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Dear Judy,

In grateful appreciation of your support of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and UPMC CancerCenter and your membership in our Circle of Hope Society, please find enclosed the 2015 commemorative Circle of Hope medallion, along with a copy of the 2015 Hillman Cancer Center gala program book. Your presence at the event was missed, and we wanted to ensure that we honored your significant commitment to ending cancer in our community and worldwide.

This year's gala event was a bittersweet celebration as we gathered without one of our greatest champions - Elsie Hillman. She will be forever remembered for her commitment and inspiration to ensure that world-class cancer care is available for patients and families right here in Pittsburgh. We also celebrated a milestone 30th anniversary for the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute – 30 years of significant accomplishments that have enabled UPCI and UPMC CancerCenter to become a beacon of cancer research and care across the country.

We recognize that these accomplishments are only possible because of the significant philanthropic support from our community and individuals like you – you helped to make a difference. Thank you for your partnership and shared dedication to our vision of a world where cancer is no longer a life threatening disease. We look forward to being a force—together—in our next 30 years.

Warm regards,

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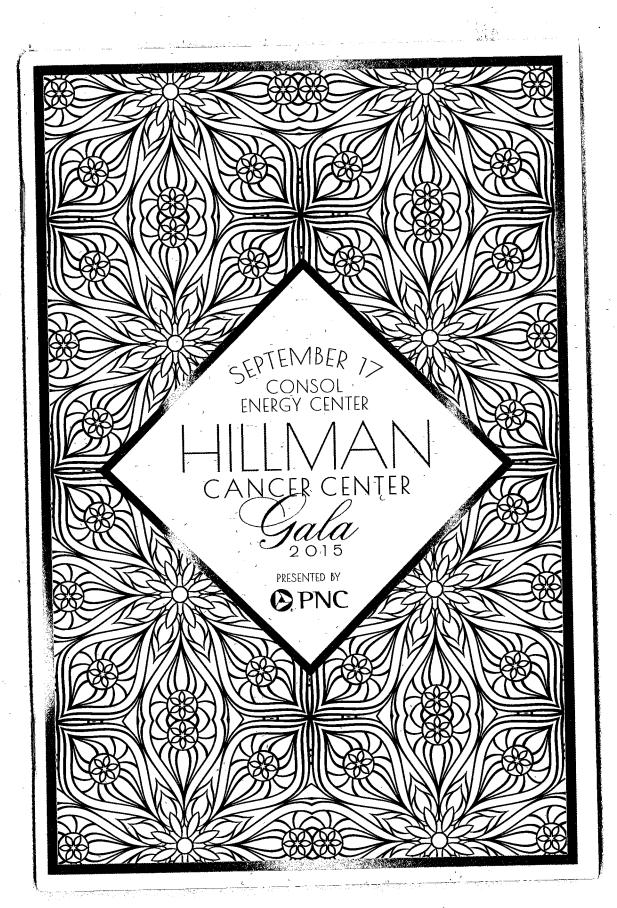
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HILLMAN CANCER CENTER GALA 2015

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to tonight's event. On behalf of our dedicated members of the UPCI Council, together with the extraordinary men and women of UPCI, The Hillman Cancer Center, and UPMC CancerCenter, I extend a heartfelt welcome, and my special appreciation to you for supporting our gala, *A Future Without Cancer*. Many of you have been with us since we began our journey. We are so grateful for your continued support; and all who have subsequently joined us.

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Tonight is truly a celebration, but I must take a moment to recognize the huge contributions of our dear friend, Elsie Hillman. She was considered a true friend by all who knew her, and we will be forever thankful for her enormous and endless contributions to our community. I know first-hand of how grateful Elsie was for your support of The Hillman, and she was proud to create the UPCI Council and to preside as the Council's vice-chair. As we move forward, we will continue to preserve her legacy as we fight for a world without cancer. She was my partner, my mentor and my dear friend. She will be missed.

It is with great pride that we celebrate the exceptional achievements of the talented and compassionate teams of medical staff, scientists, researchers and support staff who have driven these extraordinary programs for more than three decades. Their energetic focus and passionate caring have helped so many families through difficult times. They are truly amazing.

I have had the singular privilege to chair the UPCI Council, and work each and every day with the members who are dedicated to the hope of a future without cancer. This remarkable group is composed of outstanding citizens, business and service professionals, along with community leaders in our region. Our Council members are steadfast in their support of UPCI and the Western Pennsylvania community. Their leadership has been extremely beneficial to the success of UPCI, and I want to extend my sincere gratitude for their ongoing support.

I am very pleased to announce that in honor of the tremendous legacy of our dear friend, we have re-named the PNC/UPCI Director's Distinguished Scholar Award the *Elsie Hillman Distinguished Scholar Award*. This award will provide significant support to an extraordinary individual to continue their cancer research.



This year's recipient is Dr. John M. Kirkwood. An expert in the area of oncology, he is the founding Associate Director for Medical Oncology of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) and served as Chief of Medical Oncology until 1996. Dr. Kirkwood has directed the Melanoma Center of the UPCI 1986-present, and is the PI of the recently renewed Pittsburgh SPORE in Melanoma and Skin Cancer. He has recently received a T32 Training Grant for Melanoma and Skin Cancer, and his research focuses upon the immunotherapy and molecular therapy of melanoma and its precursors. Dr. Kirkwood has been Professor of Medicine, Dermatology, and Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Senior Investigator for the University in ECOG-ACRIN, where he has been Chairman of the Melanoma Committee from 1989-present. He is also the Chairman of the International Melanoma Working Group founded with the Aim at Melanoma in 2006.

I would also like to thank Dr. Stanley Marks, chairman, and Chuck Bogosta, president of UPMC CancerCenter. Under their leadership, we continue our dynamic growth in our mission against this dreaded disease. So much of the success UPCI will continue to achieve, alongside its institutional and community partners, would not be possible without them. We are privileged that they are joining us tonight to celebrate years of advances against the challenges of cancer.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to our co-chairs for this special event, Debbie and Frank Coonelly, and Leslie and Jim Rutherford, as well as our gala host committee, all of whom have been exceptional in ensuring that this evening's event will exceed our expectations. Without their dedication and countless hours, tonight's event would not be possible.

I would also like to specifically thank these champions who, every day, work in tandem with UPCI; Jeffrey Romoff, president of UPMC; Dr. Arthur Levine, senior vice chancellor for the health sciences at the University of Pittsburgh; Dr. Steven Shapiro, senior vice president and chief medical and scientific officer at UPMC; and Nancy E. Davidson, MD, director, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and UPMC CancerCenter.

In closing, I truly believe that by working together, we are getting closer to a future without cancer. Thank you for attending and please enjoy this special evening.

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HILLMAN CANCER CENTER GALA 2015

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) and UPMC CancerCenter, we are pleased to welcome you to the 2015 Hillman Cancer Center Gala, A Future Without Cancer.

This year, we are excited to be celebrating 30 years of forward-thinking research and clinical advancements in the fight against cancer. That's 30 years of cancer innovation right here in Pittsburgh. Progress like this is possible because of a strong, dedicated team working together toward a shared goal.

For the first time, however, we gather together without one of our staunchest supporters, Elsie Hillman. Elsie, along with her husband Henry, have been honorary co-chairs of the Hillman Cancer Center Gala since its inception. Their tireless commitment to the fight against cancer has been motivation for us all to continue in our fight. There are no words to express our gratitude for her exceptional leadership and outstanding encouragement. Each and every day that we move closer to a future without cancer, we will think of her radiant smile and boundless energy and know that she has made a difference.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our extraordinary network of community and corporate partners. Once again, we are honored to have Cathy and Sy Holzer serve as honorary co-chairs along with the Hillmans. We are grateful for the outstanding efforts of our gala host committee, led by co-chairs Debbie and Frank Coonelly and Leslie and Jim Rutherford, the generosity of the UPCI Council, and support from our presenting sponsor, PNC. Each and every person who supports this magnificent event aids in our ongoing efforts to prevent, treat, and eradicate this life changing disease. Thanks to your generosity, our physicians and researchers continue to make significant breakthroughs in the fight to end cancer. Your support gives us hope for a better tomorrow.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate our progress toward creating a future without cancer. Your unwavering support will enable us to one day make this goal a reality.

Sincerely,

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A future without cancer.

We know it is possible. As co-chairs of the 2015 Hillman Cancer, Center Gala, A Future Without Cancer, we are proud to recognize the exceptional individuals who dedicate their lives to ending this devastating disease, while acknowledging the bravery and perseverance of those who are waging their own personal battles against cancer.

We express our deep gratitude to each of you for your ongoing support of the outstanding work performed by the researchers and clinicians at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) and UPMC CancerCenter. This year is even more special as we commemorate 30 years of cancer innovations at UPCI. True pioneers in the fight against cancer, these researchers, physicians, and nurses are uncovering pivotal breakthroughs which move us further in our quest to conquer cancer.

Thousands of patients and families are living each day knowing that we are all on their side. Together, we are advocates working to make a difference in the lives of those suffering with this disease. No one embodied the true spirit of passion and dedication needed in our pursuits more than Elsie Hillman. She was a true visionary and the biggest champion we could have ever imagined. Our room is a little less full without her in it this evening, but we will continuously strive to uphold the work that she enthusiastically began so many years ago.

We are proud to support the Hillman Cancer Center's goal to provide the finest quality care and treatment to every patient. We are grateful that you also support this essential mission. Thank you for being our partner in the pursuit of a future without cancer.

With kind regards,

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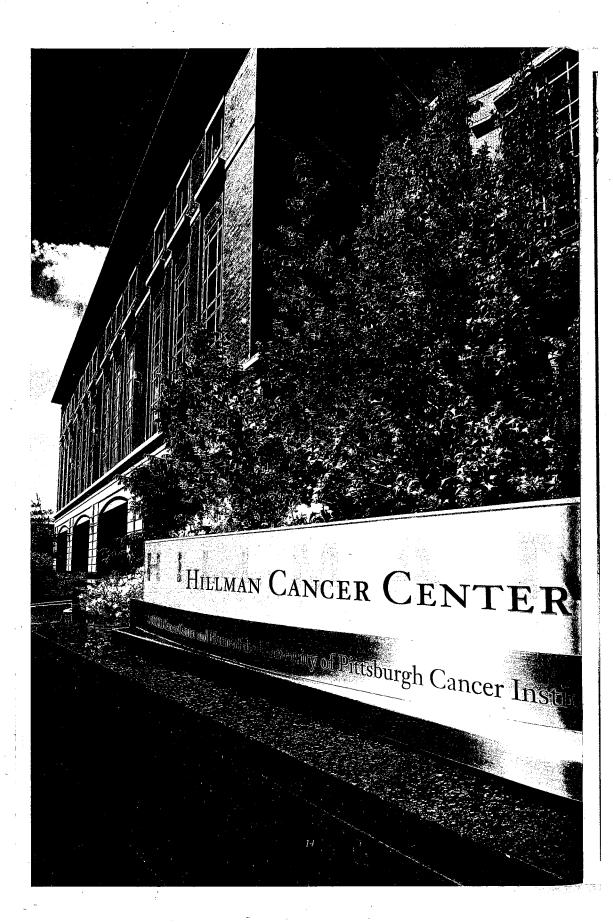
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