00 p.m. Dinner Guest Speaker | 8:30 p.m. 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, July 6, 2019

Contribution Tiers

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

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| \$5,000 | Trustee Tier + \$55 dinner cost |
| \$2,000 | Guardian Tier + \$55 dinner cost |
| \$1,000 | Sustainer Tier + \$55 dinner cost |
| \$500 | Shielder Tier + \$55 dinner cost |
| \$200 | Protector Tier + \$55 dinner cost |

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2019 Fundraiser Dinner on July 10, 2019 at Maggiano's Little Italy, Washington, D.C.

Please RSVP by Saturday, July 6, 2019

Contributor's receipt for your personal records

Check Date: _____ Check No: _____ Check Amount: _____ Memo: _____

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

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| | | Protector | \$200 | |

| Item | Deductibility Status | Dinner Attendees | Attendee Names (\$55/person) | Amount | Total |
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| Dinner | Not Deductible | Self | | \$55 | |
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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 event on July 10, 2019. Please accept my contribution of enclosed: \$ _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____



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To the Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation and its supporters,

Thank you for your unwavering support of breast cancer research projects under my direction at Johns Hopkins, University of Pittsburgh, and now Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and University of Washington. I am grateful for your commitment.

I thank you for providing a second year of support to work spearheaded by Rachel Yung, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Assistant Member of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. A graduate of Harvard Medical School and former faculty member at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Yung brings a laser focus to patient-oriented and outcomes research in breast cancer survivors.

I appreciate your willingness to provide support for her ongoing pilot project to develop a program to support breast cancer patients in their quest to return to work after treatment for breast cancer. This is a vital project as the number of breast cancer survivors grows each year. It is imperative that we provide a smooth path to allow them to re-enter their routine activities, including in the work place. This is important both socially and economically and should help to improve quality of life for individual survivors and their families and decrease the financial burden that a cancer diagnosis can bring.

You cannot know how much support from the Lese Foundation has contributed to this effort. Early investment from supporters like yourselves provides the "seed corn" for new initiatives. We thank you for your support on behalf of the many patients that we serve.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Davidson, MD

2019 RESEARCH UPDATE

STUDY TITLE: THE EVALUATION OF A WORK INTERVENTION TO FACILITATE WORK MAINTENANCE OR RE-ENTRY TO THE WORKFORCE FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS



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Financial toxicity – that is, the personal financial problems that are often a result of cancer treatment in cancer patients – has been linked to poorer overall outcomes and increased instances of mortality.

This study, supported by the **Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation**, explores the feasibility and impact of an occupational therapy work intervention for early-stage breast cancer patients undergoing curative intent chemotherapy. Dr. Yung anticipates that, through services directed at supporting employment issues specific to cancer patients – like maintaining or returning to work following treatment – financial toxicity has the potential to be alleviated, thereby improving patient outcomes.

The trial, which was met with tremendous interest from providers and patients, opened in November 2018 and aims to recruit 30 patients over the course of the 12-month study. Two patients have already completed all study procedures and patient accrual is expected to be easily met.

Next Steps

Based on the pilot data generated from this study, Dr. Yung expects to refine methodologies and may

consider a randomized control trial either within our institution or within a cooperative group format, such as The Southwest Oncology Group, SWOG.

Summary

This important study has enormous potential to improve outcomes for breast cancer patients. As occupational therapy is already a funded treatment under most insurance plans, and generally accepted by the patient population for addressing other concerns, we expect an easy adoption of this work-specific occupational therapy intervention.